

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN REACTION

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,021– national adults, aged 18+, conducted October 2-3, 2013. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  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, the Republicans in Congress and President Obama have not reached an agreement on the federal budget. As a result, the federal government has shut down all non-essential services. Do you personally view this shutdown as a crisis, as a major problem, as a minor problem or as not a problem at all?

	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Oct 2-3	21	49	18	8	3

**For comparison: 1995-1996 Government shutdown**

	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1995 Dec 15-18 ^	12	44	30	13	1
1995 Nov 17-18 †	12	40	31	14	4
1995 Nov 14 †	11	40	33	14	2

^ WORDING: So far, the Republicans in Congress and President Clinton have not reached a final agreement on the federal budget. As a result, the federal government has shut down again and will remain that way until some agreement is reached. Do you view the shutdown as a crisis, as a major problem, as a minor problem or as not a problem at all?

† WORDING: As you may know, the Republicans in Congress and President Clinton have not reached an agreement on the federal budget. As a result, the federal government has shut down all non-essential services. Do you personally view this shutdown as a crisis, as a major problem, as a minor problem or as not a problem at all?

2. As a consequence of the shutdown, do you feel more negative or more positive toward President Obama?

	<u>More negative</u>	<u>More positive</u>	<u>Neither/ No effect (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Oct 2-3	57	28	13	3

**For comparison: 1995-1996 Government shutdown** *As a consequence of the shutdown, do you feel more negative or more positive toward President Clinton?*

	<u>More negative</u>	<u>More positive</u>	<u>Neither/ No effect (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1995 Dec 15-18	49	35	12	4

3. As a consequence of the shutdown, do you feel more negative or more positive toward the Republican leaders in Congress?

	<u>More negative</u>	<u>More positive</u>	<u>Neither/ No effect (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Oct 2-3	61	24	10	5

**For comparison: 1995-1996 Government shutdown** *As a consequence of the shutdown, do you feel more negative or more positive toward the Republican leaders in Congress?*

	<u>More negative</u>	<u>More positive</u>	<u>Neither/ No effect (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1995 Dec 15-18	62	23	10	5

4. As a consequence of the shutdown, do you feel more negative or more positive toward the Democratic leaders in Congress?

	<u>More negative</u>	<u>More positive</u>	<u>Neither/ No effect (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Oct 2-3	58	26	12	5