

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

STATE OF THE UNION REACTION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 26, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of –1,004—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, 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 ±4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 200 cell phone respondents and 800 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 by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

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- Turning now to President Obama’s State of the Union Address which he delivered last night to Congress, which of the following applies to you— you watched or listened to Barack Obama’s speech last night live as he gave it, you saw, heard, or read news coverage of the speech, or neither of these?

	<u>Watched speech</u>	<u>Saw news coverage</u>	<u>Did neither</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 26	34	28	38	1

- (Asked of those who watched speech or saw news coverage of it)* Based on what you saw or read, what was your overall reaction to Obama’s speech last night –[ROTATED: very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative (or) very negative]?

BASED ON –683—ADULTS WHO WATCHED SPEECH OR SAW NEWS COVERAGE OF IT; ±4 PCT PTS

	<u>Very positive</u>	<u>Somewhat positive</u>	<u>Mixed/Both (vol.)</u>	<u>Somewhat negative</u>	<u>Very negative</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 26	25	40	3	15	13	4

3. Based on what you know about it, do you think President Obama's speech last night signaled a major change in the types of policies he will pursue in the next year, or not?

	<u>Yes, did</u>	<u>No, did not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 26	34	47	19

4. As you may know, during the president's speech many Republican and Democratic members of Congress sat with members of the opposition party. Do you think this is or is not a sign that the two parties will be more willing to work with each other this year?

	<u>Yes, is a sign</u>	<u>No, is not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 26	44	50	6

5. Which proposal for government spending do you favor more – [ROTATED: President Obama's proposal to freeze discretionary domestic spending for the next five years (or) Congressional Republicans' proposal to cut discretionary domestic spending back to 2008 levels]?

	<u>Obama's five-year freeze</u>	<u>Republican cuts to 2008 levels</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 26	39	41	7	13