

Omnibus Poll



Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
Conducted December 4-5, 2012
Margin of Error $\pm 4.6\%$

1. 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?

Heard a lot about this	44%
Heard a little about this	30%
Heard nothing at all	17%
Not sure	9%

2. 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?

Good idea	28%
Bad idea	39%
Not sure	33%

3. 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?

Good idea	43%
Bad idea	28%
Not sure	29%

4. 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?

Good idea	34%
Bad idea	43%
Not sure	23%

5. 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?

Good idea	16%
Bad idea	54%
Not sure	30%

6. 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...?

Be kept in place to avoid raising taxes on the middle class	52%
Be allowed to expire to help pay down the debt	22%
Not sure	26%