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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 25-30, 2014 with a random sample of $-1,252-$ adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of $-632-$ national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-620-$ national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-1,095-$ registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-637-$ men, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-615-$ women, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-233-$ women employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is ± 8 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 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2013 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.

9. Regardless of which candidate wins in your district, what is the most important thing you want your representative in Congress to do when Congress begins its new session in January? [OPEN-ENDED]

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	Registered Voters	National adults
Compromise/Cooperate/Get along/Work together/End gridlock	10	9
Listen to the people/Represent the people	10	10
Improve healthcare	8	7
Create jobs/Employment/Bring jobs home	8	7
Balance the budget/Reduce the deficit/Cap spending	6	5
Improve education/school systems	5	5
Pass immigration reform/Secure the borders	5	6
Follow through on promises	4	4
Do your job/Pass some legislation	4	4
Lower taxes/Cut taxes	4	4
Stop the wars/Bring troops home	3	3
Improve the economy	3	2
Stop terrorism/Improve national security	3	2
Improve foreign policy	2	2
Improve wages/Raise the minimum wage	2	2
Be honest	2	2
Abide by/follow the Constitution	2	2
Pass Social Security reform	1	1
Pass gun control	1	1
Address police brutality/Curb police power	1	1
Address climate change/Environmental issues/Water shortages	1	1
Other	6	7
No opinion	11	13