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FINAL TOPLINE
N=1,006

PEW.1 AND PEW.2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEWWP.1 As you may know, political leaders in Washington are discussing raising the national debt ceiling to avoid the possibility of the government going into default. How much confidence do you have in each of the following people to do the right thing when it comes to this issue. First, **[INSERT FULL TITLE AND NAME; RANDOMIZE]**. Do you have a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not too much, or no confidence at all in **[INSERT FIRST AND LAST NAME ONLY]** when it comes dealing with this issue? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF APPROPRIATE: If I name someone you haven't heard of, just let me know?]**¹

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) Haven't <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	President Barack Obama July 14-17, 2011	24	24	17	32	*	2
b.	Speaker of the House John Boehner July 14-17, 2011	7	26	26	24	10	7
c.	Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell July 14-17, 2011	4	26	26	25	11	8
d.	House Majority Leader Eric Cantor July 14-17, 2011	5	21	23	25	17	8
e.	Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid July 14-17, 2011	4	23	27	30	11	5
f.	House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi July 14-17, 2011	7	22	21	39	5	5

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PEW.4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

¹ Question PEWWP.1 was asked in conjunction with *The Washington Post*.

About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted July 14-17, 2011, among a national sample of 1,006 adults 18 years of age or older living in the continental United States (604 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 402 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 166 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see: <http://people-press.org/methodology/detailed>.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, region, and population density to parameters from the March 2010 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status, based on extrapolations from the 2010 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size within the landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Sample Size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,006	4.0 percentage points
Republicans	279	7.5 percentage points
Democrats	310	7.0 percentage points
Independents	325	7.0 percentage points
<i>Among Republicans and Republican leaners:</i>		
Agree with Tea Party	203	8.5 percentage points
Disagree/No opinion	195	8.5 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

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