

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

FISCAL CLIFF BUDGET AGREEMENT REACTION

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,026– national adults, aged 18+, conducted January 3, 2013. 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.

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 500 cell phone respondents and 500 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.

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. From what you know or have read, do you approve or disapprove of the agreement to avoid the “fiscal cliff” tax increases and spending cuts in the federal budget?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jan 3	43	45	12

2. Based on what you have heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following handled the fiscal cliff budget negotiations? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

2013 Jan 3

Sorted by “approve”

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
President Barack Obama	46	48	6
Vice president Joe Biden ^	40	42	17
Democratic leaders in Congress †	34	55	11
Speaker of the House, John Boehner ^	31	50	18
Senate Republican Leader, Mitch McConnell ^	28	46	26
Senate Democratic Leader, Harry Reid ^	27	48	25
Republican leaders in Congress †	25	67	8

^ Asked of –494—national adults in Form 1; ±6 PCT PTS

† Asked of –532—national adults in Form 1; ±6 PCT PTS

Q.2 (APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS HANDLING FISCAL CLIFF) CONTINUED

For comparison: *Based on what you have heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the fiscal cliff budget negotiations? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?*

A. President Barack Obama

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 21-22	54	38	9
2012 Dec 15-16	48	43	9
2012 Dec 8-9	48	44	8
2012 Dec 1-2	52	43	6

B. Republican leaders in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 21-22^	26	61	13
2012 Dec 15-16 ^	29	61	10
2012 Dec 8-9	26	64	11
2012 Dec 1-2	27	63	10

^ Asked of a half sample

C. Democratic leaders in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 21-22^	45	43	12
2012 Dec 15-16 ^	34	56	10
2012 Dec 8-9	38	50	12
2012 Dec 1-2	39	49	11

^ Asked of a half sample

D. Speaker of the House, John Boehner

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 21-22^	26	54	19
2012 Dec 15-16 ^	25	49	26

^ Asked of a half sample

E. Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 21-22^	34	43	23
2012 Dec 15-16 ^	24	48	29

^ Asked of a half sample