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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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31. Next, we have a question about the best approach for political leaders to follow in Washington. Where would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means it is more important for political leaders to compromise in order to get things done, and 5 means it is more important for political leaders to stick to their beliefs even if little gets done? You may use any number from 1 to 5.

	2013 Sep 5-8	***2011 Sep 8-11***	***2011 Jan 7-9***	***2010 Nov 4-7***
5/More important to stick to beliefs	14	15	17	14
4	11	13	11	13
3	20	21	23	24
2	18	20	12	16
1/More important to compromise	35	31	35	31
No opinion	1	1	2	1
Mean	*2.5*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*