

Omnibus Poll



Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
Conducted March 4 - 5, 2013
Margin of Error ±3.5%

1. Which of the following comes closest to your view on how to reduce the federal budget deficit?

We could eliminate most of the deficit by cutting waste and fraud 69%
We need painful choices about taxes or spending to cut the deficit 22%
Not sure 9%

2. Thinking about money wasted by the federal government, which of the following do you think is a bigger source of waste?

Money spent on programs that are unnecessary 60%
Money spent ineffectively on programs that are necessary 26%
Neither of these 5%
Not sure 9%

3. Which comes closest to your opinion about the across the board cuts to federal spending that went into effect on March 1? Do you think they are...?

A bad idea because they don't distinguish good cuts from bad 50%
A good idea because they force all agencies to get by with less 31%
Not sure 19%