

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

WORLD AFFAIRS AND BUDGET SEQUESTRATION

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,017– national adults, aged 18+, conducted February 25-26, 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 sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline telephone numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers. Cell phones 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly, and having an unlisted landline number). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. 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.

4. How closely are you following the news about the automatic budget cuts – known as sequestration-- scheduled to happen March 1 if President Obama and Congress don't take action—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>
2013 Feb 25-26	25	35	20	18	2

5. Would you tell your representative in Congress to vote to pass legislation this week to avoid the scheduled budget sequestration or let the budget sequestration go into effect as scheduled?

	<u>Vote to avoid</u>	<u>Let go into effect</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Feb 25-26	45	37	19

8. Based on what you have heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following has handled the scheduled budget sequester. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

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(sorted by "approve")

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
President Obama	45	45	10
The Democrats in Congress	37	50	13
The Republicans in Congress	25	60	15