

Federal Budget Survey

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Questionnaire

TOTAL RESPONDENTS: 6,949

National Sample = 5,041

Margin of Error = 1.4%

Sample Sizes and Margins of Error for Each State:

California: 595 (MoE = 4%)

Florida: 407 (MoE = 4.9%)

Maryland: 490 (MoE = 4.4%), plus an oversample of 89 in district 7
Total sample for MD district 7 = 153, (MoE = 7.9%)

New York: 412 (MoE = 4.8%)

Ohio: 373 (MoE = 5.1%)

Oklahoma: 486 (MoE = 4.4%), plus an oversample of 74 in District 4
Total sample for OK district 4 = 171, (MoE = 7.5%)

Texas: 416 (MoE = 4.8%)

Virginia: 522 (MoE = 4.3%)

Oversamples: 1,908

California: 96

Florida: 99

Maryland: 473 (includes oversample of 139 in MD-7, balance of Maryland oversample = 334)

New York: 125

Ohio: 171

Oklahoma: 500 (includes oversample of 159 oversample OK-4, balance of Oklahoma oversample = 341)

Texas: 63

Virginia: 381

Field Dates: September 17 – December 14, 2015

BRIEFING

In this survey, we'd like your opinions about some current issues. There is no right or wrong answer, so please answer the questions based on your knowledge or impressions.

You will participate in an exercise in which you will have the opportunity to propose how the US federal budget should be designed.

You will first be presented what is called the “**Discretionary Budget**,” which is the part of the budget that Congress decides on each year. It does not cover what is called “mandatory spending,” which includes such areas as Social Security and Medicare. These are not adjusted each year but are set by law.

For the Discretionary Budget you will see the amounts currently proposed for the major categories of spending for the year 2016. You will then be able to increase or decrease them as you see fit.

You will also explore what are called “**General Revenues**.” This is income the government gets from taxes like income taxes, corporate taxes, and others that can be used for any purpose—unlike the payroll taxes dedicated to Social Security or Medicare, you will be able to raise or lower these general revenue taxes as you see fit.

As you may know, the government is projected to have a budget deficit because spending is projected to exceed revenues. As you go along and make changes to spending or taxes, you’ll see the effect of your decisions on the size of the projected **budget deficit**.

The total deficit is projected to be \$535 billion in 2016. However, some of this deficit is related to Social Security and Medicare, which have their own dedicated taxes and will be addressed in future policymaking simulations. For today, you will be focusing on the deficit that is related to the rest of the budget—which is a total of \$394 billion.

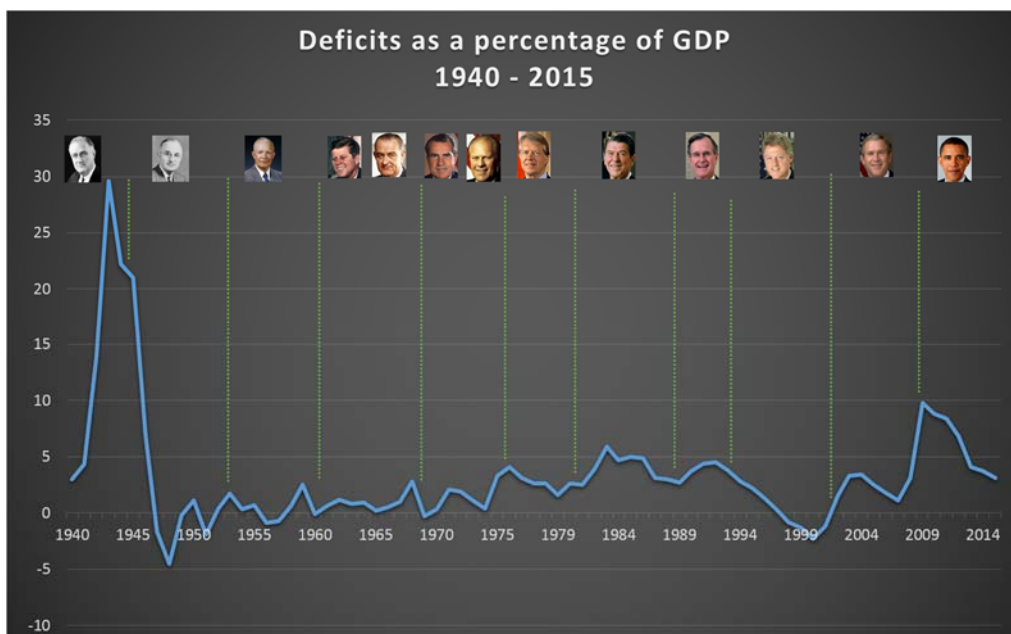
But before we begin, we would like to have you consider three of the major issues that come up in discussions about the federal budget.

FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT

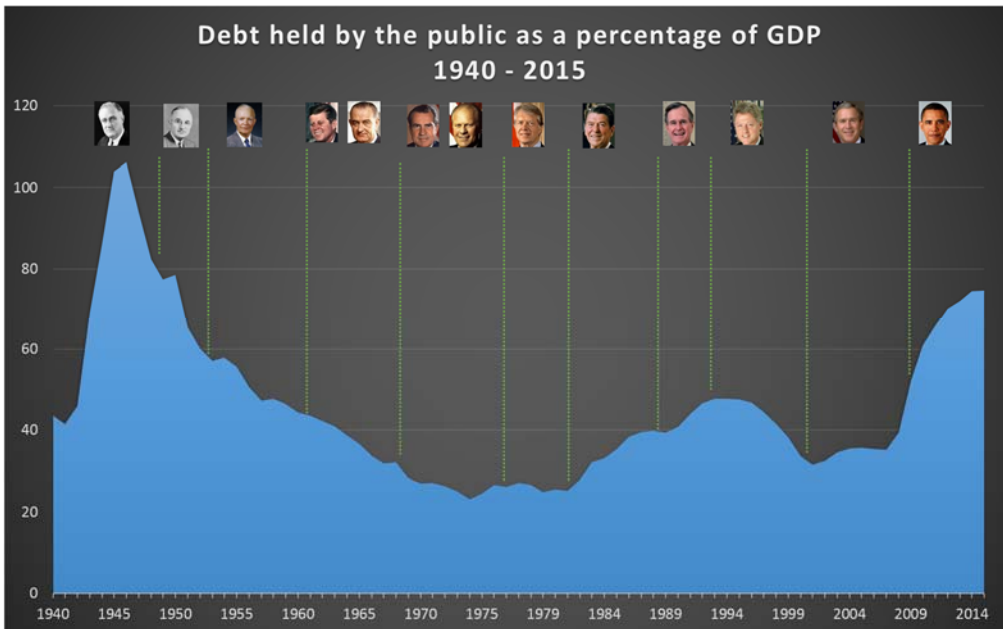
The first issue is about how important it is to address the budget deficit—the amount the government spends that is over and above what it takes in in revenues. But first here is some background.

As you can see in the chart below, the deficit has gone up and down over the years. Over the last few years during the economic downturn the Federal government ran exceptionally large deficits. However, more recently this deficit has been coming down.

Source: OMB Historical Tables: Table 1-2



A key consideration in regard to the deficit is the amount of debt held by the public. The deficit contributes to this debt. In the chart below you can see the amount of the debt as a percentage of the whole US economy. This percentage can go down when the economy grows, or when there is a budget surplus.



So now, turning to the debate about how high a priority it should be to reduce this deficit, here are some arguments on this issue. For each one, please select whether you find it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q1.] We have been running huge deficits for years now, putting the national debt on a path to unsustainable heights. The government cannot continue to spend beyond its means indefinitely. The debt held by the public is \$13 trillion—three quarters of the size of the entire U.S. economy, and the Congressional Budget Office projects it will grow over the next decade. This debt is dragging down our economy. Uncertainty over taxes, inflation, and interest rates is hurting investment and this hurts job creation. Further, once interest rates rise, just servicing this debt will swamp the budget, crowding out all other needs. We need to make reducing the deficit our first priority.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused /DK
National	40%	42%	82%	13%	5%	18%	<1%
GOP	60%	34%	94%	4%	1%	5%	<1%
Dem.	22%	48%	70%	21%	8%	29%	<1%
Indep.	39%	43%	82%	13%	4%	17%	<1%
California	39%	40%	79%	16%	5%	21%	0%
GOP	58%	35%	93%	5%	1%	6%	1%
Dem.	23%	45%	68%	24%	7%	31%	<1%
Florida	42%	42%	84%	11%	3%	14%	1%
GOP	61%	34%	95%	6%	0%	6%	0%
Dem.	27%	53%	80%	14%	6%	20%	0%

Maryland	37%	44%	81%	14%	4%	18%	1%
GOP	59%	34%	93%	6%	1%	7%	0%
Dem.	28%	45%	73%	20%	6%	26%	1%
New York	36%	45%	81%	13%	6%	19%	1%
GOP	51%	46%	97%	2%	1%	3%	0%
Dem.	28%	47%	75%	15%	9%	24%	2%
Ohio	41%	46%	87%	10%	2%	12%	1%
GOP	62%	35%	97%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Dem.	23%	54%	77%	18%	5%	23%	1%
Oklahoma	44%	40%	84%	11%	4%	15%	1%
GOP	60%	35%	95%	1%	3%	4%	1%
Dem.	25%	45%	70%	22%	7%	29%	2%
Texas	42%	40%	82%	14%	4%	18%	0%
GOP	62%	32%	94%	4%	2%	6%	0%
Dem.	24%	48%	72%	21%	7%	28%	0%
Virginia	43%	44%	87%	9%	4%	13%	1%
GOP	59%	36%	95%	4%	1%	5%	0%
Dem.	30%	47%	77%	14%	7%	21%	1%

[Q2.] It is important to reduce the deficit but the deficit, has already come down by more than half since 2009, and the reason is that more people are working and paying taxes. The most important thing right now is making sure that the economic recovery continues and that unemployment continues to go down. There are still many needs to be met and crucial investments to be made for our future that will create jobs. Cutting spending too sharply will throw people out of work and reduce tax revenues. Our first priority should be putting more people back to work.

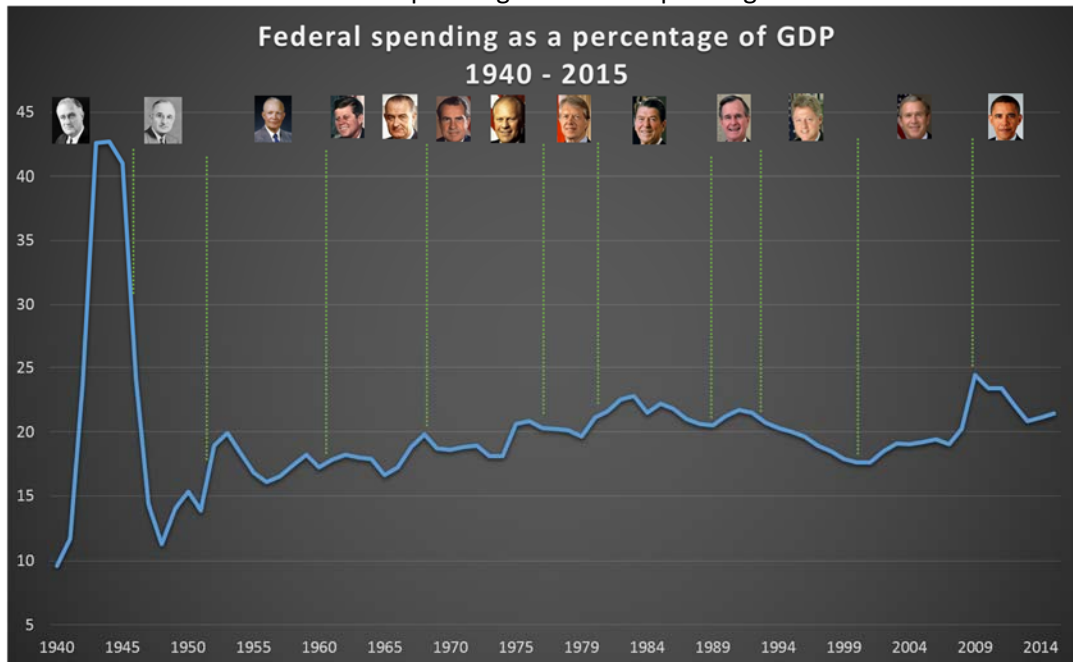
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National	40%	35%	75%	16%	9%	25%	<1%
GOP	25%	33%	58%	25%	17%	42%	<1%
Dem.	55%	35%	90%	7%	2%	9%	<1%
Indep.	37%	36%	73%	16%	10%	26%	<1%
California	38%	39%	77%	13%	10%	23%	0%
GOP	23%	40%	63%	20%	16%	36%	1%
Dem.	55%	39%	94%	4%	1%	6%	<1%
Florida	36%	39%	75%	15%	9%	24%	0%

GOP	25%	34%	59%	22%	19%	41%	0%
Dem.	49%	42%	91%	9%	1%	10%	0%
Maryland							
GOP	46%	39%	85%	10%	4%	14%	1%
Dem.	25%	47%	72%	21%	7%	28%	0%
Dem.	58%	33%	91%	6%	2%	8%	2%
New York							
GOP	47%	34%	81%	13%	6%	19%	0%
Dem.	32%	35%	67%	22%	11%	33%	0%
Dem.	56%	38%	94%	5%	1%	6%	1%
Ohio							
GOP	39%	38%	77%	15%	8%	23%	0%
Dem.	29%	37%	66%	22%	12%	34%	1%
Dem.	49%	43%	92%	7%	1%	8%	0%
Oklahoma							
GOP	40%	40%	80%	13%	6%	20%	1%
Dem.	23%	41%	64%	25%	11%	36%	0%
Dem.	58%	37%	95%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Texas							
GOP	37%	35%	72%	18%	9%	27%	0%
Dem.	28%	31%	59%	24%	16%	40%	1%
Dem.	48%	42%	90%	8%	2%	10%	0%
Virginia							
GOP	44%	34%	78%	14%	8%	22%	1%
Dem.	30%	38%	68%	20%	11%	31%	1%
Dem.	58%	30%	88%	8%	2%	10%	1%

SIZE OF GOVERNMENT

Another major issue is about the size of the federal government and how active it should be.

Based on the proposed 2016 federal budget, the entire federal government would represent 21% of the economy or gross domestic product. The size of the federal budget as a percentage of the economy has varied over the last decades with changes in the level of government spending and the size of the economy. As you can see during the recent economic downturn there was a spike in government spending.



