

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

FEDERAL BUDGET AGREEMENT REACTION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 11, 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 sampling methods.

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 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. 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, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). 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.

1. As you may know, Democratic and Republican leaders reached an agreement late Friday night on the federal budget, avoiding a federal government shutdown. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of that agreement?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 11	62	25	13

2. Based on what you have heard or read about the budget agreement, do you think it was a victory for the Democrats, a victory for the Republicans, a victory for both sides, or not a victory for either side?

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Both sides</u>	<u>Neither side</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 11	5	8	20	56	12

3. Now looking ahead to next year's federal budget, do you think it should or should not – [RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Include higher taxes for families with household incomes of \$250,000 and above

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 11	59	37	4

B. Include significant additional cuts in spending on domestic programs

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 11	45	47	8

4. Do you think the government should completely overhaul Medicare to control the cost of the program, make major changes to Medicare but not completely overhaul it, make minor changes to Medicare, or should the government not try to control the costs of Medicare?

	<u>Completely overhaul</u>	<u>Make major changes</u>	<u>Make minor changes</u>	<u>Not try to control costs</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 11	13	18	34	27	8