

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## DECEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note: Q.3-7, 9-10, 32-40 should be cited as a Gallup poll.**

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 10-12, 2010 with a random sample of –1,019— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of – 840—Internet users, one can say, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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11. Next, how closely are you following the news about the agreement on taxes reached by President Obama and Republican leaders in Congress last Monday-- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 10-12	31	35	19	14	*

12. Based on what you have heard or read about the tax agreement, do you think Congress should or should not vote to pass it?

	<u>Should pass</u>	<u>Should not pass</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 10-12	49	32	18

16. As you may know, one part of the tax agreement reached by President Obama and Republicans in Congress extends for all Americans the income tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 that were set to expire on Dec. 31. If it were up to you, what would you want to happen— [ROTATED: allow the tax cuts to expire for all Americans, extend the tax cuts but set new limits on how much of wealthy Americans' income is eligible for the lower tax rates, (or) extend the tax cuts for all Americans]?

	<u>Allow tax cuts to expire</u>	<u>Set new limits for wealthy Americans</u>	<u>Keep for all Americans</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 10-12	7	47	41	4

**For comparison:** *What do you think Congress should do about the income tax cuts passed under George W. Bush that are set to expire at the end of this year – [ROTATED: allow the tax cuts to expire, keep the tax cuts but set new limits on how much of wealthy Americans' income is eligible for the lower rates, (or) keep the tax cuts for all Americans regardless of income]?*

	<u>Allow tax cuts to expire</u>	<u>Set new limits for wealthy Americans</u>	<u>Keep for all regardless of income</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	13	44	40	3