

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**BUDGET SEQUESTRATION V**

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,015– national adults, aged 18+, conducted July 27-28, 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. As you may know, automatic cuts in the federal budget – known as sequestration-- went into effect on March 1. All in all, do you think the sequestration is a good thing or a bad thing for the country, or don't you know enough to say?

|                | <u>Good thing</u> | <u>Bad thing</u> | <u>Don't know<br/>enough to say</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2013 Jul 27-28 | 15                | 30               | 54                                  | 2                    |
| 2013 Apr 29-30 | 17                | 30               | 52                                  | 1                    |
| 2013 Apr 6-7   | 18                | 31               | 49                                  | 2                    |
| 2013 Mar 11-12 | 17                | 27               | 55                                  | 1                    |
| 2013 Mar 2-3   | 18                | 30               | 51                                  | 1                    |

2. All in all, do you think the sequestration is a good thing or a bad thing for you personally, or don't you know enough to say?

|                | <u>Good thing</u> | <u>Bad thing</u> | <u>Don't know<br/>enough to say</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2013 Jul 27-28 | 11                | 27               | 59                                  | 2                    |
| 2013 Apr 29-30 | 11                | 24               | 62                                  | 3                    |
| 2013 Apr 6-7   | 14                | 25               | 57                                  | 4                    |
| 2013 Mar 11-12 | 14                | 24               | 60                                  | 2                    |
| 2013 Mar 2-3   | 17                | 26               | 55                                  | 2                    |