

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

ISSUE REFERENDUM—POLITICAL REFORM

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,017– national adults, aged 18+, conducted July 6-7, 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 and 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 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). 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.

1. Next, suppose that on Election Day you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Would you vote for or against– [RANDOM ORDER]?

2013 Jul 6-7

Sorted by “vote for”

	Vote for	Vote against	No opinion
A law that would require a nationwide popular vote on any issue if enough voters signed a petition to request a vote on the issue	68	23	9
A law that would shorten presidential campaigns to just five weeks in late September and October before the November election	61	33	6
A law that would change the way the presidential candidates for each party are chosen by holding a nationwide primary election on one day instead of by individual state primaries run over several months	58	33	8

ASKED PREVIOUSLY

2013 Jun 15-16

Sorted by “vote for”

	Vote for	Vote against	No opinion
Put a limit on the amount of money candidates for the U.S. House and senate can raise and spend on their political campaigns	79	19	3
Establish a new campaign finance system where federal campaigns are funded by the government and all contributions from individuals and private groups are banned	50	44	6

Suppose that on Election Day you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Would you vote for or against a law that would limit the number of terms which members of Congress and the U.S. Senate can serve?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jan 8-9	75	21	5

Would you vote for or against a law that would do away with the Electoral College and base the election of the president on the total vote cast throughout the nation?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jan 8-9	63	29	8