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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.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	45	50	5
2011 Jul 7-10	43	51	5
2011 Jun 9-12	44	49	7
2011 May 12-15	52	44	3
2011 May 5-8	54	40	5
2011 Apr 20-23	47	48	5
2011 Apr 7-11	43	51	6
2011 Mar 25-27	47	48	5
2011 Mar 3-6	44	48	8
2011 Feb 2-5	52	43	5
2011 Jan 14-16	47	49	4
2011 Jan 7-9	47	47	6
2010 Dec 10-12	46	50	4
2010 Nov 19-21	42	54	4
2010 Nov 4-7	44	50	6
2010 Oct 28-31	45	49	6
2010 Oct 7-10	45	49	6
2010 Sep 13-16	44	52	4
2010 Aug 27-30	43	53	4
2010 Aug 5-8	46	48	6
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	41	53	6
2010 Jul 8-11	45	48	7
2010 Jun 11-13	50	45	5
2010 May 24-25	48	48	5
2010 May 3-6	46	47	7
2010 Apr 8-11	47	47	5
2010 Mar 26-28	47	50	3
2010 Mar 4-7	46	49	5
2010 Feb 1-3	48	48	4
2010 Jan 8-10	50	45	5
2009 Dec 11-13	49	46	5
2009 Nov 20-22	50	44	6
2009 Nov 5-8	50	44	6
2009 Oct 16-19	50	46	5
2009 Oct 1-4	49	44	6
2009 Sep 11-13	54	43	3
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	54	41	5
2009 Aug 6-9	54	42	4
2009 Jul 17-19	55	41	4
2009 Jul 10-12	58	36	6
2009 Jun 14-17	58	36	5
2009 May 29-31	61	34	5
2009 May 7-10	58	35	7
2009 Apr 6-9	64	29	7
2009 Mar 27-29	64	30	6
2009 Mar 5-8	65	28	7
2009 Feb 20-22	62	29	9
2009 Feb 9-12	63	26	11
2009 Jan 30-Feb 1	64	25	11

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ROTATED] are handling their job?

A. The Republicans in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	28	65	7
2011 Mar 25-27	31	63	5
2010 Aug 27-30	32	63	5
2010 May 24-25	31	64	5
2010 Mar 26-28	33	61	5
2009 Sep 11-13	27	70	3
2009 Mar 27-29	30	61	8
2009 Feb 20-22	36	56	8
2008 Dec 12-14	25	69	6
2007 Dec 14-16	26	68	5
2007 Aug 3-5	29	64	7
2007 Feb 9-11	33	59	8
2006 Jun 23-25	33	60	7
2005 Oct 21-23	38	58	4
2005 Apr 29-May 1	42	50	8
2003 Nov 14-16	48	49	3
2003 Oct 10-12	51	44	5
2002 Apr 5-7	59	30	11
2001 Aug 3-5	49	40	11
2001 Jun 8-10	49	43	8
2000 Aug 18-19	45	44	11
2000 Jul 25-26	46	39	15
2000 Apr 28-30	42	46	12
1999 Nov 4-7	38	53	9
1999 Oct 8-10	37	55	8
1999 Aug 16-18	36	53	11
1999 Jun 25-27	40	53	7

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B. The Democrats in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jul 15-17	33	61	6
2011 Mar 25-27	32	64	5
2010 Aug 27-30	33	64	3
2010 May 24-25	37	57	5
2010 Mar 26-28	37	59	4
2009 Sep 11-13	36	61	3
2009 Mar 27-29	42	51	6
2009 Feb 20-22	47	46	7
2008 Dec 12-14	37	55	7
2007 Dec 14-16	30	64	5
2007 Aug 3-5	37	55	7
2007 Feb 9-11	41	50	9
2006 Jun 23-25	38	55	8
2005 Oct 21-23	41	53	6
2005 Apr 29-May 1	40	52	8
2003 Nov 14-16	47	50	3
2003 Oct 10-12	45	48	7
2002 Apr 5-7	57	32	11
2001 Aug 3-5	52	38	10
2001 Jun 8-10	54	37	9
2000 Aug 18-19	56	34	10
2000 Jul 25-26	51	36	13
2000 Apr 28-30	46	42	12
1999 Nov 4-7	49	42	9
1999 Oct 8-10	48	44	8
1999 Aug 16-18	48	41	11
1999 Jun 25-27	46	46	8

3. Compared with how presidents and Congress have dealt with the nation's problems in the past, do you think President Obama and the current Congress are doing—[ROTATED: a better job, about the same, (or are they doing) a worse job]?

4. *(Asked of those who say the president and Congress are doing a worse job)* And is it the worst you have seen in your lifetime, or not?

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Better job	13
About the same	34
Worse job	49
<i>(Worst in your lifetime)</i>	<i>(39)</i>
<i>(Not worst in your lifetime)</i>	<i>(10)</i>
No opinion	2

10. Based on what you know or have read about their approach to the debt ceiling negotiations, do you think each of the following is putting their own political interests first, or putting the country's best interests first? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>July 15-17, 2011</i> <i>Sorted by "own political interests"</i>	Own political interests first	Country's best interests first	No opinion
The Republicans in Congress	72	24	4
The Democrats in Congress	65	31	4
President Obama	49	47	3