

# Omnibus Poll

December 4-5, 2012



## 1. Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations

How much have you heard about negotiations between the president and Congress to come up with a new budget deal before automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur on Jan 1?

|                           | Gender       |            |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            | Voter Registration |                |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                           | Total        | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican | Registered         | Not registered |
| Heard a lot about this    | 44%          | 58%        | 30%        | 31%        | 38%        | 51%        | 65%        | 54%        | 37%         | 48%        | 55%                | 24%            |
| Heard a little about this | 30%          | 24%        | 35%        | 26%        | 29%        | 33%        | 31%        | 29%        | 29%         | 32%        | 31%                | 27%            |
| Heard nothing at all      | 17%          | 12%        | 22%        | 29%        | 21%        | 12%        | 1%         | 14%        | 21%         | 13%        | 11%                | 29%            |
| Not sure                  | 9%           | 5%         | 12%        | 14%        | 12%        | 5%         | 3%         | 3%         | 13%         | 7%         | 3%                 | 21%            |
| Totals (Unweighted)       | 100% (1,000) | 100% (492) | 100% (508) | 100% (150) | 100% (316) | 100% (385) | 100% (149) | 100% (365) | 100% (378)  | 100% (257) | 100% (913)         | 100% (87)      |

|                           | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |           |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|                           | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure  |
| Heard a lot about this    | 44%                                    | 100%                   | —                         | —                    | —         |
| Heard a little about this | 30%                                    | —                      | 100%                      | —                    | —         |
| Heard nothing at all      | 17%                                    | —                      | —                         | 100%                 | —         |
| Not sure                  | 9%                                     | —                      | —                         | —                    | 100%      |
| Totals (Unweighted)       | 100% (1,000)                           | 100% (529)             | 100% (311)                | 100% (114)           | 100% (46) |

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## 2. Approval of increasing estate tax

As part of a new budget deal, is it a good or bad idea to increase the estate tax that applies to individuals passing on large amounts of money and property when they die?

|              | Gender  |       | Age    |       |       |       | Party ID |          |             | Voter Registration |            |                |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|
|              | Total   | Male  | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+      | Democrat | Independent | Republican         | Registered | Not registered |
| Good idea    | 28%     | 34%   | 22%    | 29%   | 31%   | 24%   | 28%      | 49%      | 25%         | 8%                 | 32%        | 20%            |
| Bad idea     | 39%     | 44%   | 35%    | 26%   | 36%   | 45%   | 55%      | 22%      | 36%         | 67%                | 44%        | 29%            |
| Not sure     | 33%     | 23%   | 44%    | 46%   | 34%   | 31%   | 16%      | 29%      | 40%         | 25%                | 24%        | 51%            |
| Totals       | 100%    | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%     | 100%        | 100%               | 100%       | 100%           |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (492) | (508)  | (150) | (316) | (385) | (149)    | (365)    | (378)       | (257)              | (913)      | (87)           |

|              | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |          |
|--------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
|              | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure |
| Good idea    | 28%                                    | 39%                    | 24%                       | 14%                  | 11%      |
| Bad idea     | 39%                                    | 46%                    | 41%                       | 31%                  | 12%      |
| Not sure     | 33%                                    | 15%                    | 35%                       | 54%                  | 77%      |
| Totals       | 100%                                   | 100%                   | 100%                      | 100%                 | 100%     |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000)                                | (529)                  | (311)                     | (114)                | (46)     |

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## 3. Approval of increasing infrastructure spending

As part of a new budget deal, is it a good or bad idea to add \$50 billion in new infrastructure spending, such as roads and bridges?

|              | Gender  |       |        | Age   |       |       |       | Party ID |             |            | Voter Registration |                |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
|              | Total   | Male  | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+   | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered         | Not registered |
| Good idea    | 43%     | 48%   | 39%    | 31%   | 45%   | 48%   | 53%   | 69%      | 38%         | 24%        | 48%                | 36%            |
| Bad idea     | 28%     | 34%   | 22%    | 30%   | 24%   | 30%   | 26%   | 12%      | 26%         | 51%        | 33%                | 19%            |
| Not sure     | 29%     | 18%   | 39%    | 38%   | 31%   | 22%   | 21%   | 19%      | 36%         | 25%        | 20%                | 45%            |
| Totals       | 100%    | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%        | 100%       | 100%               | 100%           |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (492) | (508)  | (150) | (316) | (385) | (149) | (365)    | (378)       | (257)      | (913)              | (87)           |

|              | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |          |
|--------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
|              | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure |
| Good idea    | 43%                                    | 56%                    | 42%                       | 30%                  | 12%      |
| Bad idea     | 28%                                    | 32%                    | 28%                       | 30%                  | 3%       |
| Not sure     | 29%                                    | 12%                    | 30%                       | 40%                  | 85%      |
| Totals       | 100%                                   | 100%                   | 100%                      | 100%                 | 100%     |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000)                                | (529)                  | (311)                     | (114)                | (46)     |

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## 4. Approval of raising eligibility aid for Medicare

