

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## SEPTEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 15-18, 2011 with a random sample of –1,004— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –889— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –439— Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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15. As you may know, President Obama has submitted a bill to Congress that includes a number of proposals designed to create jobs in the United States. Please tell whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

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*Sorted by "favor"*

|  | Favor | Oppose | No opinion |
|--|-------|--------|------------|
| Providing tax cuts for small businesses, including incentives to hire workers                              | 85    | 13     | 2          |
| Providing additional funds to hire teachers, police officers and firefighters                              | 75    | 25     | 1          |
| Giving tax breaks to companies hiring people who have been unemployed for more than six months             | 73    | 26     | 1          |
| Providing additional funds for public works projects, including making repairs to more than 30,000 schools | 72    | 27     | 1          |
| Extending unemployment insurance benefits  | 56    | 41     | 3          |
| Reducing Social Security taxes for workers and employers   | 47    | 49     | 4          |

16. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals President Obama has made to pay for the cost of the jobs bill. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

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*Sorted by "favor"*

|   | Favor | Oppose | No opinion |
|---|-------|--------|------------|
| Increasing taxes on some corporations by eliminating certain tax deductions                               | 70    | 26     | 3          |
| Increasing income taxes on individuals earning at least \$200,000 and families earning at least \$250,000 | 66    | 32     | 2          |

Still thinking about the jobs bill President Obama has proposed,

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17. Based on what you know or have read about this bill, do you think it would help or not help in creating new jobs?

*(If "help," probe:)* Do you think it would help a little or help a lot?

|                | <u>Help a lot</u> | <u>Help a little</u> | <u>Not help</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 2011 Sep 15-18 | 27                | 38                   | 30              | 5                 |

18. Based on what you know or have read about this bill, do you think it would help improve the economy or not help improve the economy?

*(If "help," probe:)* Do you think it would help a little or help a lot?

|                | <u>Help a lot</u> | <u>Help a little</u> | <u>Not help</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 2011 Sep 15-18 | 23                | 37                   | 36              | 4                 |