

Omnibus Poll

November 27-28, 2012



1. Approval of filibuster rule

The U.S. Senate's filibuster rule lets a minority of Senators prevent voting on a bill unless 60 out of 100 Senators vote to end the filibuster. Is this a good or bad rule?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
A good rule	30%	39%	21%	28%	28%	31%	37%	21%	28%	47%	34%	22%
A bad rule	25%	30%	21%	14%	29%	28%	36%	42%	18%	20%	32%	13%
Not sure	45%	31%	58%	58%	43%	41%	27%	37%	54%	33%	34%	65%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted)	(1,000)	(493)	(507)	(157)	(268)	(429)	(146)	(351)	(380)	(269)	(905)	(95)

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	Total	A good rule	A bad rule	Not sure	Heard a lot about this	Heard a little about this	Heard nothing at all	Not sure
A good rule	30%	100%	—	—	37%	34%	28%	4%
A bad rule	25%	—	100%	—	37%	30%	7%	—
Not sure	45%	—	—	100%	26%	36%	66%	96%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted)	(1,000)	(329)	(312)	(359)	(596)	(240)	(86)	(78)

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2. View on filibuster debate

Should Senators who filibuster a bill need to participate in debate for the entire filibuster, or should they be able to filibuster a bill without being physically present?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
They should participate in debate for the entire filibuster	65%	74%	56%	52%	56%	71%	90%	71%	57%	74%	79%	37%
They should be able to filibuster without being physically present	9%	11%	7%	12%	14%	5%	5%	7%	9%	10%	7%	13%
Not sure	26%	16%	37%	36%	30%	24%	5%	22%	34%	16%	15%	50%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (493)	100% (507)	100% (157)	100% (268)	100% (429)	100% (146)	100% (351)	100% (380)	100% (269)	100% (905)	100% (95)

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	Total	A good rule	A bad rule	Not sure	Heard a lot about this	Heard a little about this	Heard nothing at all	Not sure
They should participate in debate for the entire filibuster	65%	74%	91%	43%	88%	68%	44%	9%
They should be able to filibuster without being physically present	9%	20%	3%	4%	6%	14%	18%	2%
Not sure	26%	6%	5%	53%	6%	18%	38%	89%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (329)	100% (312)	100% (359)	100% (596)	100% (240)	100% (86)	100% (78)

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3. View on reducing required number of votes

Should the number of votes needed to end a filibuster be reduced to 51, so that bills could pass in the U.S. Senate with a simple majority of votes, or not?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Should be reduced to 51	34%	36%	33%	31%	34%	37%	34%	57%	27%	20%	37%	30%
Should not be reduced	32%	42%	22%	26%	27%	34%	47%	19%	28%	57%	39%	16%
Not sure	34%	22%	45%	42%	39%	29%	20%	25%	44%	24%	24%	54%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (493)	100% (507)	100% (157)	100% (268)	100% (429)	100% (146)	100% (351)	100% (380)	100% (269)	100% (905)	100% (95)

	Approval of filibuster rule				Awareness of fiscal cliff			
	Total	A good rule	A bad rule	Not sure	Heard a lot about this	Heard a little about this	Heard nothing at all	Not sure
Should be reduced to 51	34%	24%	70%	21%	38%	45%	33%	7%
Should not be reduced	32%	67%	16%	17%	47%	26%	25%	2%
Not sure	34%	8%	14%	63%	15%	29%	42%	91%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (329)	100% (312)	100% (359)	100% (596)	100% (240)	100% (86)	100% (78)

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4. Awareness of fiscal cliff

The fiscal cliff refers to automatic tax increases and spending cuts set to occur January 1 unless Congress and the president agree on an alternative budget. Have you....?

	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	47%	60%	34%	29%	42%	53%	79%	48%	39%	62%	63%	14%
Heard a little about this	25%	22%	28%	26%	30%	24%	19%	28%	24%	24%	24%	27%
Heard nothing at all	12%	8%	16%	17%	12%	11%	1%	14%	14%	6%	7%	22%
Not sure	16%	10%	22%	28%	17%	12%	2%	10%	23%	9%	6%	37%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (493)	100% (507)	100% (157)	100% (268)	100% (429)	100% (146)	100% (351)	100% (380)	100% (269)	100% (905)	100% (95)

	Approval of filibuster rule				Awareness of fiscal cliff			
	Total	A good rule	A bad rule	Not sure	Heard a lot about this	Heard a little about this	Heard nothing at all	Not sure
Heard a lot about this	47%	58%	67%	27%	100%	—	—	—
Heard a little about this	25%	29%	30%	20%	—	100%	—	—
Heard nothing at all	12%	11%	3%	18%	—	—	100%	—
Not sure	16%	2%	—	35%	—	—	—	100%
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5. Likelihood of avoiding fiscal cliff

How likely do you think Congress and the president are to agree to an alternative plan so that budget cuts and tax increases included in the fiscal cliff do not occur Jan 1?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Very likely	11%	13%	9%	9%	8%	14%	11%	15%	9%	11%	12%	8%
Somewhat likely	31%	36%	26%	25%	33%	31%	38%	38%	27%	28%	35%	22%
Not very likely	24%	25%	23%	22%	23%	23%	32%	23%	20%	34%	29%	15%
Not at all likely	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%	13%	8%	11%	18%	13%	9%
Not sure	23%	14%	31%	32%	23%	21%	6%	16%	32%	10%	11%	46%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (493)	100% (507)	100% (157)	100% (268)	100% (429)	100% (146)	100% (351)	100% (380)	100% (269)	100% (905)	100% (95)

	Approval of filibuster rule				Awareness of fiscal cliff			
	Total	A good rule	A bad rule	Not sure	Heard a lot about this	Heard a little about this	Heard nothing at all	Not sure
Very likely	11%	11%	13%	10%	16%	7%	15%	0%
Somewhat likely	31%	37%	46%	18%	39%	37%	23%	1%
Not very likely	24%	32%	24%	19%	27%	34%	17%	6%
Not at all likely	12%	17%	11%	8%	14%	13%	14%	1%
Not sure	23%	3%	6%	46%	4%	9%	31%	91%
Totals (Unweighted)	100% (1,000)	100% (329)	100% (312)	100% (359)	100% (596)	100% (240)	100% (86)	100% (78)