

1. Preferred policy

Which policy do you prefer more?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Reducing federal spending even if that means cutting programs that help the middle class	33%	42%	25%	27%	25%	38%	44%	10%	34%	60%
Increasing federal programs that help the middle class even if that means increasing federal spending	39%	36%	42%	35%	45%	38%	35%	72%	29%	19%
Not sure	28%	23%	33%	38%	29%	24%	21%	19%	37%	21%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (987)	100% (461)	100% (526)	100% (163)	100% (271)	100% (388)	100% (165)	100% (344)	100% (408)	100% (235)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Reducing federal spending even if that means cutting programs that help the middle class	33%	38%	15%	21%	23%	38%	45%	27%	37%	31%	38%
Increasing federal programs that help the middle class even if that means increasing federal spending	39%	37%	53%	38%	43%	36%	39%	47%	36%	37%	37%
Not sure	28%	25%	31%	40%	34%	25%	16%	26%	27%	32%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (987)	100% (749)	100% (116)	100% (122)	100% (342)	100% (317)	100% (213)	100% (164)	100% (229)	100% (360)	100% (234)

2. Deficit size

Was the gap between the amount of money the federal government took in and the amount of money it spent in 2014 larger or smaller than the gap in 2013?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The gap was larger in 2014	36%	38%	34%	30%	23%	44%	46%	23%	34%	54%
The gap was smaller in 2014	25%	32%	19%	20%	28%	23%	33%	33%	24%	20%
Not sure	39%	30%	47%	49%	49%	34%	21%	43%	42%	26%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (990)	100% (464)	100% (526)	100% (163)	100% (270)	100% (392)	100% (165)	100% (342)	100% (411)	100% (237)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The gap was larger in 2014	36%	40%	17%	30%	34%	44%	32%	32%	35%	34%	43%
The gap was smaller in 2014	25%	27%	25%	18%	16%	25%	42%	31%	20%	25%	28%
Not sure	39%	33%	58%	53%	50%	31%	26%	37%	45%	42%	29%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (990)	100% (752)	100% (117)	100% (121)	100% (344)	100% (317)	100% (214)	100% (163)	100% (229)	100% (364)	100% (234)