As part of a new budget deal, is it a good or bad idea to raise the eligibility age for future Medicare beneficiaries from 65 to 67?

|              | Gender  |       |        | Age   |       |       |       | Party ID |             |            | Voter Registration |                |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
|              | Total   | Male  | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+   | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered         | Not registered |
| Good idea    | 34%     | 40%   | 28%    | 35%   | 33%   | 28%   | 45%   | 26%      | 34%         | 43%        | 40%                | 22%            |
| Bad idea     | 43%     | 40%   | 46%    | 34%   | 40%   | 55%   | 38%   | 57%      | 38%         | 38%        | 44%                | 42%            |
| Not sure     | 23%     | 21%   | 25%    | 31%   | 26%   | 17%   | 16%   | 18%      | 28%         | 19%        | 16%                | 36%            |
| Totals       | 100%    | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%        | 100%       | 100%               | 100%           |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (492) | (508)  | (150) | (316) | (385) | (149) | (365)    | (378)       | (257)      | (913)              | (87)           |

|              | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |          |
|--------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
|              | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure |
| Good idea    | 34%                                    | 49%                    | 26%                       | 23%                  | 3%       |
| Bad idea     | 43%                                    | 39%                    | 58%                       | 45%                  | 16%      |
| Not sure     | 23%                                    | 12%                    | 16%                       | 32%                  | 81%      |
| Totals       | 100%                                   | 100%                   | 100%                      | 100%                 | 100%     |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000)                                | (529)                  | (311)                     | (114)                | (46)     |

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## 5. Approval of changing cost of living adjustment calculations

As part of a new budget deal, is it a good or bad idea to change the way Social Security cost of living adjustments are calculated so that adjustments get smaller over time?

|                        | Gender          |               |               | Age           |               |               |               | Party ID      |               |               | Voter Registration |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                        | Total           | Male          | Female        | 18-29         | 30-44         | 45-64         | 65+           | Democrat      | Independent   | Republican    | Registered         | Not registered |
| Good idea              | 16%             | 22%           | 11%           | 21%           | 19%           | 13%           | 9%            | 13%           | 16%           | 21%           | 17%                | 15%            |
| Bad idea               | 54%             | 53%           | 55%           | 29%           | 49%           | 68%           | 77%           | 67%           | 46%           | 56%           | 60%                | 44%            |
| Not sure               | 30%             | 25%           | 34%           | 50%           | 32%           | 19%           | 15%           | 20%           | 39%           | 23%           | 24%                | 41%            |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted) | 100%<br>(1,000) | 100%<br>(492) | 100%<br>(508) | 100%<br>(150) | 100%<br>(316) | 100%<br>(385) | 100%<br>(149) | 100%<br>(365) | 100%<br>(378) | 100%<br>(257) | 100%<br>(913)      | 100%<br>(87)   |

|                        | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |              |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                        | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure     |
| Good idea              | 16%                                    | 23%                    | 12%                       | 15%                  | 1%           |
| Bad idea               | 54%                                    | 60%                    | 63%                       | 47%                  | 11%          |
| Not sure               | 30%                                    | 18%                    | 25%                       | 38%                  | 88%          |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted) | 100%<br>(1,000)                        | 100%<br>(529)          | 100%<br>(311)             | 100%<br>(114)        | 100%<br>(46) |

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## 6. View on payroll tax cut

A temporary cut to the payroll tax that workers and employers pay to fund Social Security and Medicare is set to end Jan 1. As part of a budget deal, should the payroll tax cut...?

|   | Gender       |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |            |             | Voter Registration |            |                |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|
|   | Total        | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican         | Registered | Not registered |
| Be kept in place to avoid raising taxes on the middle class | 52%          | 57%        | 48%        | 45%        | 48%        | 57%        | 62%        | 64%        | 43%         | 57%                | 56%        | 46%            |
| Be allowed to expire to help pay down the debt              | 22%          | 28%        | 16%        | 21%        | 19%        | 23%        | 26%        | 16%        | 22%         | 26%                | 28%        | 10%            |
| Not sure  | 26%          | 15%        | 37%        | 34%        | 33%        | 21%        | 13%        | 19%        | 35%         | 17%                | 16%        | 44%            |
| Totals (Unweighted)   | 100% (1,000) | 100% (492) | 100% (508) | 100% (150) | 100% (316) | 100% (385) | 100% (149) | 100% (365) | 100% (378)  | 100% (257)         | 100% (913) | 100% (87)      |

|   | Awareness of fiscal cliff negotiations |                        |                           |                      |           |
|---|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|   | Total                                  | Heard a lot about this | Heard a little about this | Heard nothing at all | Not sure  |
| Be kept in place to avoid raising taxes on the middle class | 52%                                    | 61%                    | 56%                       | 47%                  | 7%        |
| Be allowed to expire to help pay down the debt              | 22%                                    | 31%                    | 17%                       | 9%                   | 12%       |
| Not sure  | 26%                                    | 8%                     | 26%                       | 44%                  | 81%       |
| Totals (Unweighted)   | 100% (1,000)                           | 100% (529)             | 100% (311)                | 100% (114)           | 100% (46) |