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BASE=TOTAL SAMPLE	400 100%	122 31%	115 29%	65 16%	36 9%	26 6%	22 6%	14 4%	97 24%	52 13%	38 9%	58 14%	91 23%	65 16%	192 48%	208 52%	48 12%	106 27%	115 29%	71 18%	59 15%	108 27%	119 30%	151 38%
EXCESSIVE SPENDING	146 36% (1)	39 32% (1)	54 47% (1) BFg	22 34% (1)	12 34% (1)	6 24% (2)	6 27% (1)	5 39% (1)	29 30% (1)	15 29% (1)	15 39% (1)	19 33% (1)	43 47% (1) IJ	25 38% (1)	65 34% (1)	81 39% (1)	25 51% (1) U	42 39% (1) U	43 37% (1) U	25 35% (1) U	12 20% (3)	54 50% (1) W	26 22% (3)	59 39% (1) W
BARACK OBAMA	67 17% (2)	20 17% (2)	17 15% (2)	11 17% (3)	6 16% (2)	7 27% (1)	3 14% (4)	3 20% (2)	14 15% (4)	10 19% (2)	9 25% (2)	11 19% (2)	10 11% (3)	12 19% (2)	32 17% (2)	35 17% (2)	8 17% (2)	20 19% (2)	16 14% (3)	9 13% (2)	13 22% (1)	30 28% (2) WX	9 7% (4)	24 16% (2) W
THE TEA PARTY	55 14% (3)	20 16% (3)	12 10% (3)	11 18% (2)	3 8% (4)	3 10% (3)	3 16% (3)	3 18% (3)	17 17% (2) N	6 12% (4)	6 16% (3)	9 16% (3) n	13 14% (2)	4 6% (5)	31 16% (3)	23 11% (3)	6 12% (3)	8 8% (4)	21 18% (2) R	7 11% (3)	12 20% (2) Rt	5 4% (4)	29 24% (2) VX	19 12% (3) V
JOHN BOEHNER AND REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE	43 11% (4)	18 15% (4) cF	8 7% (4) F	8 12% (4) F	3 8% (5)	- - (6)	5 21% (2) F	2 14% (4)	15 16% (3) K	8 16% (3) K	- - (6)	8 13% (4) K	7 8% (4) K	5 7% (4) k	23 12% (4)	20 10% (4)	4 8% (4)	15 14% (3)	12 10% (4)	7 10% (4)	6 10% (4)	- - (4)	32 27% (1) VX	9 6% (4) V
HARRY REID AND DEMOCRATS IN US SENATE	15 4% (5)	3 2% (6)	5 4% (6) G	1 1% (6) g	4 11% (3) g	2 6% (4)	- - (5)	1 9% (5)	3 3% (5)	2 3% (6)	1 3% (4)	1 2% (6)	4 5% (6)	5 7% (3)	7 4% (5)	8 4% (5)	- - (6)	2 2% (6)	5 5% (5) Q	3 5% (5) Q	5 8% (5) Qr	7 7% (3) W	1 1% (6)	7 5% (5) w
TAXES NOT HIGH ENOUGH	12 3% (6)	4 3% (5) egh	6 5% (5) EGH	2 3% (5)	- - (5)	1 3% (5)	- - (5)	- - (5)	2 2% (6)	2 3% (5)	1 2% (5)	2 3% (5)	5 5% (5)	1 1% (6)	6 3% (6)	6 3% (6)	2 3% (5)	5 5% (5)	3 3% (6)	1 1% (6)	2 3% (6)	1 1% (5)	4 3% (5)	7 4% (6) v
DON'T KNOW	46 12% (5)	14 11% (4) H	10 9% (4) H	7 11% (4) H	7 20% (3) H	4 17% (4) H	4 18% (4) H	- - (5)	12 12% (4)	6 12% (4)	4 12% (4)	6 10% (4)	7 8% (4)	11 17% (4)	20 11% (4)	26 13% (4)	5 9% (4)	13 12% (4)	11 9% (4)	10 15% (4)	8 13% (4)	7 7% (4)	16 13% (4)	19 13% (4)
REFUSED	16 4% (5)	5 4% (4) H	4 3% (4) h	3 4% (4)	1 3% (4)	3 12% (4) h	1 4% (4)	- - (5)	5 5% (4)	2 5% (4)	2 4% (4)	3 4% (4)	2 2% (4)	3 4% (4)	7 4% (4)	9 4% (4)	- - (4)	2 2% (4)	5 4% (4) Q	8 11% (4) QRsu	2 4% (4) q	4 4% (4)	4 3% (4)	7 5% (4)