So now, here are two arguments on the size of the federal government. For each one, please select whether you it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q3.] Too often, people think government is the solution, when it really is the problem. The federal government is susceptible to waste, fraud, and abuse. We've all seen how government can fail, whether by spending too much money or imposing heavy-handed regulations. Too often it gets involved in things that are best left to the private sector.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused /DK
National	45%	26%	71%	17%	13%	30%	<1%
GOP	72%	21%	93%	6%	2%	8%	0%
Dem.	19%	28%	47%	28%	24%	52%	<1%
Indep.	49%	30%	79%	14%	7%	21%	<1%
California	42%	26%	68%	18%	15%	33%	0%
GOP	63%	25%	88%	8%	4%	12%	0%
Dem.	24%	26%	50%	27%	23%	50%	0%
Florida	50%	23%	73%	15%	12%	27%	0%
GOP	71%	19%	90%	9%	1%	10%	0%

Dem.	22%	27%	49%	28%	22%	50%	0%
Maryland	38%	26%	64%	19%	16%	35%	1%
GOP	70%	21%	91%	6%	3%	9%	0%
Dem.	23%	23%	46%	27%	25%	52%	1%
New York	40%	30%	70%	18%	12%	30%	0%
GOP	66%	27%	93%	4%	3%	7%	0%
Dem.	25%	29%	54%	27%	18%	45%	1%
Ohio	51%	22%	73%	17%	10%	27%	0%
GOP	75%	16%	91%	8%	1%	9%	0%
Dem.	22%	29%	51%	26%	23%	49%	0%
Oklahoma	47%	26%	73%	16%	11%	27%	1%
GOP	69%	19%	88%	9%	2%	11%	1%
Dem.	22%	32%	54%	25%	21%	46%	1%
Texas	50%	22%	72%	16%	12%	28%	0%
GOP	76%	18%	94%	4%	1%	5%	1%
Dem.	28%	22%	50%	26%	25%	51%	0%
Virginia	37%	30%	67%	18%	14%	32%	1%
GOP	65%	23%	88%	8%	3%	11%	1%
Dem.	10%	34%	44%	28%	26%	54%	2%

[Q4.] We shouldn't just cut government for its own sake. As a share of the economy, these days the federal government is at about the average for the last four decades and a bit smaller than it was under Ronald Reagan. More importantly, the government does many necessary things and we cannot just assume that the private sector will take care of them. People in government work to make sure that our food, air, and water are safe; that we have national parks; that we will be secure when we retire; that our airplanes are safe; and that we are protected from threats from abroad.

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National	30%	34%	64%	21%	15%	36%	<1%
GOP	13%	29%	42%	32%	26%	58%	<1%
Dem.	49%	36%	85%	10%	4%	14%	0%
Indep.	22%	39%	61%	22%	17%	39%	0%
California	28%	41%	69%	17%	15%	32%	0%
GOP	14%	30%	44%	28%	28%	56%	0%
Dem.	43%	43%	85%	10%	5%	15%	0%
Florida	27%	38%	65%	18%	17%	35%	1%

GOP	13%	34%	47%	26%	26%	52%	1%
Dem.	45%	43%	88%	10%	2%	12%	1%
Maryland							
GOP	12%	42%	54%	31%	14%	45%	1%
Dem.	52%	36%	88%	9%	4%	13%	0%
New York							
GOP	19%	26%	45%	32%	24%	54%	0%
Dem.	48%	37%	85%	10%	4%	14%	0%
Ohio							
GOP	16%	29%	45%	34%	22%	55%	0%
Dem.	45%	41%	86%	13%	1%	14%	0%
Oklahoma							
GOP	13%	37%	50%	26%	24%	50%	1%
Dem.	50%	34%	84%	13%	3%	16%	1%
Texas							
GOP	15%	26%	41%	34%	24%	58%	1%
Dem.	53%	33%	86%	12%	2%	14%	0%
Virginia							
GOP	22%	33%	55%	30%	15%	45%	1%
Dem.	56%	32%	88%	9%	2%	11%	0%

PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Another issue is about how important it is for the government to spend money on public investments, such as scientific and medical research, development of new sources of energy, development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure, and educating the population which provides the workforce.

Here are two arguments on this issue. For each one, please select whether you find it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q5.] When making up a budget, we should be sure to not scrimp on investing in the future, which can bring big returns later on. Investments in scientific discoveries, medical breakthroughs, and new sources of energy, upgrading the work force, and improving our transportation infrastructure are key for America to be prosperous, and to compete with rising nations in the decades to come. We cannot count on corporations seeking short-term profits to provide these public goods. Furthermore, such investments create good jobs in the short run, as well as a higher quality of life in the long run.

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National	35%	36%	71%	20%	8%	28%	<1

GOP	17%	35%	52%	33%	15%	48%	<1%
Dem.	53%	35%	88%	9%	2%	11%	1%
Indep.	31%	39%	69%	21%	10%	30%	1%
California	38%	34%	72%	18%	10%	28%	0%
GOP	15%	35%	50%	29%	21%	50%	0%
Dem.	57%	33%	90%	10%	1%	11%	0%
Florida	35%	34%	69%	21%	9%	30%	1%
GOP	15%	41%	56%	32%	11%	43%	1%
Dem.	62%	24%	86%	8%	4%	12%	2%
Maryland	44%	37%	81%	17%	3%	20%	1%
GOP	25%	40%	64%	31%	5%	36%	0%
Dem.	59%	34%	93%	6%	<1%	6%	1%
New York	41%	40%	81%	14%	5%	19%	0%
GOP	25%	38%	63%	31%	7%	38%	0%
Dem.	52%	38%	90%	7%	3%	10%	0%
Ohio	30%	45%	75%	19%	6%	25%	0%
GOP	15%	52%	67%	26%	8%	32%	0%
Dem.	44%	43%	87%	10%	3%	13%	0%
Oklahoma	30%	40%	70%	24%	6%	30%	0%
GOP	17%	41%	57%	35%	8%	43%	0%
Dem.	47%	36%	84%	14%	3%	17%	0%
Texas	37%	33%	70%	19%	10%	29%	1%
GOP	19%	36%	55%	29%	16%	45%	0%
Dem.	55%	35%	90%	8%	1%	9%	1%
Virginia	36%	37%	73%	22%	4%	26%	2%
GOP	21%	33%	54%	38%	8%	45%	1%
Dem.	55%	36%	91%	8%	1%	9%	0%

[Q6.] Investment in the future is important, but the private sector is much better at it than government. The government is inefficient and wasteful. And when government officials “invest” taxpayers’ money they think more about what is good for their short-term political interests than the long-term interests of the country. Thus there is no coherent and stable plan. Furthermore, when the government spends money on its pet projects, this pulls capital away from the private sector; those resources would be better left free for the natural innovation that responds to market demand.

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 GOP	62%	26%	88%	9%	2%	11%	0%
Dem.	19%	29%	48%	30%	22%	52%	<1%
Indep.	40%	33%	73%	19%	8%	27%	<1%
California	35%	29%	64%	20%	16%	36%	0%
 GOP	60%	24%	84%	11%	4%	16%	1%
Dem.	19%	30%	49%	28%	24%	52%	0%
Florida	41%	28%	69%	19%	12%	31%	1%
 GOP	58%	32%	90%	7%	4%	11%	0%
Dem.	26%	21%	47%	29%	23%	52%	1%
Maryland	27%	32%	59%	25%	16%	41%	1%
 GOP	49%	37%	87%	10%	4%	14%	0%
Dem.	16%	26%	42%	33%	23%	57%	1%
New York	36%	26%	62%	26%	12%	38%	0%
 GOP	56%	23%	79%	16%	5%	21%	0%
Dem.	24%	24%	48%	34%	18%	52%	0%
Ohio	41%	31%	72%	17%	12%	29%	0%
 GOP	58%	29%	87%	10%	4%	14%	0%
Dem.	22%	33%	55%	25%	20%	45%	0%
Oklahoma	40%	30%	70%	19%	10%	29%	1%
 GOP	55%	32%	87%	11%	2%	13%	0%
Dem.	26%	25%	51%	28%	19%	47%	1%
Texas	40%	28%	68%	21%	11%	32%	0%
 GOP	66%	24%	91%	8%	1%	9%	1%
Dem.	14%	31%	45%	34%	20%	54%	1%
Virginia	32%	34%	66%	24%	9%	33%	1%
 GOP	50%	35%	85%	12%	3%	15%	1%
Dem.	16%	29%	45%	36%	18%	54%	0%

DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Now, as we mentioned at the beginning, you will work with the spending in the Discretionary Budget --items whose amounts Congress considers and adjusts each year.

Then you will work with the taxes that make up the government's general revenues—those revenues that Congress can vote to use for any purpose.

Presented below is the proposed main budget for the year 2016 for 31 major areas of the Discretionary Budget.

For each area of government spending, please enter your preferred amounts for the year 2016, adjusting it up or down or leaving it the same.

At the bottom you will see the estimated deficits for 2016, and also your own deficit or surplus which will change as you enter amounts. (A negative number is a deficit; a positive number is a surplus.) As you go along you will see the effect of the changes you make on the deficit. Every time you increase spending, the deficit will go up. Every time you reduce spending, the deficit will go down.

Later you will also have the opportunity to make changes in revenues or taxes. This too can increase or decrease the deficit.

You are not required to eliminate the deficit. You should make the budget that you think is best.

Federal Budget 2016 (Medians presented in Billions)

Q7. Transportation

[Q7a.] Highways: building and maintaining interstate highways; implementing safety standards (\$53B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	53	44%	20%	35%	1%
GOP	52	52%	22%	27%	<1%
Dem.	53	36%	20%	43%	1%
Indep.	53	49%	19%	31%	1%
California	53	44%	20%	36%	<1%
GOP	51	50%	19%	30%	1%
Dem.	53	32%	21%	47%	0%
Florida	52	50%	15%	35%	<1%
GOP	50	59%	18%	23%	0%
Dem.	53	44%	12%	43%	1%
Maryland	53	38%	30%	32%	0%
GOP	52	51%	26%	23%	0%
Dem.	53	28%	36%	37%	0%

New York	53	39%	25%	36%	0%
GOP	53	49%	23%	28%	0%
Dem.	53	31%	28%	40%	1%
Ohio	53	44%	17%	38%	1%
GOP	53	49%	18%	32%	1%
Dem.	53	40%	14%	44%	2%
Oklahoma	53	41%	23%	36%	0%
GOP	53	50%	21%	29%	0%
Dem.	53	28%	26%	46%	0%
Texas	53	47%	20%	32%	2%
GOP	52	52%	22%	26%	0%
Dem.	53	40%	17%	38%	5%
Virginia	53	44%	22%	33%	1%
GOP	53	50%	31%	19%	0%
Dem.	53	33%	19%	46%	2%

[Q7b.] Air travel and railroads: maintaining and administering airports and railways; air traffic control; implementing safety standards (\$25B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	25	35%	46%	18%	1%
GOP	25	43%	45%	11%	<1%
Dem.	25	26%	48%	25%	1%
Indep.	25	38%	45%	16%	1%
California	25	32%	48%	19%	<1%
GOP	25	41%	47%	11%	1%
Dem.	25	26%	51%	23%	0%
Florida	25	37%	42%	21%	<1%
GOP	25	47%	41%	12%	0%
Dem.	25	29%	46%	23%	1%
Maryland	25	26%	53%	22%	0%
GOP	25	39%	50%	11%	0%
Dem.	25	14%	60%	26%	0%
New York	25	27%	46%	27%	0%

GOP	25	35%	48%	17%	0%
Dem.	25	21%	42%	36%	1%
Ohio	25	39%	46%	14%	1%
GOP	25	41%	47%	12%	1%
Dem.	25	32%	47%	20%	2%
Oklahoma	25	35%	48%	16%	0%
GOP	25	49%	41%	10%	0%
Dem.	25	23%	56%	21%	0%
Texas	25	34%	45%	20%	2%
GOP	25	39%	50%	11%	0%
Dem.	25	27%	40%	28%	5%
Virginia	25	36%	45%	18%	1%
GOP	25	42%	49%	9%	0%
Dem.	25	26%	45%	27%	2%

[Q7c.] Mass transit: maintaining Amtrak, developing and maintaining intercity high-speed rail, implementing safety standards (\$20B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	20	40%	34%	26%	1%
GOP	18	57%	30%	12%	<1%
Dem.	20	23%	37%	38%	1%
Indep.	20	43%	33%	23%	1%
California	20	38%	32%	30%	<1%
GOP	15	60%	24%	14%	1%
Dem.	20	21%	36%	43%	0%
Florida	20	46%	24%	29%	<1%
GOP	18	63%	24%	13%	0%
Dem.	20	27%	31%	41%	1%
Maryland	20	27%	44%	29%	0%
GOP	20	48%	35%	17%	0%
Dem.	20	14%	51%	35%	0%
New York	20	28%	40%	31%	0%
GOP	20	40%	40%	20%	0%

Dem.	20	20%	41%	39%	1%
Ohio	19	50%	27%	22%	1%
GOP	16	61%	23%	15%	1%
Dem.	20	33%	30%	35%	2%
Oklahoma	20	48%	32%	20%	0%
GOP	15	67%	23%	10%	0%
Dem.	20	31%	41%	28%	0%
Texas	20	45%	32%	21%	2%
GOP	18	59%	35%	6%	0%
Dem.	20	31%	25%	40%	5%
Virginia	20	42%	35%	22%	1%
GOP	18	60%	33%	7%	0%
Dem.	20	20%	40%	38%	2%

[Q8.] Federal Administration of Justice

[Q8a.] Enforcement of federal laws (FBI, ATF); federal court system for crimes under federal law, primarily drug trafficking, plus fraud, and certain violent crimes (\$24B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	23	52%	26%	22%	1%
GOP	23	51%	26%	23%	<1%
Dem.	23	51%	27%	21%	1%
Indep.	22	55%	23%	21%	1%
California	22	56%	20%	24%	<1%
GOP	22	53%	23%	22%	1%
Dem.	22	54%	24%	22%	0%
Florida	23	51%	26%	23%	<1%
GOP	23	50%	25%	25%	0%
Dem.	22	54%	25%	19%	1%
Maryland	24	46%	32%	22%	0%
GOP	24	49%	32%	19%	0%
Dem.	24	45%	31%	24%	0%
New York	24	48%	27%	25%	0%

GOP	24	46%	24%	31%	0%
Dem.	24	46%	31%	22%	1%
Ohio	22	55%	23%	20%	1%
 GOP	22	53%	20%	26%	1%
 Dem.	23	50%	30%	18%	2%
Oklahoma	24	48%	30%	22%	0%
 GOP	22	57%	26%	18%	0%
 Dem.	24	40%	35%	25%	0%
Texas	24	46%	28%	25%	2%
 GOP	24	43%	31%	26%	0%
 Dem.	24	45%	21%	29%	5%
Virginia	23	51%	26%	22%	1%
 GOP	23	51%	33%	17%	0%
 Dem.	24	48%	23%	27%	2%

[Q8b.] Federal prison system: building and running prisons, managing parole and re-entry supervision (\$7B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	7	43%	34%	22%	1%
 GOP	7	41%	37%	22%	<1%
 Dem.	7	43%	33%	23%	1%
 Indep.	7	47%	32%	21%	1%
California	7	44%	31%	25%	<1%
 GOP	7	40%	30%	29%	1%
 Dem.	7	46%	29%	25%	0%
Florida	6	53%	29%	17%	<1%
 GOP	7	48%	35%	17%	0%
 Dem.	6	56%	27%	16%	1%
Maryland	7	46%	34%	20%	0%
 GOP	7	45%	41%	14%	0%
 Dem.	7	45%	32%	23%	0%
New York	7	44%	30%	26%	0%
 GOP	7	43%	30%	26%	0%

