

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER NEWS INTEREST INDEX
DECEMBER 9-12, 2010 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
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PEW.1 THROUGH PEW.2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 As you may know, Barack Obama and Congressional Republicans have reached an agreement to extend tax cuts and unemployment benefits. From what you've read and heard, do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of this plan?

Dec 9-12

2010

60	NET Approve
12	Strongly approve
48	Approve
22	NET Disapprove
17	Disapprove
5	Strongly disapprove
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In recent years, President Bush and Congress have made major cuts in federal income tax rates. Do you approve or disapprove of these tax cuts?

	Jan <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2005</u>	March <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2003</u>
Approve	50	51	53	54
Disapprove	38	41	38	37
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	8	9	9

ASK ALL:

Thinking ahead...

PEW.4 Do you think this plan will help or hurt **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?**

		<u>Help</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>(VOL.) Make no difference</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	The condition of the U.S. economy December 9-12, 2010	48	29	5	18
b.	People like yourself December 9-12, 2010	47	25	12	15
c.	The federal budget deficit December 9-12, 2010	26	46	5	23

PEW.5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE