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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 9-12, 2012 with a random sample of ~1,009—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 ±3 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 per 1,000 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, population density 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 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

14. Next, how closely have you been following news about “the fiscal cliff,” the combination of major tax increases and spending cuts that will occur automatically on January 1st if Congress and the president do not agree to an alternative plan for the federal budget—very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Nov 9-12	31	40	18	11	*

15. How important is it to you that Congress and the president agree to an alternative plan so that the automatic budget cuts and tax increases included in the “fiscal cliff” do not occur on January 1st—is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Nov 9-12	49	33	13	3	1	1

16. In the negotiations between House Republicans on the one side and President Obama and senate Democrats on the other side, what do you think would be the best outcome for the country—[ROTATED: Republicans compromise more than Obama and the Democrats, Obama and the Democrats compromise more than the Republicans]--both sides compromise equally, or neither side compromise and the fiscal cliff's budget and tax increases take effect?

	Republicans compromise <u>more</u>	Democrats compromise <u>more</u>	Both compromise <u>equally</u>	Neither <u>compromise</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2012 Nov 9-12	14	14	68	3	2

17. Just your best guess, what is most likely to happen in the negotiations about the fiscal cliff—[ROTATED: Republicans compromise more than Obama and the Democrats, Obama and the Democrats compromise more than the Republicans]--both sides compromise equally, or neither side compromise and the fiscal cliff's budget and tax increases take effect?

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2012 Nov 9-12	15	21	26	34	4