Dem.	7	39%	35%	25%	1%
Ohio	7	38%	36%	25%	1%
GOP	7	39%	31%	30%	1%
Dem.	7	32%	40%	26%	2%
Oklahoma	7	36%	38%	26%	0%
GOP	7	46%	36%	19%	0%
Dem.	7	28%	41%	31%	0%
Texas	7	42%	35%	22%	2%
GOP	7	35%	42%	23%	0%
Dem.	7	44%	26%	25%	5%
Virginia	7	47%	33%	19%	1%
GOP	7	48%	37%	14%	0%
Dem.	7	46%	31%	21%	2%

[Q9.] Space Program (NASA): Space probes; the space shuttle, international space station; study of Earth from space (\$18B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	15	59%	18%	23%	1%
GOP	15	65%	17%	18%	<1%
Dem.	16	53%	19%	27%	1%
Indep.	15	60%	16%	23%	1%
California	17	52%	18%	29%	<1%
GOP	15	60%	18%	21%	1%
Dem.	18	48%	19%	33%	0%
Florida	15	56%	17%	26%	<1%
GOP	15	60%	20%	20%	0%
Dem.	16	57%	16%	26%	1%
Maryland	16	55%	24%	22%	0%
GOP	15	59%	23%	18%	0%
Dem.	17	50%	26%	24%	0%
New York	15	60%	18%	22%	0%
GOP	15	67%	17%	16%	0%
Dem.	18	49%	23%	28%	1%

Ohio	15	65%	13%	22%	1%
GOP	15	68%	12%	19%	1%
Dem.	15	60%	13%	24%	2%
Oklahoma	16	57%	21%	21%	0%
GOP	15	66%	18%	16%	0%
Dem.	18	47%	27%	27%	0%
Texas	15	55%	17%	26%	2%
GOP	15	61%	22%	17%	0%
Dem.	18	46%	16%	34%	5%
Virginia	16	57%	19%	23%	1%
GOP	15	64%	20%	16%	0%
Dem.	18	47%	19%	32%	2%

[Q10.] Science: Support for basic and applied research in biology, computers, engineering, earth sciences, economics, energy, etc. (\$13B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	13	49%	20%	30%	1%
GOP	10	67%	17%	16%	<1%
Dem.	13	33%	24%	42%	1%
Indep.	13	49%	19%	31%	1%
California	13	41%	20%	39%	<1%
GOP	11	60%	20%	19%	1%
Dem.	13	31%	22%	47%	0%
Florida	12	53%	20%	26%	<1%
GOP	10	75%	12%	13%	0%
Dem.	13	36%	31%	31%	1%
Maryland	13	41%	26%	33%	0%
GOP	12	52%	26%	22%	0%
Dem.	13	32%	27%	41%	0%
New York	13	40%	24%	36%	0%
GOP	12	57%	19%	24%	0%
Dem.	13	30%	26%	44%	1%

Ohio	11	57%	13%	29%	1%
GOP	10	72%	11%	16%	1%
Dem.	13	37%	18%	43%	2%
Oklahoma	12	53%	21%	26%	0%
GOP	10	68%	17%	16%	0%
Dem.	13	38%	27%	34%	0%
Texas	13	47%	22%	29%	2%
GOP	10	63%	23%	14%	0%
Dem.	13	32%	23%	41%	5%
Virginia	12	52%	19%	28%	1%
GOP	10	73%	15%	12%	0%
Dem.	13	33%	23%	42%	2%

[Q11.] Medical research: Research on: various physical and mental diseases, child health, aging, mapping of human DNA (\$33B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	32	52%	19%	28%	1%
GOP	30	69%	15%	16%	<1%
Dem.	33	36%	22%	40%	1%
Indep.	30	54%	19%	26%	1%
California	32	51%	15%	34%	<1%
GOP	30	67%	13%	20%	1%
Dem.	33	35%	18%	47%	0%
Florida	33	48%	22%	29%	<1%
GOP	30	67%	16%	17%	0%
Dem.	33	32%	20%	46%	1%
Maryland	33	36%	27%	37%	0%
GOP	32	52%	25%	22%	0%
Dem.	33	25%	29%	47%	0%
New York	33	46%	19%	35%	0%
GOP	30	63%	13%	24%	0%
Dem.	33	30%	24%	45%	1%
Ohio	30	60%	15%	24%	1%

GOP	30	75%	13%	12%	1%
Dem.	33	43%	18%	37%	2%
Oklahoma	33	48%	25%	27%	0%
 GOP	30	62%	24%	14%	0%
 Dem.	33	32%	26%	42%	0%
Texas	30	54%	18%	27%	2%
 GOP	30	69%	18%	13%	0%
 Dem.	33	41%	17%	37%	5%
Virginia	32	52%	20%	27%	1%
 GOP	30	67%	19%	14%	0%
 Dem.	33	37%	21%	40%	2%

[Q12.] International Aid Programs

[Q12a.] Humanitarian assistance: Food aid to malnourished people, assistance in the event of disasters, aid to refugees from political conflict (\$6B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	6	49%	28%	23%	1%
 GOP	5	66%	24%	10%	<1%
 Dem.	6	32%	33%	34%	1%
 Indep.	5	54%	25%	21%	1%
California	6	46%	30%	24%	<1%
 GOP	5	65%	25%	9%	1%
 Dem.	6	30%	36%	35%	0%
Florida	5	55%	21%	24%	<1%
 GOP	5	73%	18%	10%	0%
 Dem.	6	33%	31%	35%	1%
Maryland	6	40%	31%	29%	0%
 GOP	5	62%	29%	9%	0%
 Dem.	6	31%	31%	39%	0%
New York	6	40%	29%	31%	0%
 GOP	5	57%	28%	15%	0%
 Dem.	6	30%	29%	39%	1%
Ohio	5	52%	25%	22%	1%

GOP	5	59%	27%	14%	1%
Dem.	6	34%	30%	34%	2%
Oklahoma	6	46%	29%	24%	0%
GOP	5	58%	26%	17%	0%
Dem.	6	35%	33%	32%	0%
Texas	6	49%	27%	23%	2%
GOP	5	66%	23%	11%	0%
Dem.	6	29%	31%	36%	5%
Virginia	5.5	50%	30%	19%	1%
GOP	5	62%	29%	9%	0%
Dem.	6	34%	35%	28%	2%

[Q12b.] Development assistance: Aid to people in poverty to help them develop economically; providing loans, training, technology; the Peace Corps (\$11B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	10	67%	17%	16%	1%
GOP	7	85%	10%	5%	<1%
Dem.	11	49%	24%	27%	1%
Indep.	9	71%	14%	14%	1%
California	10	67%	19%	14%	<1%
GOP	7	83%	12%	4%	1%
Dem.	10	51%	24%	25%	0%
Florida	10	68%	16%	17%	<1%
GOP	7	89%	8%	3%	0%
Dem.	11	48%	23%	27%	1%
Maryland	10	55%	25%	20%	0%
GOP	8	83%	13%	4%	0%
Dem.	11	42%	33%	26%	0%
New York	10	59%	18%	22%	0%
GOP	8	85%	8%	7%	0%
Dem.	11	37%	29%	33%	1%
Ohio	10	68%	12%	19%	1%
GOP	8	78%	8%	13%	1%

Dem.	10	50%	18%	30%	2%
Oklahoma	10	66%	17%	17%	0%
GOP	8	81%	11%	8%	0%
Dem.	10	52%	22%	26%	0%
Texas	10	64%	19%	16%	2%
GOP	8	80%	14%	6%	0%
Dem.	10	49%	21%	25%	5%
Virginia	9	70%	15%	14%	1%
GOP	8	87%	7%	6%	0%
Dem.	10	51%	24%	23%	2%

[Q12c.] Global Health: Medical aid to people in poor countries, AIDS prevention, child survival, international efforts to prevent pandemics. (\$8B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	7	55%	26%	19%	1%
GOP	5	73%	20%	8%	<1%
Dem.	8	36%	33%	30%	1%
Indep.	6	61%	22%	17%	1%
California	7	51%	27%	22%	<1%
GOP	5	74%	16%	10%	1%
Dem.	8	31%	34%	35%	0%
Florida	6	61%	20%	19%	<1%
GOP	5	76%	18%	7%	0%
Dem.	8	44%	25%	29%	1%
Maryland	8	46%	29%	25%	0%
GOP	6	76%	17%	7%	0%
Dem.	8	32%	35%	33%	0%
New York	8	46%	26%	28%	0%
GOP	6	62%	23%	15%	0%
Dem.	8	32%	28%	38%	1%
Ohio	6	54%	22%	23%	1%
GOP	5	70%	18%	11%	1%
Dem.	8	27%	32%	39%	2%

Oklahoma	7	56%	27%	18%	0%
GOP	5	66%	24%	10%	0%
Dem.	8	47%	31%	23%	0%
Texas	7	53%	27%	19%	2%
GOP	5	70%	22%	8%	0%
Dem.	8	34%	32%	30%	5%
Virginia	7	59%	25%	15%	1%
GOP	5	76%	19%	5%	0%
Dem.	8	39%	32%	27%	2%

[Q12d.] Economic Support Fund: Economic development aid to countries of strategic concern to the U.S. such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Egypt. (\$6B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	5	73%	19%	7%	1%
GOP	4	83%	14%	4%	<1%
Dem.	5	62%	26%	11%	1%
Indep.	4	78%	15%	6%	1%
California	5	73%	20%	7%	<1%
GOP	4	82%	13%	4%	1%
Dem.	5	64%	27%	10%	0%
Florida	4	79%	14%	7%	<1%
GOP	4	85%	12%	4%	0%
Dem.	5	71%	19%	9%	1%
Maryland	5	66%	25%	9%	0%
GOP	4	78%	19%	3%	0%
Dem.	5	59%	29%	12%	0%
New York	5	65%	27%	8%	0%
GOP	4	82%	16%	2%	0%
Dem.	5	53%	33%	12%	1%
Ohio	4	78%	13%	9%	1%
GOP	4	82%	13%	5%	1%
Dem.	5	66%	16%	16%	2%

Oklahoma	5	72%	22%	6%	0%
GOP	4	81%	17%	2%	0%
Dem.	5	67%	26%	7%	0%
Texas	4	75%	16%	8%	2%
GOP	4	84%	13%	3%	0%
Dem.	5	65%	18%	13%	5%
Virginia	5	72%	20%	7%	1%
GOP	4	79%	19%	2%	0%
Dem.	5	59%	26%	13%	2%

[Q12e.] Military Aid: For countries of strategic interest to the U.S, primarily military equipment and weapons, approximately one-third to Israel. (\$7B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	5	63%	24%	13%	1%
GOP	6	59%	25%	15%	<1%
Dem.	5	65%	24%	10%	1%
Indep.	5	67%	20%	12%	1%
California	5	65%	22%	13%	<1%
GOP	6	56%	23%	19%	1%
Dem.	5	67%	22%	11%	0%
Florida	5	63%	27%	10%	<1%
GOP	5	67%	22%	11%	0%
Dem.	6	53%	34%	13%	1%
Maryland	6	63%	26%	11%	0%
GOP	6	58%	24%	17%	0%
Dem.	5	65%	26%	9%	0%
New York	6	61%	27%	12%	0%
GOP	5	61%	24%	15%	0%
Dem.	6	59%	31%	9%	1%
Ohio	5	66%	21%	12%	1%
GOP	5	65%	21%	14%	1%
Dem.	5	63%	25%	10%	2%

Oklahoma	6	58%	26%	15%	0%
GOP	6	53%	26%	21%	0%
Dem.	6	64%	27%	9%	0%
Texas	5	64%	22%	12%	2%
GOP	5	61%	24%	15%	0%
Dem.	5	65%	21%	10%	5%
Virginia	5	65%	24%	10%	1%
GOP	6	54%	31%	14%	0%
Dem.	5	66%	23%	9%	2%

[Q13.] State Department: To manage US diplomatic and economic relations with other countries, deal with international conflicts, maintain embassies. (\$11B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	10	63%	24%	12%	1%
GOP	10	72%	21%	7%	<1%
Dem.	10	53%	29%	16%	1%
Indep.	10	68%	20%	10%	1%
California	10	62%	24%	14%	<1%
GOP	10	70%	21%	8%	1%
Dem.	11	50%	30%	21%	0%
Florida	10	72%	18%	10%	<1%
GOP	9	79%	17%	4%	0%
Dem.	10	67%	21%	11%	1%
Maryland	10	61%	28%	11%	0%
GOP	10	75%	21%	5%	0%
Dem.	11	50%	35%	15%	0%
New York	10	61%	27%	12%	0%
GOP	10	70%	26%	4%	0%
Dem.	10	51%	31%	17%	1%
Ohio	10	66%	21%	13%	1%
GOP	10	68%	17%	14%	1%
Dem.	10	57%	25%	16%	2%
Oklahoma	10	68%	23%	9%	0%
GOP	10	77%	19%	4%	0%

Dem.	10	60%	28%	12%	0%
Texas	10	65%	24%	9%	2%
GOP	10	72%	24%	4%	0%
Dem.	10	54%	29%	12%	5%
Virginia	10	68%	20%	11%	1%
GOP	10	76%	20%	5%	0%
Dem.	10	56%	25%	17%	2%

[Q14.] International Organizations: United Nations, UN peacekeeping and other international organizations to deal with health, nuclear proliferation etc. (\$4B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	4	46%	33%	20%	1%
GOP	2	67%	25%	8%	<1%
Dem.	4	26%	42%	30%	1%
Indep.	3	51%	30%	17%	1%
California	4	42%	36%	22%	<1%
GOP	2	62%	26%	11%	1%
Dem.	4	21%	46%	33%	0%
Florida	3	53%	28%	18%	<1%
GOP	2	75%	20%	6%	0%
Dem.	4	33%	42%	24%	1%
Maryland	4	37%	41%	22%	0%
GOP	3	61%	33%	6%	0%
Dem.	4	23%	48%	29%	0%
New York	4	39%	38%	24%	0%
GOP	3	58%	38%	4%	0%
Dem.	4	24%	39%	36%	1%
Ohio	3	52%	25%	22%	1%
GOP	2	63%	18%	18%	1%
Dem.	4	32%	34%	32%	2%
Oklahoma	4	48%	34%	17%	0%
GOP	2	67%	27%	7%	0%
Dem.	4	31%	43%	26%	0%

Texas	4	46%	33%	20%	2%
GOP	2	68%	24%	8%	0%
Dem.	4	24%	41%	31%	5%

Virginia	4	48%	33%	18%	1%
GOP	3	64%	25%	11%	0%
Dem.	4	30%	43%	25%	2%

[Q15.] Environment and natural resources

[Q15a.] Land management: oversight of livestock grazing, mining, drilling and solar energy on public lands; wildlife protection; firefighting; protection of wetlands, water conservation (\$17B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	15	54%	22%	23%	1%
GOP	15	75%	15%	11%	<1%
Dem.	17	37%	29%	33%	1%
Indep.	16	53%	21%	25%	1%

California	17	50%	24%	26%	<1%
GOP	15	71%	18%	10%	1%
Dem.	17	35%	30%	35%	0%

Florida	15	57%	20%	23%	<1%
GOP	14	78%	10%	13%	0%
Dem.	17	48%	25%	27%	1%

Maryland	17	44%	31%	26%	0%
GOP	15	64%	22%	14%	0%
Dem.	17	32%	37%	31%	0%

New York	17	49%	23%	28%	0%
GOP	15	71%	12%	17%	0%
Dem.	17	34%	27%	38%	1%

Ohio	15	56%	21%	23%	1%
GOP	15	72%	15%	13%	1%
Dem.	17	37%	27%	34%	2%

Oklahoma	16	51%	28%	22%	0%
GOP	15	67%	23%	10%	0%

Dem.	17	32%	34%	34%	0%
Texas	15	55%	24%	20%	2%
GOP	15	67%	20%	13%	0%
Dem.	17	40%	29%	27%	5%
Virginia	15	58%	24%	16%	1%
GOP	15	72%	23%	5%	0%
Dem.	17	45%	26%	27%	2%

