## 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.

13. Do you think President Obama – [ROTATED: compromised too much, was about right, (or) did not compromise enough]—with Republican leaders on the tax agreement?

	Too much	About right	Not enough	No opinion
2010 Dec 10-12	21	38	26	15

14. Do President Obama's actions in regard to the tax agreement– [ROTATED: make you respect him more, do not affect your opinion of President Obama, (or) make you respect him less]?

	Respect more	No effect	Respect less	No opinion
2010 Dec 10-12	21	55	17	7

15. Does the handling of tax issues by the president and Republicans and Democrats in Congress in recent days make you-- [more optimistic, not affect your opinion, (or make you) less optimistic]— about the ability of the government to address the biggest problems facing the country?

	More optimistic	No effect	Less optimistic	No opinion
2010 Dec 10-12	20	24	51	5