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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 5-8, 2013 with a random sample of **-1,510—**adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is **±3** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-725—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-785—**national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling 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 telephone 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 and 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.

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23. Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

	<u>Government doing too much</u>	<u>Government should do more</u>	<u>Mixed/ Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	53	40	4	3
2012 Sep 24-27	57	34	6	3
2012 Sep 6-9	54	39	5	3
2012 Jul 19-22	61	34	4	1
2011 Sep 8-11	56	39	2	2
2010 Sep 13-16	58	36	5	1
2010 Jun 11-13	53	39	7	1
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	57	38	4	1
2009 Mar 27-29	50	42	6	2
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	47	42	8	3
2008 Sep 8-11	53	41	4	2
2008 Jun 15-18	50	43	5	2
2007 Sep 14-16	49	43	6	2
2006 Sep 7-10	47	44	6	3
2005 Sep 12-15	50	44	4	2
2004 Nov 19-21	55	36	7	2
2004 Sep 13-15	49	41	8	2
2003 Oct 24-26	52	40	6	2
2003 Sep 8-10	51	43	4	2
2002 Sep 5-8	50	43	5	2
2001 Oct 5-6	41	50	6	3
2001 Sep 7-10	55	36	7	2
2000 Sep 11-13	50	37	11	2
2000 Aug 18-19	54	38	6	2
1999 Sep 10-14	55	39	4	2
1998 Oct 29-30	50	38	6	6
1998 Apr 17-19	59	33	7	1
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	33	6	3
1996 Jan 12-15	58	35	6	1
1995 Dec 15-19	60	32	5	3
1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	5	3
1994 Oct 22-25	57	37	4	2
1994 Jan 15-17	54	39	5	2
1993 Dec 17-19	55	38	6	1
1993 Apr 22-24	49	45	3	3
1993 Mar 22-24	45	49	4	2
1992 Oct 23-25 †	48	44	5	3
1992 Sep 11-15	46	47	4	3
1992 Aug 31-Sep 2 †	50	43	5	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† Based on registered voters

28. Next, I'd like you to think more broadly about the purposes of government. Where would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means you think the government should do only those things necessary to provide the most basic government functions, and 5 means you think the government should take active steps in every area it can to try and improve the lives of its citizens? You may use any number from 1 to 5.

	<i>2013 Sep 5-8</i>	<i>2011 Sep 8-11</i>	<i>2010 Sep 13-16</i>
5/Gov't take active steps in every area it can	19	21	19
4	15	14	15
3	33	27	33
2	16	18	15
1/Gov't provide most basic functions	16	19	18
No opinion	1	1	1
<i>Mean</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>

Q.29/30 SPLIT SAMPLED

29. *(Asked of a half sample)* Would you rather have more government services if that meant more taxes, less government services in order to reduce taxes, or services and taxes about as we have them now?

**BASED ON -725-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	<u>More services/ More taxes</u>	<u>Less services/ Reduce taxes</u>	<u>Services and taxes as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8 ^	20	47	29	4
2011 Sep 8-11	16	56	26	3
1993 Mar 22-24	20	40	35	4

^ Asked of a half sample

30. *(Asked of a half sample)* Would you rather have more government involvement in addressing the nation's problems if that meant more taxes, less government involvement in addressing the nation's problems in order to reduce taxes, or government involvement and taxes about as we have them now?

**BASED ON -785-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	<u>More involved/ More taxes</u>	<u>Less involved/ Reduce taxes</u>	<u>Involvement and taxes as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8 ^	13	53	31	2

^ Asked of a half sample