[Q15b.] Pollution control: monitoring pollution of air, water, and soil; enforcing regulations; cleaning up pollution and hazardous waste sites. (\$9B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	9	36%	24%	40%	1%
GOP	8	59%	22%	19%	<1%
Dem.	10	17%	25%	57%	1%
Indep.	9	34%	24%	41%	1%
California	9	31%	25%	44%	<1%
GOP	8	53%	26%	19%	1%
Dem.	10	14%	25%	60%	0%
Florida	9	40%	23%	37%	<1%
GOP	7	64%	19%	18%	0%
Dem.	9	26%	27%	46%	1%
Maryland	9	28%	28%	43%	0%
GOP	9	45%	29%	25%	0%
Dem.	10	15%	30%	55%	0%
New York	9	30%	24%	46%	0%
GOP	8	53%	16%	31%	0%
Dem.	10	14%	27%	58%	1%
Ohio	9	39%	22%	38%	1%
GOP	8	59%	21%	20%	0%
Dem.	10	17%	28%	53%	2%
Oklahoma	9	33%	27%	40%	0%
GOP	8	56%	22%	22%	0%
Dem.	10	11%	34%	56%	0%

Texas	9	40%	22%	36%	2%
GOP	8	62%	23%	16%	0%
Dem.	10	24%	18%	54%	5%

Virginia	9	34%	31%	33%	1%
GOP	8	55%	31%	14%	0%
Dem.	10	18%	30%	51%	2%

[Q16.] Housing Programs: for the elderly and people with low incomes (\$46B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	46	49%	20%	31%	1%
GOP	40	69%	16%	15%	<1%
Dem.	46	29%	24%	45%	1%
Indep.	45	51%	19%	29%	1%

California	46	47%	19%	34%	<1%
GOP	40	71%	12%	16%	1%
Dem.	46	27%	26%	48%	0%

Florida	45	50%	20%	30%	<1%
GOP	40	74%	13%	13%	0%
Dem.	46	33%	24%	42%	1%

Maryland	46	43%	26%	31%	0%
GOP	40	70%	18%	12%	0%
Dem.	46	27%	31%	42%	0%

New York	46	40%	19%	41%	0%
GOP	44	62%	16%	22%	0%
Dem.	46	28%	23%	49%	1%

Ohio	45	54%	16%	30%	1%
GOP	43	64%	17%	19%	1%
Dem.	46	36%	18%	44%	2%

Oklahoma	46	50%	22%	28%	0%
GOP	41	64%	20%	16%	0%
Dem.	46	36%	25%	40%	0%

Texas	45	52%	19%	28%	2%
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GOP	40	72%	14%	14%	0%
Dem.	46	33%	19%	43%	5%

Virginia	45	54%	23%	23%	1%
GOP	40	77%	12%	11%	0%
Dem.	46	31%	33%	35%	2%

[Q17.] Homeland Security: Border protection, TSA, immigration, and responding to disasters (\$48B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	48	47%	21%	31%	1%
GOP	48	39%	20%	41%	<1%
Dem.	45	52%	24%	23%	1%
Indep.	46	51%	19%	29%	1%

California	45	54%	17%	29%	<1%
GOP	48	38%	19%	42%	1%
Dem.	45	58%	21%	21%	0%

Florida	48	47%	20%	33%	<1%
GOP	48	42%	22%	36%	0%
Dem.	47	53%	26%	20%	1%

Maryland	48	46%	25%	29%	0%
GOP	48	36%	23%	41%	0%
Dem.	48	48%	26%	26%	0%

New York	48	42%	24%	34%	0%
GOP	49	27%	21%	52%	0%
Dem.	48	47%	25%	27%	1%

Ohio	48	49%	20%	31%	1%
GOP	48	47%	15%	38%	1%
Dem.	48	47%	28%	24%	2%

Oklahoma	48	47%	23%	30%	0%
GOP	48	42%	23%	36%	0%
Dem.	47	50%	26%	24%	0%

Texas	48	48%	23%	28%	2%
GOP	48	40%	23%	38%	0%
Dem.	45	56%	19%	21%	5%

Virginia	47	51%	21%	27%	1%
GOP	48	45%	18%	37%	0%
Dem.	45	55%	25%	18%	2%

[Q18.] Veterans' Benefits: medical care, home loans, and education for veterans (\$166B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	166	28%	26%	45%	1%
GOP	166	29%	27%	44%	<1%
Dem.	166	28%	27%	45%	1%
Indep.	166	28%	23%	48%	1%

California	166	31%	27%	42%	<1%
GOP	166	28%	27%	44%	1%
Dem.	166	30%	28%	43%	0%

Florida	166	31%	23%	46%	<1%
GOP	167	27%	21%	52%	0%
Dem.	166	33%	24%	42%	1%

Maryland	166	29%	32%	39%	0%
GOP	166	29%	35%	36%	0%
Dem.	166	28%	32%	41%	0%

New York	166	24%	32%	44%	0%
GOP	170	18%	26%	56%	0%
Dem.	166	28%	37%	34%	1%

Ohio	166	34%	23%	43%	1%
GOP	166	27%	25%	48%	1%
Dem.	166	40%	20%	39%	2%

Oklahoma	166	26%	29%	45%	0%
GOP	166	26%	31%	43%	0%
Dem.	166	24%	30%	46%	0%

Texas	166	29%	27%	43%	2%
GOP	166	27%	29%	44%	0%
Dem.	166	30%	25%	41%	5%

Virginia	166	31%	32%	35%	1%
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GOP	166	28%	39%	34%	0%
Dem.	166	31%	32%	35%	2%

[Q19.] Job training: retraining workers, helping them find jobs (\$7B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	7	36%	22%	41%	1%
GOP	6	55%	20%	25%	<1%
Dem.	8	20%	25%	54%	1%
Indep.	7	39%	20%	40%	1%

California	7	36%	21%	43%	<1%
GOP	6	51%	19%	29%	1%
Dem.	8	21%	26%	53%	0%

Florida	7	38%	20%	42%	<1%
GOP	6	62%	12%	26%	0%
Dem.	8	20%	23%	56%	1%

Maryland	7	29%	28%	43%	0%
GOP	6	55%	20%	25%	0%
Dem.	8	16%	32%	52%	0%

New York	7	30%	24%	47%	0%
GOP	7	47%	26%	28%	0%
Dem.	10	18%	19%	62%	1%

Ohio	7	40%	20%	39%	1%
GOP	7	47%	16%	36%	1%
Dem.	7	30%	24%	44%	2%

Oklahoma	7	36%	30%	34%	0%
GOP	6	55%	25%	20%	0%
Dem.	7	18%	36%	46%	0%

Texas	7	41%	19%	38%	2%
GOP	5	60%	18%	22%	0%
Dem.	8	23%	19%	54%	5%

Virginia	7	36%	28%	35%	1%
GOP	6	51%	26%	23%	0%
Dem.	7	20%	31%	47%	2%

[Q20.] Energy Conservation/Renewable Energy: Research and development of solar, wind, geothermal, etc.; improving energy efficiency; weatherproofing (\$3B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	3	31%	22%	47%	1%
GOP	2	53%	21%	26%	<1%
Dem.	5	13%	21%	65%	1%
Indep.	3	28%	23%	48%	1%
California	4	27%	22%	51%	<1%
GOP	2	51%	18%	30%	1%
Dem.	5	11%	21%	67%	0%
Florida	3	35%	18%	47%	<1%
GOP	2	56%	16%	28%	0%
Dem.	4	21%	22%	56%	1%
Maryland	3	21%	30%	50%	0%
GOP	3	41%	32%	27%	0%
Dem.	4	12%	30%	59%	0%
New York	5	23%	19%	58%	0%
GOP	3	43%	16%	40%	0%
Dem.	5	11%	18%	71%	1%
Ohio	3	33%	21%	45%	1%
GOP	3	47%	22%	30%	1%
Dem.	5	14%	21%	63%	2%
Oklahoma	3	31%	27%	42%	0%
GOP	3	50%	25%	26%	0%
Dem.	4	12%	32%	56%	0%
Texas	3	30%	21%	47%	2%
GOP	2	52%	24%	24%	0%
Dem.	5	15%	17%	64%	5%
Virginia	3	34%	24%	41%	1%
GOP	2	52%	28%	20%	0%
Dem.	5	19%	24%	55%	2%

[Q21.] Education

[Q21a.] Elementary and secondary education: aiding rural and urban school districts in poor areas, national testing, teacher training (\$32B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase
National	32	44%	19%	36%
GOP	30	64%	17%	19%
Dem.	33	25%	22%	52%
Indep.	32	47%	19%	33%
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California	32	43%	16%	41%
GOP	30	69%	12%	18%
Dem.	35	23%	19%	58%
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Florida	32	47%	21%	31%
GOP	28	72%	12%	16%
Dem.	33	22%	26%	50%
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Maryland	32	38%	24%	39%
GOP	30	64%	20%	16%
Dem.	32	25%	26%	49%
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New York	32	40%	21%	39%
GOP	30	58%	20%	22%
Dem.	32	31%	22%	46%
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Ohio	30	55%	15%	29%
GOP	29	70%	14%	16%
Dem.	32	37%	18%	44%
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Oklahoma	32	37%	22%	41%
GOP	31	51%	19%	30%
Dem.	33	23%	26%	51%
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Texas	32	43%	23%	33%
GOP	30	57%	26%	17%
Dem.	32	29%	21%	45%
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Virginia	32	44%	19%	36%
GOP	30	60%	18%	22%
Dem.	33	24%	24%	50%

[Q21b.] Special education for students with disabilities (\$13B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	13	32%	30%	38%	1%
GOP	13	46%	28%	25%	<1%
Dem.	13	19%	32%	48%	1%
Indep.	13	32%	27%	40%	1%
California	13	33%	28%	39%	<1%
GOP	12	52%	26%	21%	1%
Dem.	14	17%	29%	54%	0%
Florida	13	35%	30%	35%	<1%
GOP	12	51%	27%	23%	0%
Dem.	13	23%	30%	46%	1%
Maryland	13	25%	36%	38%	0%
GOP	13	43%	28%	28%	0%
Dem.	13	14%	41%	46%	0%
New York	13	30%	28%	42%	0%
GOP	13	38%	30%	31%	0%
Dem.	14	15%	30%	54%	1%
Ohio	13	38%	22%	39%	1%
GOP	13	49%	21%	29%	1%
Dem.	13	20%	29%	49%	2%
Oklahoma	13	32%	33%	35%	0%
GOP	13	43%	32%	25%	0%
Dem.	13	20%	36%	43%	0%
Texas	13	32%	27%	40%	2%
GOP	13	40%	31%	29%	0%
Dem.	13	26%	27%	43%	5%
Virginia	13	31%	32%	35%	1%
GOP	13	45%	31%	24%	0%
Dem.	13	18%	35%	45%	2%

[Q21c.] Higher education, primarily financial aid for college students; includes Pell Grants (\$28B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	28	42%	18%	39%	1%
GOP	25	65%	16%	18%	<1%
Dem.	30	22%	20%	57%	1%
Indep.	28	44%	19%	37%	1%
California	28	42%	15%	42%	<1%
GOP	20	68%	12%	19%	1%
Dem.	30	17%	21%	62%	0%
Florida	28	49%	18%	33%	<1%
GOP	22	73%	8%	20%	0%
Dem.	28	29%	22%	48%	1%
Maryland	28	36%	22%	42%	0%
GOP	25	58%	18%	24%	0%
Dem.	28	24%	27%	49%	0%
New York	28	34%	20%	45%	0%
GOP	25	56%	15%	29%	0%
Dem.	30	15%	26%	58%	1%
Ohio	28	48%	17%	34%	1%
GOP	25	67%	16%	17%	1%
Dem.	29	28%	18%	51%	2%
Oklahoma	28	39%	24%	37%	0%
GOP	25	57%	24%	19%	0%
Dem.	30	21%	24%	55%	0%
Texas	28	41%	20%	38%	2%
GOP	25	58%	23%	19%	0%
Dem.	30	25%	16%	55%	5%
Virginia	28	44%	21%	34%	1%
GOP	25	68%	21%	11%	0%
Dem.	30	18%	24%	56%	2%

[Q22.] Agriculture Subsidies

[Q22a.] Subsidies to small farmers (farms below 500 acres), provided on a regular annual basis (\$3B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	3	27%	30%	42%	1%
GOP	3	35%	29%	36%	<1%
Dem.	3	20%	31%	48%	1%
Indep.	3	27%	31%	41%	1%
California	3	28%	29%	43%	<1%
GOP	3	37%	29%	34%	1%
Dem.	4	22%	26%	52%	0%
Florida	3	29%	33%	38%	<1%
GOP	3	37%	30%	32%	0%
Dem.	3	21%	41%	37%	1%
Maryland	3	22%	37%	41%	0%
GOP	3	31%	38%	31%	0%
Dem.	3	17%	37%	46%	0%
New York	3	21%	29%	49%	0%
GOP	3	17%	39%	43%	0%
Dem.	4	20%	26%	54%	1%
Ohio	3	27%	28%	44%	1%
GOP	3	35%	23%	42%	1%
Dem.	3	19%	34%	45%	2%
Oklahoma	3	22%	35%	43%	0%
GOP	3	29%	34%	38%	0%
Dem.	3	15%	37%	48%	0%
Texas	3	26%	33%	40%	2%
GOP	3	36%	28%	36%	0%
Dem.	3	19%	35%	42%	5%
Virginia	3	29%	36%	35%	1%
GOP	3	32%	43%	25%	0%
Dem.	3	24%	33%	41%	2%

[Q22b.] Subsidies to agricultural corporations with large farms, and manufacturers of farming equipment and fertilizers (\$9B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	5	73%	14%	12%	1%
GOP	5	78%	12%	9%	<1%
Dem.	6	71%	15%	13%	1%
Indep.	6	69%	15%	15%	1%
California	5	73%	13%	14%	<1%
GOP	5	76%	11%	12%	1%
Dem.	5	73%	14%	12%	0%
Florida	5	74%	13%	12%	<1%
GOP	5	77%	16%	7%	0%
Dem.	6	71%	11%	17%	1%
Maryland	7	69%	20%	11%	0%
GOP	6	79%	16%	5%	0%
Dem.	7	66%	20%	14%	0%
New York	7	67%	15%	18%	0%
GOP	7	66%	21%	12%	0%
Dem.	7	65%	14%	21%	1%
Ohio	5	78%	11%	9%	1%
GOP	5	83%	10%	7%	1%
Dem.	5	74%	13%	11%	2%
Oklahoma	5	70%	17%	13%	0%
GOP	5	74%	18%	8%	0%
Dem.	6	67%	16%	18%	0%
Texas	6	68%	17%	14%	2%
GOP	5	76%	13%	11%	0%
Dem.	6	64%	17%	14%	5%
Virginia	6	69%	17%	12%	1%
GOP	5	75%	16%	9%	0%
Dem.	7	63%	19%	15%	2%

