

May 2012 Omnibus Week 3

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Total: 1,004 adults age 18 and older
Margin of error: Plus or minus 3.6 percentage points

Interviewing dates: May 17-20, 2012

Notes: Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100. An asterisk (*) indicates values less than 0.5%.

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions about issues before Congress...

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CC1. As you may know, federal tax credits to encourage production of alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, are due to expire at year's end. Supporters of these tax credits say they should be extended because they create jobs and encourage the development of cleaner sources of energy. Opponents say they should end because they cost too much and have not been effective at encouraging the use of renewable energy. Do you think Congress should extend these energy credits, OR allow them to expire?

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64	Extend
28	Allow to expire
8	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

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CC2. As you may know, hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" is a process used to develop deposits of natural gas recently discovered in many regions of America. Environmentalists and some residents living near drilling operations worry that fracking can contaminate drinking water sources and worsen climate change. The oil and natural gas industry maintains the process is safe and can create jobs and promote energy independence. Which of the following comes closest to your view of what the federal government should do on this issue? [READ 1-3 IN ORDER]

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15	Ban fracking altogether because it's not safe for the environment,
53	Increase regulation of fracking to protect the environment, but NOT ban it,
25	Reduce regulation of fracking to encourage more natural gas production
1	Neither/Other (VOL. DO NOT READ)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)

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CC3. As you may know, legislation recently introduced in the U.S. Senate would create a national clean-energy standard that requires the country to generate an increasingly large percentage of its electricity from cleaner sources of energy, including renewable energy, natural gas, and nuclear power. Supporters of this policy say it would promote cleaner energy and not add an undue cost onto consumers. Opponents say imposing a national clean-energy standard would cost jobs and create higher electricity costs. What is your opinion – do you think the country should or should NOT create a national clean-energy standard?

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64	Should create a national clean-energy standard
26	Should NOT create a national clean-energy standard
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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CC4. Last summer Congress agreed to impose automatic cuts of \$600 billion on domestic programs and \$600 billion on defense spending by the end of the year if it couldn't reach any other agreement to reduce the deficit. Congressional Republicans want to change that agreement to reduce the defense cuts and increase the reductions on domestic programs. Which of the following comes closest to your view?
[READ 1-3 IN ORDER]:

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41	Congress should uphold the original agreement to equally balance defense and domestic cuts
26	Congress should change the agreement to cut more from domestic programs and less from defense
20	Congress should strike down the agreement and not require ANY defense OR domestic cuts
3	None of the above VOL. (DO NOT READ)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)

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CC5. Next, we want to get your opinion of the issues related to gay rights that Washington is now considering. As you may know, laws relating to marriage have traditionally been handled by individual states, not the federal government. But some believe Washington should set uniform national laws about whether marriages between individuals of the same gender should be recognized. On the issue of same sex marriage, would you prefer Congress [READ AND ROTATE 1-2, THEN 3]:

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| 24 | Pass a constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriage in every state regardless of state law |
| 27 | Pass a constitutional amendment to permit same sex marriage in every state regardless of state law |
| 42 | Take no action and let each state decide whether to permit or ban same sex marriage |
| 2 | Neither/Other (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 5 | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |

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CC6. In December 2010 Congress approved and President Obama signed legislation overturning the ban on gays serving openly in the military. Now some in Congress want to restore the ban on gays serving openly. Which would you prefer [READ 1-2]:

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| 24 | Restore the ban on gays serving openly in the military |
| 69 | Continue the current policy allowing gays to serve openly in the military |
| 7 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |

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CC7. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives is likely to consider a bill that would ban gay marriage ceremonies at bases and other military facilities. What is your opinion – do you think gay marriage ceremonies should or should NOT be allowed at military facilities?

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| 40 | Should be allowed |
| 50 | Should NOT be allowed |
| 10 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |