USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

APRIL WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 20-23, 2011 with a random sample of –1,013—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 ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –536—national adults in Form C and –477—national adults in Form D, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –902— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –484— Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±5 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 for gender within 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.

11. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems? How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

F. The federal budget

	Republicans	Democrats	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
2011 Apr 20-23	48	36	9	6

22. Which do you think is the better long-term plan for dealing with the federal budget deficit—[ROTATED: the Republican plan put forth by Congressman Paul Ryan (or) the Democratic plan put forth by President Barack Obama]?

	Republican/ Ryan plan	Democratic/ Obama plan	No opinion
2011 Apr 20-23	43	44	14

Q.23-24 ROTATED

23. Are you worried or not worried that the Democratic plan for reducing the federal budget deficit in the long-term would— [RANDOM ORDER]?

2011 Apr 20-23 *(sorted by "worried")*	Worried	Not worried	No opinion
Not go far enough to fix the problem	71	24	4
Use the deficit as an excuse to raise taxes	62	36	2
Cut defense spending too much	49	48	3

24. Are you worried or not worried that the Republican plan for reducing the federal budget deficit in the long-term would-- [RANDOM ORDER]?

2011 Apr 20-23 *(sorted by "worried")*	Worried	Not worried	No opinion
Cut Medicare too much	66	31	3
Cut Social Security too much	65	33	2
Take away needed protections for the poor and disadvantaged	64	34	2
Protect the rich at the expense of everyone else	64	35	2