[Q23.] Defense

[Q23a.] Regular operations of military forces: purchasing weapons and equipment, developing new weapon systems, support for personnel, maintaining overseas bases (\$534B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	500	63%	15%	22%	1%
GOP	534	45%	19%	36%	<1%
Dem.	500	76%	11%	11%	1%
Indep.	500	66%	15%	18%	1%
California	500	66%	13%	21%	<1%
GOP	534	45%	16%	38%	1%
Dem.	500	75%	13%	12%	0%
Florida	500	66%	15%	19%	<1%
GOP	534	48%	20%	32%	0%
Dem.	500	77%	11%	11%	1%
Maryland	500	65%	20%	15%	0%
GOP	534	49%	21%	29%	0%
Dem.	500	70%	19%	11%	0%
New York	500	65%	17%	18%	0%
GOP	534	47%	22%	31%	0%
Dem.	500	75%	15%	9%	1%
Ohio	500	69%	12%	19%	1%
GOP	525	56%	12%	31%	1%
Dem.	500	75%	12%	11%	2%
Oklahoma	530	56%	19%	25%	0%
GOP	534	39%	25%	36%	0%
Dem.	500	72%	15%	14%	0%
Texas	525	57%	16%	25%	2%
GOP	534	38%	26%	36%	0%
Dem.	500	68%	10%	17%	5%
Virginia	525	60%	15%	24%	1%
GOP	534	42%	18%	40%	0%
Dem.	500	77%	12%	9%	2%

[Q23b.] Estimated cost of military operations in Afghanistan and against Islamic State in Iraq, 2016 (\$51B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	48	67%	17%	16%	1%
GOP	50	56%	19%	24%	<1%
Dem.	45	73%	15%	10%	1%
Indep.	45	72%	15%	13%	1%
California	45	72%	15%	13%	<1%
GOP	50	54%	20%	26%	1%
Dem.	44	76%	16%	9%	0%
Florida	45	74%	12%	13%	<1%
GOP	49	63%	15%	23%	0%
Dem.	47	79%	12%	8%	1%
Maryland	49	65%	21%	14%	0%
GOP	50	57%	22%	21%	0%
Dem.	48	67%	21%	12%	0%
New York	45	72%	14%	13%	0%
GOP	50	62%	16%	22%	0%
Dem.	45	74%	17%	8%	1%
Ohio	48	69%	15%	15%	1%
GOP	50	59%	16%	25%	1%
Dem.	48	72%	17%	10%	2%
Oklahoma	50	61%	21%	18%	0%
GOP	50	54%	26%	21%	0%
Dem.	48	71%	16%	13%	0%
Texas	49	62%	22%	15%	2%
GOP	50	51%	26%	24%	0%
Dem.	45	68%	17%	10%	5%
Virginia	50	67%	18%	13%	1%
GOP	50	59%	23%	19%	0%
Dem.	45	76%	14%	8%	2%

[Q23c.] Intelligence agencies: Gathering and analyzing information collected by spies and satellite systems; includes CIA, NSA, military intelligence (\$53B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
National	50	59%	20%	20%	1%
GOP	52	51%	24%	25%	<1%
Dem.	50	63%	19%	17%	1%
Indep.	50	63%	18%	18%	1%
California	50	63%	18%	18%	<1%
GOP	51	52%	21%	26%	1%
Dem.	50	65%	23%	12%	0%
Florida	50	57%	19%	24%	<1%
GOP	53	48%	23%	29%	0%
Dem.	50	58%	17%	25%	1%
Maryland	50	56%	24%	20%	0%
GOP	52	52%	21%	27%	0%
Dem.	50	54%	28%	18%	0%
New York	50	57%	19%	23%	0%
GOP	50	52%	24%	25%	0%
Dem.	50	59%	19%	21%	1%
Ohio	50	62%	18%	19%	1%
GOP	50	58%	17%	24%	1%
Dem.	50	61%	20%	18%	2%
Oklahoma	50	60%	24%	15%	0%
GOP	50	59%	26%	15%	0%
Dem.	50	59%	26%	15%	0%
Texas	50	55%	24%	20%	2%
GOP	53	48%	28%	24%	0%
Dem.	50	60%	17%	19%	5%
Virginia	50	59%	24%	15%	1%
GOP	51	53%	30%	17%	0%
Dem.	50	60%	24%	14%	2%

[Q23d.] Nuclear weapons upgrading, maintenance, and safety by the Energy Department (\$19B)

	Median	Decrease	Keep the Same	Increase	DK/Ref
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National	18	51%	26%	22%	1%
GOP	19	45%	28%	27%	<1%
Dem.	18	54%	26%	19%	1%
Indep.	18	54%	25%	19%	1%

California	18	52%	26%	22%	<1%
GOP	19	38%	26%	35%	1%
Dem.	18	55%	26%	19%	0%

Florida	18	56%	22%	22%	<1%
GOP	19	46%	25%	30%	0%
Dem.	17	58%	27%	13%	1%

Maryland	19	45%	33%	23%	0%
GOP	19	42%	30%	28%	0%
Dem.	19	46%	34%	20%	0%

New York	19	45%	29%	25%	0%
GOP	19	43%	27%	31%	0%
Dem.	18	50%	26%	24%	1%

Ohio	17	57%	21%	22%	1%
GOP	19	48%	20%	31%	1%
Dem.	17	60%	23%	15%	2%

Oklahoma	19	47%	29%	24%	0%
GOP	19	45%	28%	27%	0%
Dem.	19	49%	30%	21%	0%

Texas	19	46%	29%	23%	2%
GOP	19	43%	31%	26%	0%
Dem.	18	51%	24%	21%	5%

Virginia	18	52%	29%	18%	1%
GOP	19	43%	39%	19%	0%
Dem.	18	58%	23%	17%	2%

REVENUES

We will now turn to General Revenues or taxes. In a moment you will be able to adjust various forms of taxes. But first, we would like you to consider some issues about taxes.

REDUCING TAXES

The first is a debate on whether it is important to reduce taxes. Here are some arguments on this issue. For each one, please select whether you find it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q24.] For the economy to grow, it is important to reduce tax rates. There have been numerous cases when taxes were cut and the economy grew: under Kennedy in the 1960s, or when capital gains went down in 1997. All across the country businesses are being held back by high taxes from growing and creating more jobs. This makes investors hesitate from investing, because they are not confident they will get a good return. All this dampens the economy. Lower tax rates will energize the economy and free up the natural vitality of our system.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	32%	35%	67%	21%	11%	32%	1%
GOP	48%	37%	85%	12%	2%	14%	<1%
Dem.	17%	33%	50%	29%	20%	49%	<1%
Indep.	33%	38%	71%	19%	8%	27%	1%
California	32%	30%	62%	24%	13%	37%	<1%
GOP	56%	30%	86%	11%	2%	13%	1%
Dem.	15%	30%	45%	33%	22%	55%	0%
Florida	36%	30%	66%	21%	13%	34%	<1%
GOP	53%	29%	82%	13%	4%	17%	1%
Dem.	22%	28%	50%	31%	20%	51%	0%
Maryland	28%	36%	64%	22%	13%	35%	2%
GOP	49%	39%	88%	12%	0%	12%	0%
Dem.	19%	34%	53%	25%	21%	46%	2%
New York	32%	38%	70%	21%	9%	30%	<1%
GOP	50%	38%	88%	10%	2%	12%	0%
Dem.	19%	41%	60%	28%	13%	41%	0%
Ohio	35%	38%	73%	19%	8%	27%	1%
GOP	47%	39%	86%	12%	0%	12%	2%
Dem.	20%	37%	57%	24%	19%	43%	0%
Oklahoma	30%	36%	66%	24%	9%	33%	1%
GOP	44%	39%	83%	13%	3%	16%	1%
Dem.	14%	34%	48%	34%	17%	51%	1%
Texas	33%	37%	70%	17%	12%	29%	1%
GOP	53%	35%	88%	9%	3%	12%	0%
Dem.	18%	38%	56%	21%	23%	44%	1%

Virginia	27%	39%	66%	23%	10%	33%	1%
GOP	42%	41%	83%	14%	2%	16%	2%
Dem.	15%	33%	48%	32%	20%	52%	<1%

[Q25.] We still have a major deficit—it would be unwise and shortsighted to cut taxes, as this would add to the debt. It is a myth that lower taxes necessarily help the economy. In the 1950s and '60s taxes were far higher—yet the economy boomed and was better than at any time since. After 2001, when taxes were cut, the economy did not perform as well as in the 1990s when they were higher. What is most important is that we have a realistic and balanced approach that considers what we really need from government and what taxes are needed to pay for it.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	28%	39%	67%	21%	13%	34%	<1%
GOP	16%	34%	50%	28%	21%	49%	<1%
Dem.	40%	42%	82%	13%	4%	17%	0%
Indep.	22%	41%	63%	22%	15%	37%	0%
California	26%	41%	67%	21%	13%	33%	<1%
GOP	11%	33%	44%	31%	25%	56%	1%
Dem.	40%	44%	84%	12%	4%	16%	0%
Florida	27%	35%	62%	25%	13%	38%	<1%
GOP	18%	36%	54%	29%	18%	47%	1%
Dem.	38%	34%	72%	24%	4%	28%	0%
Maryland	34%	41%	75%	18%	7%	25%	1%
GOP	12%	43%	55%	29%	16%	44%	0%
Dem.	44%	41%	85%	12%	3%	15%	0%
New York	29%	41%	70%	18%	12%	30%	<1%
GOP	20%	30%	50%	33%	15%	48%	1%
Dem.	35%	47%	82%	11%	7%	18%	0%
Ohio	23%	46%	69%	17%	13%	30%	1%
GOP	14%	47%	61%	19%	20%	39%	0%
Dem.	36%	40%	76%	17%	5%	22%	2%
Oklahoma	31%	37%	68%	19%	11%	30%	1%
GOP	18%	35%	53%	26%	21%	47%	1%
Dem.	49%	34%	83%	11%	3%	14%	2%
Texas	31%	34%	65%	23%	13%	36%	<1%
GOP	18%	34%	52%	27%	21%	48%	0%

Dem.	51%	34%	85%	14%	1%	15%	0%
Virginia	25%	44%	69%	19%	10%	29%	1%
GOP	10%	46%	56%	27%	15%	42%	2%
Dem.	44%	43%	87%	9%	4%	13%	<1%

Another debate is about what the income tax rate should be for people with very high incomes.

PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAXES

Here are two arguments on this issue. For each one, please select whether you find it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q26.] Over the last several decades, the wealth of most Americans has barely grown at all, even though Americans workers have become far more productive. Meanwhile, the wealth of the people in the top brackets has grown by leaps and bounds, so that the top 1% now has more wealth than the entire bottom 80%. A key reason is that taxes on upper incomes have been cut and are far lower than they were just decades ago, as well as being lower than they are in most developed democracies. It's great that the wealthy have succeeded, but it is only fair that they pay their share—and they can afford it.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	54%	22%	76%	13%	10%	23%	1%
GOP	32%	25%	57%	22%	21%	43%	1%
Dem.	74%	19%	93%	5%	2%	7%	1%
Indep.	50%	25%	75%	14%	10%	24%	1%
California	54%	21%	75%	14%	11%	25%	1%
GOP	31%	17%	48%	25%	26%	51%	1%
Dem.	72%	18%	90%	7%	1%	8%	1%
Florida	55%	19%	74%	13%	12%	25%	1%
GOP	28%	28%	56%	21%	22%	43%	1%
Dem.	79%	14%	93%	5%	2%	7%	0%
Maryland	60%	23%	83%	11%	5%	16%	1%
GOP	40%	28%	69%	17%	13%	31%	1%
Dem.	71%	20%	91%	6%	1%	7%	2%
New York	62%	21%	83%	10%	7%	17%	0%
GOP	37%	29%	66%	20%	14%	34%	0%
Dem.	74%	21%	95%	4%	2%	6%	0%
Ohio	51%	27%	78%	10%	11%	21%	1%
GOP	37%	30%	68%	13%	18%	31%	1%
Dem.	65%	24%	89%	5%	5%	10%	0%

Oklahoma	55%	23%	78%	14%	7%	21%	2%
GOP	32%	33%	65%	23%	12%	35%	0%
Dem.	80%	10%	90%	5%	2%	7%	3%
Texas	53%	22%	75%	11%	13%	24%	1%
GOP	39%	16%	54%	16%	28%	44%	0%
Dem.	70%	23%	93%	5%	1%	6%	2%
Virginia	50%	26%	76%	13%	8%	21%	2%
GOP	36%	28%	64%	18%	16%	34%	3%
Dem.	65%	26%	91%	7%	1%	8%	<1%

[Q27.] The people in the top already pay a lot. In reality, the one in ten who are best off are paying two-thirds of the amount the federal government collects in income tax—and the top tax rate already went up in 2013. Furthermore, people with high incomes play an important role in the economy. Because they are the ones that have amassed capital, they can take the risk to create new businesses that hire people. With the economy still recovering, this is no time to pursue more ‘soak the rich’ policies. We want to encourage them to invest and create jobs.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	21%	26%	47%	24%	28%	52%	<1%
GOP	36%	34%	70%	20%	10%	30%	1%
Dem.	8%	20%	28%	27%	44%	71%	<1%
Indep.	19%	26%	45%	27%	27%	54%	<1%
California	18%	26%	44%	22%	34%	56%	1%
GOP	37%	32%	69%	19%	11%	30%	1%
Dem.	6%	23%	29%	23%	48%	71%	1%
Florida	23%	27%	50%	23%	27%	50%	1%
GOP	43%	31%	74%	20%	6%	26%	0%
Dem.	10%	21%	31%	25%	44%	69%	0%
Maryland	17%	25%	42%	27%	29%	56%	2%
GOP	33%	34%	67%	24%	8%	32%	2%
Dem.	9%	15%	24%	31%	41%	72%	3%
New York	20%	26%	46%	25%	29%	54%	<1%
GOP	32%	32%	64%	19%	16%	35%	0%
Dem.	11%	25%	36%	30%	34%	64%	1%
Ohio	21%	28%	49%	24%	26%	50%	<1%
GOP	34%	36%	70%	17%	13%	30%	0%

Dem.	10%	22%	32%	28%	41%	69%	0%
Oklahoma	20%	29%	49%	27%	23%	50%	2%
GOP	31%	37%	68%	23%	10%	33%	0%
Dem.	9%	22%	31%	31%	34%	65%	4%
Texas	25%	30%	55%	22%	24%	46%	<1%
GOP	43%	30%	73%	17%	11%	28%	0%
Dem.	10%	30%	40%	23%	37%	60%	0%
Virginia	20%	29%	49%	30%	20%	50%	1%
GOP	30%	34%	64%	29%	6%	35%	1%
Dem.	12%	23%	35%	31%	34%	65%	1%

Another debate is about whether taxes should be used to discourage certain things that create costs for society, such as the use of tobacco and alcohol, or the production of pollutants.

