

## The American Panel Survey

Results on spending and tax priorities  
Survey conducted January 2012

Number of Respondents 1351

Weighted by December 2011 Current Population Survey

Margin of Error: +/- 2.67

### [Medicare and Medicaid] Please indicate whether the federal government should sp \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[Medicare and Medicaid]	decrease	5.9%	21.8%	12.8%
Please indicate whether	same	34.5%	53.7%	42.8%
the federal government	increase	59.6%	24.5%	44.5%
should sp				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

### [college student grants and loans] Please indicate whether the federal government \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[college student grants	decrease	6.8%	33.4%	18.4%
and loans] Please indicate	same	39.8%	51.1%	44.7%
whether the federal	increase	53.4%	15.5%	36.9%
government				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[highways and mass transit] Please indicate whether the federal government should \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[highways and mass transit] Please indicate whether the federal government should	decrease	9.1%	21.8%	14.8%
	same	45.1%	53.4%	48.8%
	increase	45.8%	24.8%	36.4%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[health research] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend mo \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[health research] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend mo	decrease	4.2%	20.6%	11.5%
	same	36.8%	49.6%	42.5%
	increase	59.0%	29.8%	46.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[scientific research] Please indicate whether the federal government should spen \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[scientific research] Please indicate whether the federal government should spen	decrease	11.2%	31.2%	20.0%
	same	51.1%	50.2%	50.7%
	increase	37.7%	18.6%	29.3%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[humanitarian and development for other countries] Please indicate whether the f \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR	Total
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		Obama	Romney	
[humanitarian and development for other countries] Please indicate whether the f	decrease	54.0%	85.0%	67.7%
	same	36.2%	13.9%	26.3%
	increase	9.8%	1.1%	6.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[protecting the environment] Please indicate whether the federal government shou \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[protecting the environment] Please indicate whether the federal government shou	decrease	6.3%	43.8%	22.5%
	same	46.0%	42.2%	44.4%
	increase	47.7%	14.0%	33.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[price supports and direct payments for farmers] Please indicate whether the fed \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[price supports and direct payments for farmers] Please indicate whether the fed	decrease	33.5%	46.2%	39.3%
	same	48.4%	39.5%	44.4%
	increase	18.1%	14.3%	16.4%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[space program] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend more \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[space program] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend more	decrease	49.4%	54.1%	51.5%
	same	35.0%	33.4%	34.3%
	increase	15.6%	12.4%	14.2%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[research on new energy technologies] Please indicate whether the federal govern \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[research on new energy technologies] Please indicate whether the federal govern	decrease	9.9%	29.5%	18.5%
	same	36.6%	40.5%	38.3%
	increase	53.5%	29.9%	43.2%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[fight against terrorism] Please indicate whether the federal government should \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[fight against terrorism] Please indicate whether the federal government should	decrease	32.5%	16.2%	25.2%
	same	48.5%	59.4%	53.3%
	increase	19.1%	24.5%	21.5%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[national defense] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend m \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[national defense] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend m	decrease	41.1%	15.2%	29.7%
	same	47.6%	60.5%	53.3%
	increase	11.2%	24.3%	17.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[war in Afghanistan] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR	Total

		Obama	Romney	
[war in Afghanistan]	decrease	86.5%	74.0%	81.0%
Please indicate whether the federal government should spend	same	10.8%	22.2%	15.7%
	increase	2.7%	3.9%	3.2%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[Social Security] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend mo \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[Social Security] Please indicate whether the federal government should spend mo	decrease	3.6%	12.0%	7.3%
	same	39.5%	51.4%	44.7%
	increase	56.9%	36.6%	48.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[health programs for veterans] Please indicate whether the federal government sh \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[health programs for veterans] Please indicate whether the federal government sh	decrease	2.4%	5.1%	3.6%
	same	37.6%	48.6%	42.4%
	increase	59.9%	46.3%	54.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[housing programs for low income people] Please indicate whether the federal gov \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[housing programs for low income people] Please indicate whether the federal gov	decrease	10.6%	44.5%	25.3%
	same	41.2%	43.0%	42.0%
	increase	48.2%	12.6%	32.7%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[your income taxes] Please indicate whether you would like to see federal taxes \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[your income taxes]	decrease	35.9%	50.6%	42.4%
Please indicate whether you would like to see	same	54.9%	47.7%	51.7%
federal taxes	increase	9.2%	1.7%	5.9%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[income taxes for households with an income more than \$250,000] Please indicate \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[income taxes for households with an income more than \$250,000]	decrease	3.2%	14.6%	8.2%
Please indicate	same	18.5%	43.2%	29.3%
	increase	78.3%	42.2%	62.5%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[income taxes for households with an income more than \$1 million] Please indicat \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[income taxes for households with an income more than \$1 million]	decrease	2.0%	12.3%	6.5%
Please indicat	same	5.0%	19.9%	11.5%
	increase	93.0%	67.8%	82.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[taxes for small business] Please indicate whether you would like to see federal \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR	Total

		Obama	Romney	
[taxes for small business]	decrease	40.0%	66.6%	51.7%
Please indicate whether	same	57.0%	33.3%	46.6%
you would like to see	increase	3.0%	0.1%	1.7%
federal				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[corporate income taxes] Please indicate whether you would like to see federal t \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[corporate income taxes]	decrease	3.2%	29.4%	14.7%
Please indicate whether	same	24.0%	38.3%	30.3%
you would like to see	increase	72.8%	32.3%	55.0%
federal t				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**[capital gains taxes] Please indicate whether you would like to see federal tax \* presBOvMR Crosstabulation**

% within presBOvMR

		presBOvMR		Total
		Obama	Romney	
[capital gains taxes]	decrease	12.9%	36.6%	23.8%
Please indicate whether	same	50.9%	50.9%	50.9%
you would like to see	increase	36.2%	12.5%	25.4%
federal tax				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%