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BASE=TOTAL SAMPLE	400 100%	83 21%	109 27%	113 28%	95 24%	56 14%	52 13%	51 13%	68 17%	79 20%	72 18%	70 18%	173 43%	131 33%	45 11%	159 40%	173 43%	141 35%	94 23%	140 35%	40 10%	317 79%	11 3%	16 4%
EXCESSIVE SPENDING	146 36% (1)	29 35% (1)	36 33% (1)	54 48% (1) CE	26 28% (1)	27 48% (1) HI	27 51% (1) HI	6 12% (4)	20 29% (1) H	32 40% (1) H	27 38% (1) H	11 16% (3)	60 35% (1) L	67 51% (1) LM	9 19% (3)	46 29% (1)	85 49% (1) OP	40 29% (1)	37 40% (1)	59 42% (1) R	13 32% (1)	119 37% (1)	3 24% (2)	7 45% (1)
BARACK OBAMA	67 17% (2)	16 20% (2)	15 14% (3)	15 14% (2)	20 21% (2)	15 27% (2) hIj	15 29% (2) hIj	7 13% (3)	2 3% (5)	10 13% (2) I	14 19% (2) I	8 11% (4)	21 12% (3)	33 25% (2) LM	7 15% (4)	11 7% (4)	43 25% (2) P	8 6% (4)	13 14% (3) r	40 29% (2) RS	9 23% (2)	48 15% (3)	1 9% (3)	4 28% (2)
THE TEA PARTY	55 14% (3)	11 13% (4)	21 19% (2) d	11 9% (3)	13 13% (3)	4 7% (3)	1 2% (4)	16 32% (1) FGJK	12 18% (3) fg	10 12% (3) G	9 13% (3) G	19 28% (1) N	32 19% (2) N	3 2% (5) Q	13 29% (1) Q	33 21% (2) Q	7 4% (4)	30 22% (2) T	15 16% (2) T	8 5% (4)	4 10% (4)	49 15% (2) Wx	- -	1 5% (4)
JOHN BOEHNER AND REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE	43 11% (4)	15 18% (3) cd	7 7% (4)	9 8% (4)	11 12% (4)	- -	- -	16 32% (2) FGJK	16 23% (2) FGJK	6 7% (4) FG	3 5% (5) fg	17 24% (2) mN	21 12% (4) N	3 3% (4) Q	11 25% (2) Q	25 15% (3) Q	5 3% (5)	25 18% (3) T	13 13% (4) T	4 3% (5)	5 11% (3)	31 10% (4)	5 42% (1) v	2 11% (3)
HARRY REID AND DEMOCRATS IN US SENATE	15 4% (5)	- -	7 7% (5) B	4 3% (6)	4 4% (5) B	4 7% (4) i	4 7% (3) i	1 2% (6)	- -	3 4% (6)	4 5% (4) i	1 1% (5)	7 4% (6)	7 5% (3)	- -	4 2% (6) o	10 6% (3) O	4 3% (6)	1 1% (6)	10 7% (3) S	- -	14 4% (5) UX	1 8% (4)	- -
TAXES NOT HIGH ENOUGH	12 3% (6)	4 5% (5)	3 2% (6)	5 5% (5)	1 1% (6)	1 2% (5)	- -	1 2% (5)	3 4% (4)	3 4% (5) g	3 5% (6) g	1 1% (6)	9 5% (5) 1	2 2% (6)	1 2% (5)	9 6% (5) Q	2 1% (6)	7 5% (5)	2 2% (5)	3 2% (6)	3 6% (5)	10 3% (6) WX	- -	- -
DON'T KNOW	46 12% (2)	7 8% (2)	14 12% (3)	12 11% (3)	14 15% (3)	4 8% (2)	3 5% (2)	3 6% (2)	13 19% (3) Gh	11 14% (3) g	8 11% (2)	11 15% (2)	19 11% (2)	9 7% (2)	4 9% (1)	25 16% (2) Q	12 7% (2)	20 15% (2) t	10 10% (2)	10 7% (2)	5 13% (1)	33 10% (2)	2 17% (1)	2 11% (1)
