

## USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

### STATE OF THE UNION AND ELECTION 2012

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 18, 2012, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,005 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~880—registered voters, 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 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, 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 2011 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. Next, if you had to choose, what would you personally like President Obama to focus on in his State of the Union speech next week—[ROTATED: his broad vision for the direction of the country (or) his specific proposals that he would like Congress to pass this year]?

	<u>Broad vision for direction of country</u>	<u>Specific proposals he would like passed</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 18	27	58	15

2. Just your best guess, how many of the proposals that President Obama makes in his speech will be passed by Congress this year—more than half, some, or only a few?

	<u>More than half</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a few</u>	<u>None (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 18	6	20	66	3	5

3. Which of the following issues do you think is most important for President Obama to address in his speech—[ROTATED: jobs and the economy, the federal budget deficit, national security, healthcare, (or) moral values issues, such as abortion and same-sex marriage]?

	<u>2012 Jan 18</u>
Jobs and the economy	61
The federal budget deficit	17
Healthcare	11
National security	4
Moral values issues	4
Other (vol.)	1
No opinion	3