

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST
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FINAL TOPLINE
N=1,004**

PEW.1-PEW.2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL APRIL 9-10 ONLY [N=427]:

PEW.2A If you had to use one single word to describe your impression of the budget negotiations in Washington, what would that one word be? **[IF "DON'T KNOW" PROBE ONCE: It can be anything, just the first word that comes to mind...]** **[OPEN END: ENTER VERBATIM RESPONSE]**

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

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29	Ridiculous
22	Disgust/Disgusted/Disgusting
14	Frustrated/Frustrating
14	Mess/Messy
13	Disappointing/Disappointment/Disappointed
13	Stupid/Stupidity
12	Bull/Bull****
7	Poor/Poorly
7	Terrible
6	Childish
5	Fair
5	Horrible
5	Idiot/Idiotic
5	Stink/Stinks
4	Chaos/Chaotic
4	Confusing
4	Pathetic
4	Politics/Political
4	Slow
4	Suck/Sucks
202	Other
45	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 How much, if at all, would you blame each of the following for the dispute over the budget that nearly led to a government shutdown? (First/Next) do you think **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]** deserve(s) a lot, some, or none of the blame for a shutdown?¹

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. President Obama April 7-10, 2011	32	40	22	6
b. Democratic leaders in Congress April 7-10, 2011	33	49	11	7
c. Republican leaders in Congress April 7-10, 2011	37	44	12	8
d. Representatives affiliated with the Tea Party movement April 7-10, 2011	27	37	23	13

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 Would you or a member of your family be personally inconvenienced by a partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? **[IF YES, ASK:** Would it be a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?]

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33	Yes, major
20	Yes minor/not sure
42	No, hasn't had any impact
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*Were you or a member of your family personally inconvenienced by the recent partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? **IF YES:** Was it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?*

	ABC News/Wash Post		
	Mid-Jan <u>1996</u>	Early Jan ² <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1995</u>
Yes, major	7	4	6
Yes minor/not sure	9	8	6
No, hasn't had any impact	84	88	88
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	*

¹ Wording shown was used April 9-10, 2011. Wording for April 7-9, 2011 was: "How much, if at all, would you blame each of the following for a government shutdown? (First/Next) do you think **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]** deserve(s) a lot, some, or none of the blame for a shutdown?"

² ABC News/Washington Post question wording in Early January 1996 and November 1995 was: "Have you personally been inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? If yes: Is it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?"