REFUSED	16 4% (1)	1 1% (1)	6 5% (1)	3 2% (1)	7 7% (1) B	1 2% (1)	3 6% (1)	1 2% (1)	3 4% (1)	4 5% (1)	3 4% (1)	3 4% (1)	3 2% (1)	7 5% (1)	1 2% (1)	5 3% (1)	9 5% (1)	6 4% (1)	3 3% (1)	8 5% (1)	1 3% (1)	14 4% (1) WX	- -	- -

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**D/S (DEMOCRATS - REPUBLICANS)	1 -	-9 -7%	3 2% B	- B	1 4% BG	5 20% BCDeG	-1 -3%	2 13% b	-13 -13%	2 4% IM	7 19% IjLM	1 1% IM	-2 -3% I	6 10% IlM	-1 -1%	3 1% O	6 12% RS	-3 -2% S	-12 -10%	4 6% RS	6 10% RS	38 36% WX	-43 -36%	6 4% W
DEMOCRATS	69 17%	22 18%	20 18%	7 11%	7 21%	8 30% dg	2 9%	3 21%	15 16%	10 20%	9 23%	7 13%	14 15%	14 21%	36 19%	33 16%	8 16%	15 14%	14 12%	14 20%	18 30% RS	41 38% WX	1 1%	26 17% W
REPUBLICANS	68 17%	31 25% cDFh	18 16%	7 11%	6 17%	2 9%	3 12%	1 7%	28 29% jKLN	8 15% k	2 4%	7 11%	16 18% K	7 12%	38 20%	30 15%	2 4%	18 17% Q	26 23% Q	10 14% q	12 21% Q	3 3% VX	44 37% VX	20 13% V
BOTH PARTIES, EQUALLY	208 52%	54 44%	65 56% b	46 70% BcEF	14 39%	12 46%	12 53%	6 46%	40 41%	23 45%	21 55%	41 71% IJMn	49 54%	35 54%	99 51%	110 53%	30 63% U	59 55% U	68 59% U	34 48% U	18 30%	58 54% W	42 36%	92 61% W
NEITHER	17 4%	5 4% FH	5 5% FH	1 1%	3 8%	- -	3 14% fh	- -	4 4% k	4 8% K	- -	1 2% K	5 6% K	3 5%	4 2% o	13 6% o	- -	8 8% Q	4 3% Q	2 3% q	3 5% q	1 1% Vx	11 9% Vx	5 3%
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OTHER	4 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	1 2%	2 6%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 2%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	3 5% qrs	1 1%	- -	2 2%	2 1%
DON'T KNOW	15 4%	3 3%	5 4% G	2 3%	2 5%	2 6%	- -	1 9%	2 2%	2 5%	3 7%	1 1%	5 5%	2 3%	3 2%	12 6% O	4 8%	2 2%	3 2%	4 5%	3 4%	2 2%	5 5%	4 3%
REFUSED	4 1%	2 2%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 3%	- -	- -	2 2%	- -	1 2%	1 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	2 1%	- -	2 2%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	2 2%	- -

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THE TEA PARTY	15 4%	5 6%	3 2%	3 3%	5 5%	2 3%	- -	5 10%	7 10%	1 1%	1 1%	4 5%	10 6%	- -	6 14%	7 5%	1 -	8 6%	3 3%	3 2%	1 3%	14 4%	- -	- -
OTHER	4 1%	- -	3 2%	- -	2 2%	- -	- -	1 2%	1 1%	2 2%	1 1%	- -	1 -	2 2%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	4 1%	- -	- -
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REFUSED	4 1%	2 2%	- -	- -	2 2%	- -	1 2%	2 4%	- -	- -	- -	2 3%	- -	1 1%	2 4%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	4 1%	- -	- -