

## USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

### FEDERAL DEBT CEILING AGREEMENT REACTION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 2, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,012—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  $\pm 4$  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.

2. Next, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following handled the negotiations to raise the federal debt ceiling. How about – How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

**2011 Aug 2**

**Sorted by “approve”**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
President Barack Obama	41	49	10
Members of Congress aligned with the Tea Party movement	33	49	19
Speaker of the House, John Boehner	29	48	23
Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid	27	47	26

**For comparison:** Next, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the negotiations to raise the federal debt ceiling. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

**2011 Jul 27**

**Sorted by “approve”**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
President Barack Obama	41	52	8
Speaker of the House, John Boehner	31	48	21
Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid	23	52	25

5. Do you consider yourself to be – [ROTATED: a supporter of the Tea Party movement, an opponent of the Tea Party movement], or neither?

	<u>Supporter</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Aug 2	22	23	49	6
2011 Jul 27	23	25	43	9