

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### FISCAL CLIFF BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS WAVE 2

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,069– national adults, aged 18+, conducted December 8-9, 2012. 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 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, 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+ U.S. population. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

The questions reported here were asked of a random half sample for two nights on Gallup Daily tracking.

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.

5. Suppose no agreement is reached by the deadline and the fiscal cliff measures go into effect. Please say whether you think each of the following would or would not have a negative impact on the United States as a whole. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

**A. Major cuts in U.S. defense spending**

	<u>Yes, negative impact</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 8-9	64	31	5

**B. Major cuts in U.S. domestic spending**

	<u>Yes, negative impact</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 8-9	69	24	7

**C. Increases in federal income and Social Security payroll taxes for most taxpayers**

	<u>Yes, negative impact</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 8-9	75	19	6

6. And if the fiscal cliff tax increases and spending cuts go into effect, do you think that would or would not have a negative impact on your personal financial situation?

	<u>Yes, negative impact</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 8-9	64	33	3