USING TAXES TO DISCOURAGE CERTAIN THINGS

Here are two arguments on this issue. For each one, please select whether you find it convincing or unconvincing:

[Q28.] Let's face it: taxes are no fun. So, it makes sense to use taxes to discourage things that can be harmful and create costs for society that taxpayers end up paying for. Tobacco should be taxed to discourage smoking and reduce related healthcare costs. Alcohol should be taxed to discourage excessive drinking and reduce drunk driving accidents. Pollution should be taxed to discourage things that hurt the environment and public health, and to encourage alternatives. Every dollar raised this way is a dollar that doesn't have to be taken out of working people's paychecks.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	33%	33%	66%	18%	16%	34%	1%
GOP	24%	27%	52%	23%	25%	48%	1%
Dem.	42%	38%	80%	13%	7%	20%	<1%
Indep.	30%	32%	62%	18%	20%	38%	0%
California	34%	29%	63%	19%	19%	38%	<1%
GOP	19%	24%	43%	26%	31%	57%	0%
Dem.	48%	31%	79%	14%	7%	21%	<1%
Florida	32%	33%	65%	17%	18%	35%	<1%
GOP	24%	30%	54%	20%	25%	45%	1%
Dem.	43%	35%	78%	15%	8%	23%	0%
Maryland	38%	38%	76%	14%	10%	24%	1%

GOP	35%	32%	67%	15%	18%	33%	1%
Dem.	39%	41%	80%	12%	7%	19%	<1%
New York	36%	35%	71%	18%	11%	29%	1%
GOP	23%	27%	50%	27%	20%	47%	2%
Dem.	41%	43%	84%	13%	3%	16%	0%
Ohio	27%	33%	60%	20%	17%	37%	4%
GOP	22%	28%	50%	22%	20%	42%	8%
Dem.	37%	42%	79%	12%	10%	22%	0%
Oklahoma	35%	31%	66%	21%	12%	33%	2%
GOP	28%	29%	57%	25%	16%	41%	1%
Dem.	43%	31%	74%	16%	8%	24%	2%
Texas	28%	39%	67%	18%	16%	34%	0%
GOP	23%	30%	53%	22%	26%	48%	0%
Dem.	36%	49%	85%	11%	4%	15%	0%
Virginia	33%	35%	68%	18%	14%	32%	1%
GOP	29%	29%	58%	23%	18%	41%	2%
Dem.	37%	41%	78%	16%	6%	22%	<1%

[Q29.] Government should not be in the business of trying to regulate people’s behavior through taxes. That leads to a nanny state, imposing its ideas about personal virtue on individuals, and poking into our private affairs. It also can mean imposing more taxes on people with modest incomes: for example, making someone who has a long commute pay more to get to work. Also this kind of thing makes the tax code much more complex and favors some industries over others. We should use the tax code to raise revenues in the most efficient, pro-growth way.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	34%	31%	65%	22%	14%	36%	<1%
GOP	47%	29%	76%	16%	8%	24%	1%
Dem.	21%	32%	53%	27%	20%	47%	1%
Indep.	37%	33%	70%	19%	11%	30%	0%
California	32%	27%	59%	24%	17%	41%	1%
GOP	45%	29%	74%	17%	8%	25%	1%
Dem.	16%	28%	44%	32%	23%	55%	1%
Florida	36%	27%	63%	22%	16%	38%	0%
GOP	50%	25%	75%	13%	12%	25%	0%
Dem.	22%	30%	52%	29%	20%	49%	0%

Maryland	27%	32%	59%	28%	11%	39%	1%
GOP	35%	40%	75%	19%	6%	24%	0%
Dem.	21%	28%	49%	33%	17%	50%	2%
New York	32%	35%	67%	22%	11%	33%	0%
GOP	47%	27%	74%	23%	3%	26%	0%
Dem.	21%	38%	59%	23%	18%	41%	0%
Ohio	33%	34%	67%	19%	12%	30%	3%
GOP	41%	31%	72%	13%	9%	22%	6%
Dem.	23%	35%	58%	27%	16%	43%	0%
Oklahoma	31%	35%	66%	21%	11%	31%	2%
GOP	39%	34%	73%	18%	7%	25%	2%
Dem.	21%	35%	56%	26%	16%	42%	2%
Texas	35%	33%	68%	19%	13%	32%	<1%
GOP	52%	24%	75%	14%	11%	25%	0%
Dem.	22%	39%	61%	23%	16%	39%	0%
Virginia	32%	33%	65%	25%	10%	35%	1%
GOP	42%	29%	71%	23%	5%	28%	1%
Dem.	23%	33%	56%	28%	16%	44%	<1%

The first revenue area for you to make choices will be about personal income taxes—the biggest source of revenues.

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

The next screen shows the average *effective income tax rates* for people with different levels of income. These are lower than a person's marginal tax bracket, which you may have heard about. The effective tax rate shown is the percentage of their adjusted gross income that people actually pay, after exemptions, credits and deductions.

This only deals with income tax, not payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare.

The lowest income level shown is \$30,000. While those with less income pay payroll taxes, they typically pay little or no income tax.

As you may know, before 2013 there was much discussion about whether the temporary income tax cuts that were put in place in 2001 and 2003 should be made permanent. In 2013 Congress voted to make these income tax cuts permanent on all income below \$400,000 (or \$450,000 for a married couple filing jointly). The tax rate on income above \$400,000 was increased.

The table will give you the opportunity to keep the rates currently in place, or to increase or reduce the effective rates for one or more income category. Each selection shows how much revenue it would generate, if any.

For example, if you want to increase the 2016 effective tax rate for people with incomes from \$100,000 to \$200,000 by 5%, you would select the option indicated in the example below, increasing their effective tax rate by 0.6% from 12.7% to 13.3%, increasing government revenues by \$13.9 billion and reducing the deficit by that amount.

	Avg. effective tax rate	Decrease effective tax rate by (%)				No change	Increase effective tax rate by (%)			
		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%		+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%
\$100,000 - \$200,000	12.7%	10.2%	10.8%	11.4%	12.1%	12.7%	13.3%	14.0%	14.6%	15.2%
Effect on Revenue		-\$55.7B	-\$41.8B	-\$27.9B	-\$13.9B	\$0B	+\$13.9B	+\$27.9B	+\$41.8B	+\$55.7B

If, on the other hand, you wanted to keep their taxes at their current levels, you would need to choose no change as indicated below.

	Avg. effective tax rate	Decrease effective tax rate by (%)				No change	Increase effective tax rate by (%)			
		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%		+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%
\$100,000 - \$200,000	12.7%	10.2%	10.8%	14.4%	12.1%	12.7%	13.3%	14.0%	14.6%	15.2%
Effect on Revenue		-\$55.7B	-\$41.8B	-\$27.9B	-\$13.9B	\$0B	+\$13.9B	+\$27.9B	+\$41.8B	+\$55.7B

Remember to please select one of the options for each of tax brackets indicated below.¹

Q30a.	6.7%	5.4%	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%	6.7%	7.0%	7.4%	7.7%	8.0%
\$30,000 - \$40,000										
Effect on Revenue		-\$4.8B	-\$3.6B	-\$2.4B	-\$1.2B	\$0B	+\$1.2B	+\$2.4B	+\$3.6B	+\$4.6B

	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/Ref
National	13%	5%	10%	19%	39%	7%	2%	1%	2%	3%
 GOP	10%	4%	9%	20%	40%	9%	3%	<1%	3%	3%
 Dems	14%	7%	10%	19%	39%	5%	1%	1%	<1%	4%
 Indep.	16%	5%	9%	18%	38%	8%	1%	<1%	2%	3%
California	13%	8%	7%	20%	39%	5%	2%	<1%	2%	4%
 GOP	13%	4%	9%	17%	39%	9%	3%	0%	5%	1%
 Dems	11%	11%	7%	22%	38%	4%	1%	<1%	<1%	6%
Florida	12%	4%	12%	21%	37%	9%	0%	2%	1%	3%
 GOP	13%	4%	14%	20%	34%	12%	1%	1%	1%	1%
 Dems	8%	5%	11%	22%	39%	6%	0%	4%	1%	6%
Maryland	13%	2%	2%	32%	31%	1%	1%	0%	0%	19%
 GOP	22%	0%	0%	38%	30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%

¹ For Maryland and Oklahoma, for question's Q30a through Q3h, approximately three quarters of the sample were inadvertently presented inaccurate information about the revenues generated by various effective tax rates that may have affected responses. Thus, for these questions only, the responses of the sample that received the correct information are presented and the sample size is substantially smaller.

Dems	9%	4%	4%	29%	31%	3%	1%	0%	0%	20%
New York	13%	3%	13%	18%	38%	8%	2%	1%	2%	2%
GOP	12%	2%	14%	15%	38%	8%	7%	0%	2%	1%
Dems	13%	4%	14%	20%	37%	6%	1%	2%	1%	3%
Ohio	12%	7%	10%	18%	40%	6%	3%	<1%	1%	3%
GOP	12%	3%	11%	22%	39%	5%	5%	1%	2%	3%
Dems	13%	7%	10%	13%	47%	5%	2%	0%	0%	3%
Oklahoma	23%	3%	9%	6%	39%	3%	1%	0%	4%	12%
GOP	15%	4%	9%	8%	40%	4%	0%	0%	6%	15%
Dems	22%	2%	11%	6%	46%	4%	2%	0%	4%	6%
Texas	15%	5%	6%	16%	44%	7%	1%	<1%	3%	3%
GOP	11%	5%	6%	18%	46%	7%	1%	0%	3%	3%
Dems	17%	8%	6%	16%	41%	8%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Virginia	9%	5%	8%	21%	43%	6%	2%	1%	2%	5%
GOP	6%	3%	7%	22%	46%	8%	1%	1%	2%	4%
Dems	9%	6%	10%	17%	43%	4%	2%	<1%	2%	7%

Q30b. \$40,000 - \$50,000 Effect on Revenue	7.4%	5.9%	6.3%	6.7%	7.0%	7.4%	7.8%	8.1%	8.5%	8.9%
		-\$6.2B	-\$4.7B	-\$3.1B	-\$1.6B	\$0B	+\$1.6B	+\$3.1B	+\$4.7B	+\$6.2B

	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/ Ref
National	8%	6%	9%	20%	40%	9%	2%	1%	2%	3%
GOP	8%	4%	8%	21%	40%	11%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Dems	8%	7%	11%	21%	40%	8%	1%	<1%	1%	4%
Indep.	11%	6%	9%	18%	40%	9%	2%	<1%	2%	4%
California	9%	7%	8%	20%	41%	8%	3%	<1%	1%	3%
GOP	9%	6%	9%	17%	39%	13%	4%	0%	2%	2%
Dems	5%	8%	9%	23%	42%	5%	3%	0%	<1%	6%
Florida	9%	4%	8%	24%	37%	12%	2%	<1%	1%	3%
GOP	13%	4%	8%	22%	37%	11%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Dems	3%	5%	10%	26%	34%	12%	3%	0%	1%	7%
Maryland	5%	6%	5%	28%	36%	2%	1%	0%	0%	18%

GOP	3%	14%	0%	35%	35%	3%	0%	0%	0%	11%
Dems	5%	1%	9%	27%	35%	3%	1%	0%	0%	19%
New York	8%	6%	11%	19%	41%	8%	2%	<1%	2%	3%
GOP	9%	5%	7%	18%	43%	11%	4%	0%	1%	1%
Dems	8%	5%	13%	21%	41%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Ohio	9%	6%	10%	21%	40%	7%	3%	<1%	0%	3%
GOP	10%	2%	8%	27%	40%	5%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Dems	6%	9%	9%	18%	42%	10%	2%	0%	0%	3%
Oklahoma	14%	5%	7%	11%	39%	7%	2%	2%	3%	12%
GOP	13%	6%	4%	11%	31%	13%	4%	0%	4%	16%
Dems	8%	6%	9%	8%	55%	2%	0%	4%	4%	6%
Texas	10%	7%	8%	15%	42%	10%	2%	<1%	4%	2%
GOP	6%	6%	8%	19%	44%	9%	1%	0%	5%	2%
Dems	11%	10%	8%	14%	41%	10%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Virginia	4%	7%	8%	20%	44%	6%	3%	<1%	2%	5%
GOP	2%	7%	7%	25%	43%	6%	5%	1%	2%	4%
Dems	3%	7%	11%	17%	46%	6%	0%	0%	2%	8%

Q30c.	8.6%	6.9%	7.3%	7.7%	8.2%	8.6%	9.0%	9.5%	9.9%	10.3%
\$50,000 - \$75,000										
Effect on Revenue		-\$19.1B	-\$14.3B	-\$9.6B	-\$4.8B	\$0B	+\$4.8B	+\$9.6B	+\$14.3B	+\$19.1B

		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/ Ref
National	7%	4%	8%	17%	42%	14%	3%	1%	1%	3%	
GOP	7%	4%	7%	18%	40%	15%	3%	2%	2%	3%	
Dems	5%	4%	9%	17%	44%	13%	2%	1%	1%	4%	
Indep.	10%	4%	8%	16%	40%	14%	2%	1%	2%	4%	
California	8%	4%	7%	17%	43%	14%	2%	<1%	1%	4%	
GOP	11%	4%	7%	18%	34%	19%	2%	1%	2%	2%	
Dems	4%	4%	9%	17%	48%	10%	4%	0%	<1%	5%	
Florida	7%	3%	8%	16%	43%	14%	3%	1%	<1%	3%	
GOP	9%	6%	9%	14%	42%	15%	2%	2%	1%	1%	
Dems	3%	3%	11%	13%	44%	15%	4%	1%	0%	7%	

Maryland	3%	2%	3%	26%	36%	10%	1%	0%	1%	18%
GOP	3%	0%	0%	35%	32%	14%	5%	0%	0%	11%
Dems	1%	3%	3%	24%	39%	9%	0%	0%	3%	19%
New York	7%	3%	11%	15%	43%	11%	3%	2%	2%	4%
GOP	10%	3%	5%	15%	41%	14%	5%	2%	0%	4%
Dems	6%	3%	12%	19%	41%	11%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Ohio	7%	5%	7%	19%	40%	15%	3%	2%	1%	2%
GOP	6%	5%	4%	24%	42%	13%	4%	1%	0%	2%
Dems	7%	4%	7%	15%	41%	19%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Oklahoma	14%	3%	6%	15%	36%	12%	2%	0%	3%	10%
GOP	17%	6%	0%	13%	32%	13%	4%	0%	4%	11%
Dems	4%	0%	11%	15%	48%	11%	2%	0%	4%	6%
Texas	8%	5%	8%	15%	40%	14%	3%	3%	3%	3%
GOP	5%	3%	11%	18%	44%	9%	1%	2%	4%	2%
Dems	9%	8%	6%	14%	38%	17%	3%	3%	1%	1%
Virginia	5%	3%	10%	16%	39%	18%	3%	<1%	1%	5%
GOP	4%	4%	8%	19%	39%	20%	3%	0%	1%	3%
Dems	4%	2%	13%	15%	39%	16%	3%	0%	0%	8%

Q30d. \$75,000 - \$100,000 Effect on Revenue	9.6%	7.7%	8.2%	8.6%	9.1%	9.6%	10.1%	10.6%	11.0%	11.5%
		-\$20.5B	-\$15.4B	-\$10.3B	-\$5.1B	\$0B	+\$5.1B	+\$10.3B	+\$15.4B	+\$20.5

