

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## SEPTEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 15-18, 2011 with a random sample of **~1,004—** 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.

For results based on the sample of **~889—** registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~439—** Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±6** 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 by 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.

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3A. In your view, how good a job are President Obama and the current Congress doing in dealing with the United States' most important problems – [ROTATED: very good, good, poor, (or) very poor]?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	4	26	40	27	1	30	67

3B. 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]?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	13	33	52	2
2011 Jul 15-17	13	34	49	2