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FEDERAL DEBT LIMIT REACTION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Note: Q.13-16 should be referred to as a Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted July 15-17, 2011 with a random sample of –1,016—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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 sample 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, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being 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.

5. Just your best guess, do you think an agreement to raise the debt limit will or will not be reached by the August 2 deadline?

	<u>Yes, will be</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	49	47	4

6. If an agreement is not reached by the August 2 deadline, do you think an economic crisis will or will not result?

	<u>Yes, will result</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	56	40	4

7. If an agreement is not reached by the August 2 deadline, do you think the government will or will not have to delay sending out Social Security and veterans' benefit payments?

	<u>Yes, will delay</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	45	49	6

8. What would you like the people in government who represent your views on the debt and budget deficit to do in this situation? Should they— [ROTATED: hold out for the basic plan they want, even if the debt ceiling is not raised by the deadline, (or should they) agree to a compromise plan, even if it is a plan you disagree with]?

	<u>Hold out for plan they want</u>	<u>Agree to compromise</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	27	66	6

9. Which concerns you more – [ROTATED: the government would not raise the debt ceiling and a major economic crisis would result (or) the government would raise the debt ceiling but without plans for major cuts in future spending]?

	<u>Gov't not raise ceiling/Major economic crisis</u>	<u>Gov't raise debt ceiling with no plan for cutting spending</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	35	55	10
2011 Jul 7-10	32	51	17