	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/ Ref
National	5%	3%	5%	14%	39%	22%	5%	1%	2%	4%
GOP	6%	4%	6%	14%	39%	21%	5%	1%	2%	3%
Dems	4%	3%	5%	13%	41%	21%	6%	1%	2%	4%
Indep.	8%	3%	5%	14%	34%	25%	4%	1%	3%	4%
California	9%	3%	5%	12%	37%	24%	4%	<1%	2%	3%
GOP	13%	3%	7%	13%	30%	26%	4%	1%	2%	1%
Dems	4%	3%	5%	12%	41%	19%	6%	1%	3%	5%
Florida	6%	1%	6%	12%	41%	21%	6%	2%	<1%	3%
GOP	8%	2%	9%	12%	40%	21%	4%	2%	1%	1%

Dems	4%	2%	3%	11%	41%	23%	4%	3%	0%	8%
Maryland	2%	1%	1%	20%	29%	21%	6%	2%	1%	17%
GOP	0%	3%	0%	16%	45%	18%	3%	5%	0%	11%
Dems	1%	0%	3%	15%	31%	27%	3%	1%	1%	18%
New York	4%	2%	5%	14%	41%	21%	3%	2%	4%	5%
GOP	6%	2%	5%	11%	38%	28%	1%	0%	3%	5%
Dems	3%	2%	5%	16%	41%	17%	5%	3%	3%	5%
Ohio	8%	3%	3%	15%	40%	19%	5%	2%	3%	4%
GOP	5%	3%	5%	12%	48%	17%	6%	1%	0%	4%
Dems	9%	1%	0%	17%	39%	23%	4%	0%	3%	5%
Oklahoma	9%	3%	5%	8%	26%	31%	4%	0%	2%	12%
GOP	6%	2%	11%	11%	26%	24%	4%	0%	0%	17%
Dems	4%	4%	0%	8%	25%	43%	6%	0%	4%	8%
Texas	4%	4%	5%	16%	37%	20%	5%	1%	4%	4%
GOP	4%	2%	8%	21%	41%	13%	4%	0%	4%	4%
Dems	3%	7%	3%	14%	38%	23%	5%	1%	4%	3%
Virginia	4%	2%	6%	17%	35%	23%	6%	1%	1%	5%
GOP	4%	3%	9%	16%	35%	24%	5%	2%	1%	3%
Dems	1%	0%	5%	19%	38%	19%	8%	1%	1%	8%

Q30e.	12.7%	10.2%	10.8%	11.4%	12.1%	12.7%	13.3%	14.0%	14.6%	15.2%
\$100,000 - \$200,000										
Effect on Revenue		-\$55.7B	-\$41.8B	-\$27.9B	-\$13.9B	\$0B	+\$13.9B	+\$27.9B	+\$41.8B	+\$55.7B

		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/Ref
National	5%	2%	4%	8%	29%	32%	10%	3%	4%	4%	
GOP	7%	3%	5%	10%	33%	28%	7%	2%	2%	3%	
Dems	2%	2%	3%	7%	27%	36%	12%	3%	4%	4%	
Indep.	7%	2%	3%	9%	27%	31%	11%	3%	4%	3%	
California	6%	2%	3%	10%	28%	34%	8%	3%	3%	4%	
GOP	11%	1%	7%	13%	26%	28%	7%	3%	2%	3%	
Dems	1%	2%	2%	6%	27%	41%	9%	4%	3%	6%	
Florida	2%	3%	5%	9%	32%	33%	8%	4%	2%	3%	
GOP	4%	2%	6%	11%	34%	30%	8%	2%	1%	1%	

Dems	1%	4%	3%	8%	26%	35%	8%	4%	4%	6%
Maryland	2%	2%	1%	8%	24%	36%	5%	1%	5%	17%
GOP	0%	3%	0%	11%	31%	42%	3%	0%	6%	6%
Dems	0%	1%	0%	6%	22%	46%	4%	1%	4%	17%
New York	3%	4%	5%	6%	29%	33%	10%	2%	6%	3%
GOP	6%	4%	6%	8%	24%	37%	6%	2%	3%	4%
Dems	3%	4%	6%	6%	28%	31%	12%	3%	5%	3%
Ohio	6%	2%	3%	10%	28%	32%	9%	4%	2%	4%
GOP	6%	3%	3%	11%	30%	34%	6%	3%	1%	4%
Dems	3%	1%	3%	6%	32%	34%	12%	3%	1%	4%
Oklahoma	9%	1%	2%	8%	18%	29%	15%	5%	2%	12%
GOP	9%	2%	2%	13%	24%	26%	6%	0%	0%	19%
Dems	2%	0%	2%	6%	11%	32%	26%	11%	4%	6%
Texas	4%	4%	4%	9%	30%	30%	8%	4%	7%	2%
GOP	4%	2%	4%	13%	42%	24%	4%	3%	4%	1%
Dems	1%	7%	5%	8%	22%	38%	10%	3%	7%	1%
Virginia	3%	3%	3%	9%	25%	32%	14%	2%	4%	5%
GOP	4%	2%	3%	12%	35%	28%	10%	3%	1%	3%
Dems	<1%	3%	4%	8%	19%	37%	17%	2%	4%	7%

Q3of.	19.7%	15.8%	16.7%	17.7%	18.7%	19.7%	20.7%	21.7%	22.7%	23.6%
\$200,000 - \$500,000										
Effect on Revenue		-\$50.1B	-\$37.6B	-\$25.1B	-\$12.5B	\$0B	+\$12.5B	+\$25.1B	+\$37.6B	+\$50.1B

		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/Ref
National	5%	2%	3%	6%	17%	32%	19%	8%	6%	3%	
GOP	7%	1%	4%	10%	23%	30%	14%	5%	3%	3%	
Dems	2%	2%	2%	4%	13%	34%	23%	9%	8%	4%	
Indep.	5%	2%	2%	7%	17%	31%	18%	8%	7%	3%	
California	6%	1%	2%	5%	17%	34%	18%	7%	7%	4%	
GOP	12%	0%	4%	11%	19%	31%	11%	5%	3%	2%	
Dems	1%	0%	1%	2%	11%	38%	24%	6%	10%	7%	
Florida	2%	2%	4%	6%	16%	34%	19%	8%	5%	4%	

GOP	4%	1%	6%	10%	25%	29%	16%	6%	3%	1%
Dems	2%	0%	5%	5%	8%	34%	22%	8%	8%	8%
Maryland	3%	1%	0%	3%	12%	32%	18%	7%	7%	17%
GOP	3%	3%	0%	8%	8%	35%	24%	0%	11%	8%
Dems	1%	0%	0%	1%	14%	33%	20%	10%	4%	17%
New York	3%	1%	4%	4%	17%	28%	25%	7%	8%	3%
GOP	2%	3%	5%	7%	19%	33%	21%	1%	6%	3%
Dems	3%	1%	4%	4%	16%	25%	27%	9%	9%	4%
Ohio	7%	2%	1%	6%	18%	32%	19%	8%	5%	4%
GOP	8%	1%	3%	5%	19%	38%	15%	8%	1%	4%
Dems	5%	2%	0%	3%	17%	33%	23%	7%	5%	5%
Oklahoma	7%	0%	1%	5%	15%	31%	14%	9%	8%	10%
GOP	6%	0%	2%	8%	33%	33%	4%	2%	0%	14%
Dems	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	30%	26%	15%	19%	6%
Texas	3%	1%	3%	8%	20%	31%	14%	8%	9%	3%
GOP	3%	1%	4%	13%	28%	34%	8%	5%	4%	1%
Dems	1%	2%	2%	5%	15%	31%	21%	12%	9%	3%
Virginia	5%	2%	1%	6%	17%	30%	24%	8%	4%	4%
GOP	4%	2%	1%	8%	21%	30%	20%	9%	3%	4%
Dems	3%	1%	<1%	4%	15%	28%	28%	8%	5%	5%

Q30g. \$500,000 - \$1 million Effect on Revenue	25.9%	20.7%	22.0%	23.3%	24.5%	25.9%	27.2%	28.5%	29.8%	31.1%
		-\$25.2B	-\$18.9B	-\$12.6B	-\$6.3B	\$0B	+\$6.3B	+\$12.6B	+\$18.9B	+\$25.2B

		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/Ref
National	5%	2%	2%	5%	14%	22%	20%	14%	13%	3%	
GOP	8%	2%	3%	8%	20%	24%	17%	9%	7%	3%	
Dems	2%	2%	1%	2%	9%	23%	22%	18%	18%	4%	
Indep.	6%	1%	2%	5%	16%	18%	21%	14%	15%	3%	
California	6%	1%	2%	5%	14%	21%	18%	17%	14%	3%	
GOP	13%	2%	4%	10%	17%	20%	17%	9%	6%	2%	
Dems	1%	1%	<1%	2%	7%	22%	20%	21%	18%	6%	

Florida	3%	2%	5%	5%	15%	26%	16%	13%	12%	4%
GOP	4%	1%	6%	8%	20%	29%	15%	12%	6%	1%
Dems	1%	1%	7%	3%	6%	25%	15%	15%	19%	8%
Maryland	1%	0%	0%	1%	4%	33%	19%	13%	11%	18%
GOP	3%	0%	0%	3%	3%	38%	19%	14%	11%	11%
Dems	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	34%	24%	11%	11%	18%
New York	4%	1%	2%	2%	15%	22%	17%	19%	15%	3%
GOP	3%	4%	3%	1%	17%	29%	27%	8%	6%	2%
Dems	4%	1%	2%	2%	12%	24%	13%	19%	20%	4%
Ohio	7%	2%	2%	4%	15%	21%	21%	14%	10%	4%
GOP	8%	1%	4%	5%	18%	27%	20%	10%	4%	3%
Dems	6%	1%	1%	3%	14%	19%	22%	19%	14%	3%
Oklahoma	7%	0%	0%	3%	12%	26%	9%	9%	22%	13%
GOP	6%	0%	0%	2%	23%	38%	8%	6%	2%	17%
Dems	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	21%	11%	15%	42%	6%
Texas	3%	4%	2%	5%	14%	24%	21%	9%	16%	2%
GOP	3%	6%	3%	8%	19%	29%	16%	6%	9%	2%
Dems	1%	4%	1%	2%	9%	26%	25%	15%	17%	1%
Virginia	4%	2%	1%	5%	16%	23%	18%	18%	9%	5%
GOP	3%	2%	2%	9%	20%	19%	17%	19%	6%	4%
Dems	2%	1%	<1%	3%	11%	27%	18%	19%	11%	7%

Q30h. Above \$1 million Effect on Revenue	28.1%	22.5%	23.9%	25.3%	26.7%	28.1%	29.5%	30.0%	32.3%	33.7%
		-\$61.2B	-\$45.9B	-\$30.6B	-\$15.3B	\$0B	+\$15.3B	+\$30.6B	+\$45.9B	+\$61.2B
	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	DK/Ref
National	5%	1%	2%	4%	13%	18%	16%	11%	27%	3%
GOP	8%	1%	4%	6%	19%	22%	14%	8%	16%	2%
Dems	2%	1%	1%	3%	8%	16%	18%	14%	35%	3%
Indep.	6%	1%	2%	4%	14%	17%	15%	11%	28%	3%
California	6%	1%	1%	5%	11%	18%	16%	12%	27%	2%
GOP	14%	1%	3%	10%	15%	19%	16%	7%	17%	1%
Dems	0%	0%	1%	3%	8%	18%	15%	16%	36%	5%

Florida	5%	1%	4%	4%	12%	22%	15%	10%	25%	3%
GOP	4%	2%	7%	4%	19%	23%	17%	9%	16%	1%
Dems	6%	0%	1%	5%	5%	19%	13%	9%	36%	7%
Maryland	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	23%	17%	17%	21%	18%
GOP	3%	0%	0%	3%	3%	24%	16%	13%	29%	11%
Dems	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	24%	17%	22%	17%	18%
New York	4%	1%	1%	3%	15%	17%	13%	11%	32%	2%
GOP	6%	1%	2%	1%	20%	35%	9%	10%	16%	0%
Dems	4%	2%	1%	4%	12%	13%	14%	10%	37%	3%
Ohio	7%	1%	2%	5%	11%	19%	20%	11%	21%	3%
GOP	8%	2%	3%	5%	13%	24%	22%	9%	11%	3%
Dems	5%	1%	1%	3%	12%	14%	22%	14%	27%	3%
Oklahoma	7%	0%	0%	3%	12%	22%	10%	5%	30%	12%
GOP	8%	0%	0%	2%	23%	32%	13%	4%	4%	15%
Dems	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	15%	9%	6%	59%	6%
Texas	4%	3%	3%	5%	12%	18%	17%	8%	28%	2%
GOP	5%	4%	4%	6%	16%	24%	15%	6%	18%	1%
Dems	0%	2%	2%	3%	9%	15%	18%	12%	38%	2%
Virginia	3%	2%	1%	3%	13%	16%	16%	16%	24%	5%
GOP	3%	2%	3%	6%	17%	18%	14%	13%	20%	5%
Dems	1%	2%	<1%	1%	9%	15%	19%	19%	27%	5%

Here are some other possible changes that would generate more revenue.

[Q31.] Managers of private investment funds, such as hedge funds, are paid in part by giving them a percentage of the profits of the firm even though they have not invested money that is at risk. Currently this income is taxed at the same level as dividends or capital gains -- that is, with a top rate of 20%. One proposal is to tax this "carried interest" compensation like ordinary income, such as wages. This would raise extra revenue of \$1.8 billion and reduce the deficit accordingly. What is your position?

	<u>Effect on Revenue</u>
Keep the tax rate for "carried interest" income at a top rate of 20%	-0-
Tax "carried interest" income like ordinary income, such as wages	+\$1.8 B

<u>Keep tax rate</u>	<u>Tax like ordinary income</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
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National	22%	76%	2%
GOP	24%	74%	3%
Dems	19%	79%	2%
Indep.	25%	73%	2%

California	24%	73%	3%
GOP	30%	68%	2%
Dems	17%	80%	3%

Florida	23%	77%	0%
GOP	24%	76%	0%
Dems	25%	75%	0%

Maryland	20%	72%	8%
GOP	21%	72%	7%
Dems	18%	76%	6%

New York	18%	80%	1%
GOP	29%	71%	0%
Dems	16%	81%	3%

Ohio	27%	72%	1%
GOP	27%	73%	1%
Dems	28%	72%	0%

Oklahoma	24%	65%	12%
GOP	26%	59%	15%
Dems	19%	73%	8%

Texas	25%	74%	2%
GOP	31%	68%	2%
Dems	18%	81%	1%

Virginia	22%	72%	6%
GOP	23%	72%	5%
Dems	17%	75%	8%

Q32: Corporations or businesses pay a tax on their profits. Just like individuals, corporations have exemptions, credits and other deductions that are applied to their profits before calculating their income tax. This screen shows the average *effective tax rate* for corporations. The percentage of their profits that they actually pay is estimated by the General Accountability Office at 19.2%. You now have an opportunity to raise revenues or cut corporate income taxes by adjusting this rate. What is your position?

Current	DECREASE TAX RATE by (%)	No Change	INCREASE TAX RATE by (%)
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	Avg. Effective Tax Rate	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%		5%	10%	15%	20%
Change To Tax Rate	19.2%	15.4%	16.3%	17.3%	18.2%	19.2%	20.2%	21.1%	22.1%	23.0%
Effect on Revenue		-\$113B	-\$75B	-\$38B	-\$18B	\$0B	+\$18B	+\$38B	+\$75B	+\$113B

	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	No Change	+5%	+10%	+15%	+20%	Don't know
National	5%	3%	6%	11%	23%	29%	11%	4%	7%	3%
GOP	7%	3%	9%	17%	26%	26%	6%	1%	3%	2%
Dems	3%	2%	3%	6%	21%	33%	14%	5%	11%	3%
Indep.	7%	3%	5%	9%	23%	28%	11%	4%	7%	2%
California	5%	3%	5%	11%	23%	25%	12%	5%	9%	4%
GOP	11%	2%	10%	18%	20%	24%	8%	3%	3%	2%
Dems	2%	4%	2%	4%	22%	29%	11%	8%	11%	7%
Florida	5%	5%	7%	13%	23%	29%	11%	2%	6%	1%
GOP	9%	4%	10%	15%	29%	20%	9%	1%	4%	1%
Dems	1%	10%	4%	10%	17%	33%	15%	2%	8%	1%
Maryland	3%	3%	4%	7%	21%	34%	11%	4%	6%	8%
GOP	2%	4%	8%	13%	30%	34%	6%	0%	1%	3%
Dems	3%	3%	2%	3%	18%	35%	14%	6%	10%	7%
New York	6%	4%	3%	11%	22%	33%	11%	4%	6%	1%
GOP	8%	3%	4%	19%	32%	26%	4%	0%	3%	1%
Dems	6%	5%	2%	6%	20%	32%	15%	6%	7%	2%
Ohio	7%	3%	8%	11%	26%	25%	10%	2%	7%	3%
GOP	10%	4%	13%	10%	26%	29%	4%	1%	1%	3%
Dems	5%	2%	4%	7%	30%	26%	13%	3%	9%	1%
Oklahoma	5%	1%	3%	9%	24%	32%	8%	3%	5%	9%
GOP	8%	1%	3%	10%	30%	30%	5%	0%	1%	12%
Dems	1%	2%	1%	8%	20%	37%	13%	4%	8%	7%
Texas	4%	3%	7%	11%	23%	29%	9%	4%	9%	2%
GOP	4%	6%	12%	15%	30%	24%	6%	0%	3%	1%
Dems	3%	1%	2%	6%	22%	34%	13%	7%	12%	1%
Virginia	3%	2%	6%	11%	28%	30%	7%	3%	6%	4%

GOP	6%	2%	8%	19%	26%	26%	4%	2%	3%	4%
Dems	<1%	1%	4%	4%	27%	35%	10%	6%	6%	6%

[Q32a.] As you may know, income from capital gains and dividends is taxed separately than other kinds of income (such as income from wages and salaries).

Capital gains are profits from the sale of certain types of investments, such as property or shares of stock.

Dividends are profits distributed to a company's shareholders.

Currently, the top capital gains and dividends tax rate is 23.8 percent, which is lower than taxes on ordinary income from wages and salaries. The president's budget calls for an increase in capital gains and dividend taxes for high-income earners. The new top tax rate would rise from 23.8 percent to 28 percent.

This proposal would only affect high-income earners:

--Married couples making \$500,000 or more

--Single persons earning \$430,000 or more.

What is your position?

Effect on Revenue

- 1 Do not raise the top marginal tax rate on capital gains and dividends
- 2 Raise the top marginal tax rate on capital gains and dividends

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+\$22 B

	Do not raise top marginal tax rate on capital gains and dividends	Raise the top marginal tax rate on capital gains and dividends	Don't know
National	33%	65%	<1%
GOP	49%	50%	1%
Dems	19%	80%	1%
Indep.	35%	63%	2%
California	35%	65%	<1%
GOP	52%	47%	1%
Dems	22%	78%	<1%
Florida	35%	65%	<1%
GOP	49%	50%	1%
Dems	22%	78%	0%
Maryland	28%	66%	6%
GOP	43%	51%	6%
Dems	20%	77%	3%
New York	28%	72%	1%
GOP	39%	60%	1%
Dems	20%	78%	2%

Ohio	33%	65%	1%
GOP	38%	62%	0%
Dems	26%	72%	2%
Oklahoma	30%	63%	7%
GOP	42%	50%	9%
Dems	17%	78%	4%
Texas	38%	60%	1%
GOP	50%	48%	3%
Dems	23%	77%	0%
Virginia	33%	66%	2%
GOP	45%	52%	3%
Dems	21%	79%	<1%

[Q32b.] As you may know, currently, when someone dies and wills such things as stock or real estate to an heir, the person who inherits does not pay any **capital gains tax on bequests**, whether their value has grown or not.

In this proposal, there would still be no capital gains tax on bequests for a business owned and operated by the family, or for:

--the first \$100,000 of gains (\$200,000 for a married couple), or

--gains on a personal home that has gone up in value--up to \$250,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a couple.

Above these levels an heir would have to pay capital gains tax. For the highest-income bracket, the rate for this tax would be 28%.

Here is an example. If the deceased person bought \$100,000 worth of a stock and it is worth \$500,000 when the person dies, the heir would pay capital gains tax on the \$300,000 of the gain. Thus the amount the heir would inherit could be reduced from \$500,000 to \$416,000.

What is your position?

Effect on Revenue

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| 1 Do not charge a capital gains tax on bequests | -0- |
| 2 Charge a capital gains tax on bequests | +\$2 B |

	Do not charge a capital gains tax on bequests	Charge a capital gains tax on bequests	Don't know
National	60%	39%	1%
GOP	74%	25%	1%
Dems	46%	52%	2%
Indep.	63%	36%	2%
California	63%	36%	1%

GOP	77%	22%	1%
Dems	48%	51%	1%
Florida	62%	38%	0%
GOP	79%	21%	0%
Dems	44%	56%	0%
Maryland	58%	38%	5%
GOP	71%	25%	4%
Dems	53%	44%	3%
New York	54%	44%	3%
GOP	72%	28%	0%
Dems	40%	55%	5%
Ohio	61%	38%	2%
GOP	71%	29%	0%
Dems	50%	48%	2%
Oklahoma	57%	39%	4%
GOP	70%	26%	4%
Dems	46%	50%	3%
Texas	64%	34%	2%
GOP	76%	24%	1%
Dems	51%	46%	3%
Virginia	61%	38%	1%
GOP	68%	31%	2%
Dems	50%	48%	2%

[Q33.] The president's budget calls for imposing a fee on very large financial institutions (such as banks) that have taken on large amounts of uninsured debt, in an effort to discourage them from taking on high levels of risk, as well as to generate revenue. Institutions with assets over \$50 billion (these are roughly the 100 largest firms) would pay a fee of seven-tenths of a percent on their uninsured debt.

	<u>Effect on Revenue</u>
1 Do not charge a fee to large banks and financial institutions	-0-
2 Charge a fee to large banks and financial institutions	+\$6 B

	Do not charge a fee to large banks and financial institutions	Charge a fee to large banks and financial institutions	Don't know
National	22%	77%	2%

GOP	32%	67%	1%
Dems	12%	86%	<1%
Indep.	24%	75%	<1%

California	23%	77%	0%
GOP	36%	64%	0%
Dems	14%	86%	0%

Florida	19%	81%	1%
GOP	26%	73%	1%
Dems	17%	84%	0%

Maryland	19%	76%	5%
GOP	29%	70%	2%
Dems	15%	83%	3%

New York	14%	85%	1%
GOP	22%	78%	0%
Dems	12%	86%	2%

Ohio	21%	78%	1%
GOP	33%	66%	1%
Dems	8%	90%	2%

Oklahoma	17%	78%	5%
GOP	26%	68%	6%
Dems	9%	88%	3%

Texas	26%	72%	2%
GOP	29%	67%	4%
Dems	20%	79%	1%

Virginia	21%	77%	3%
GOP	22%	75%	3%
Dems	14%	83%	4%

[Q34.] Every day that financial markets are open, roughly \$1 trillion worth of stocks, bonds and derivatives are traded. This proposal would tax each transaction by a hundredth of one percent (0.01%) of the value of the security being traded. What is your position?

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| | <u>Effect on Revenue</u> |
| 1 Do not charge a tax on financial transactions | -0- |
| 2 Charge a tax on financial transactions | +\$7 B |

	Do not charge a tax on financial transactions	Charge a tax on financial transactions	Don't know
National	43%	55%	2%
GOP	54%	44%	2%
Dems	34%	65%	1%
Indep.	44%	55%	2%
California	46%	53%	2%
GOP	63%	37%	1%
Dems	33%	64%	4%
Florida	41%	57%	2%
GOP	51%	45%	4%
Dems	29%	69%	2%
Maryland	42%	52%	6%
GOP	58%	39%	4%
Dems	36%	61%	4%
New York	41%	57%	2%
GOP	56%	44%	0%
Dems	36%	62%	3%
Ohio	46%	53%	1%
GOP	57%	41%	2%
Dems	40%	60%	0%
Oklahoma	42%	54%	4%
GOP	50%	46%	5%
Dems	33%	64%	3%
Texas	43%	55%	2%
GOP	52%	46%	3%
Dems	35%	65%	0%
Virginia	44%	56%	1%
GOP	49%	50%	2%
Dems	41%	58%	1%

[Q35.] Another possibility is to impose a tax on the amount of carbon dioxide that is emitted by burning certain fuels. These fuels are primarily coal, oil, or gas, which are currently the largest sources of energy in the economy. The carbon dioxide from these fuels is a gas that is regarded by the National Academy of Sciences as contributing to climate change, and burning such fuels also contributes to other forms of air pollution. What is your position?

	<u>Effect on Revenue</u>
1 Do not have a carbon tax	\$0 B
2 Have a carbon tax that will increase energy costs about 5 dollars per month per person and also lower carbon dioxide emissions by about 10% in its first decade	+\$100 B
3 Have a carbon tax that will increase energy costs about 13 dollars per month per person and also lower carbon dioxide emissions by about 25% in its first decade	+\$245 B

	Do not have a carbon tax	Carbon tax: increase energy costs about \$5/month and lower CO2 by 10%	Carbon tax: increase energy costs about \$13/month and lower CO2 by 25%	Don't know
National	43%	40%	16%	<1%
GOP	64%	29%	7%	1%
Dems	24%	51%	24%	1%
Indep.	46%	37%	15%	1%
California	42%	37%	20%	<1%
GOP	68%	22%	10%	0%
Dems	20%	48%	32%	1%
Florida	49%	40%	11%	0%
GOP	63%	32%	5%	0%
Dems	37%	46%	17%	0%
Maryland	37%	43%	17%	4%
GOP	60%	36%	4%	1%
Dems	24%	50%	24%	2%
New York	40%	46%	14%	1%
GOP	68%	26%	6%	0%
Dems	23%	54%	22%	2%
Ohio	46%	36%	17%	<1%
GOP	60%	30%	10%	0%
Dems	33%	45%	22%	0%
Oklahoma	42%	41%	13%	4%
GOP	60%	30%	6%	4%
Dems	26%	52%	18%	3%
Texas	44%	40%	14%	1%
GOP	61%	32%	8%	1%
Dems	25%	54%	18%	1%
Virginia	42%	43%	14%	1%

GOP	56%	36%	8%	1%
Dems	29%	52%	18%	1%

[Q36.] Currently alcoholic drinks carry a federal tax of 8 cents per ounce of alcohol in wine, 10 cents per ounce in beer, and 21 cents per ounce in spirits, such as whisky or vodka. Here are some options for raising this tax, with the extra revenue they would raise. What is your position?

	<u>Effect on Revenue</u>
1 Do not raise taxes on alcohol	\$0 B
2 Tax all alcoholic drinks at 25 cents per ounce of alcohol	+\$6.4 B
3 Tax all alcoholic drinks at 50 cents per ounce of alcohol	+\$12.8 B

	Do not raise taxes on alcohol	Tax all alcoholic drinks at 25 cents per ounce of alcohol	Tax all alcoholic drinks at 50 cents per ounce of alcohol	Don't know
National	44%	39%	17%	<1%
GOP	50%	34%	16%	1%
Dems	37%	45%	17%	1%
Indep.	47%	35%	17%	1%
California	46%	38%	16%	<1%
GOP	55%	30%	15%	0%
Dems	33%	52%	15%	0%
Florida	42%	40%	17%	1%
GOP	44%	44%	10%	1%
Dems	37%	39%	24%	0%
Maryland	39%	40%	17%	4%
GOP	49%	38%	11%	2%
Dems	37%	42%	18%	2%
New York	44%	41%	15%	1%
GOP	59%	24%	17%	0%
Dems	36%	51%	12%	2%
Ohio	46%	40%	14%	<1%
GOP	42%	45%	13%	1%
Dems	49%	39%	12%	0%
Oklahoma	39%	38%	19%	3%
GOP	45%	31%	20%	4%
Dems	34%	47%	17%	2%
Texas	40%	37%	22%	1%

GOP	45%	31%	24%	1%
Dems	37%	43%	19%	0%
Virginia	39%	40%	19%	2%
GOP	39%	39%	20%	3%
Dems	39%	40%	19%	1%

[Q37.] Another idea is to tax sugary drinks, such as some soft drinks. This would also have the benefit of discouraging excessive consumption of such drinks, which have been linked to obesity. Here are some options, with the extra revenue they would raise.

What is your position?	Effect on Revenue
1 Do not tax sugary drinks	-0-
OR	
Tax sugary drinks at:	
2 ½ cent per ounce (6 cents for a typical 12 oz. can)	+\$9 B
3 1 cent per ounce (12 cents for a typical 12 oz. can)	+\$18 B
4 2 cents per ounce (24 cents for a typical 12 oz. can)	+\$36 B

	Do not tax sugary drinks	Tax sugary drinks at 1/2 cent per ounce	Tax sugary drinks at 1 cent per ounce	Tax sugary drinks at 2 cents per ounce	Don't know
National	45%	26%	13%	15%	1%
GOP	55%	23%	10%	11%	1%
Dems	35%	30%	16%	19%	1%
Indep.	48%	24%	11%	15%	1%
California	44%	25%	13%	18%	1%
GOP	62%	18%	8%	11%	2%
Dems	31%	28%	16%	24%	1%
Florida	45%	28%	12%	15%	<1%
GOP	51%	22%	11%	16%	0%
Dems	38%	39%	10%	13%	1%
Maryland	41%	29%	10%	16%	3%
GOP	56%	26%	5%	13%	0%
Dems	36%	31%	13%	18%	2%
New York	49%	22%	13%	15%	1%
GOP	55%	15%	12%	17%	0%
Dems	38%	27%	16%	16%	3%
Ohio	43%	27%	16%	14%	0%

GOP	43%	29%	16%	13%	0%
Dems	41%	30%	16%	14%	0%

Oklahoma	42%	31%	11%	14%	3%
GOP	51%	27%	7%	11%	4%
Dems	36%	34%	14%	15%	2%

Texas	44%	28%	14%	14%	1%
GOP	50%	23%	14%	12%	1%
Dems	36%	37%	12%	15%	0%

Virginia	41%	31%	13%	14%	2%
GOP	52%	27%	11%	9%	2%
Dems	31%	34%	16%	17%	2%