1. From what you know or have read, do you approve or disapprove of the agreement to avoid the "fiscal cliff" tax increases and spending cuts in the federal budget?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2013 Jan 3	43	45	12

2. Based on what you have heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following handled the fiscal cliff budget negotiations? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

2013 Jan 3 ***Sorted by "approve"***	**Approve**	**Disapprove**	**No opinion**
President Barack Obama	46	48	6
Vice president Joe Biden ^	40	42	17
Democratic leaders in Congress †	34	55	11

Q.2 (APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS HANDLING FISCAL CLIFF) CONTINUED

For comparison: *Based on what you have heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the fiscal cliff budget negotiations? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?*

A. President Barack Obama

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2012 Dec 21-22	54	38	9
2012 Dec 15-16	48	43	9
2012 Dec 8-9	48	44	8
2012 Dec 1-2	52	43	6

B. Republican leaders in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2012 Dec 21-22^	26	61	13
2012 Dec 15-16 ^	29	61	10
2012 Dec 8-9	26	64	11
2012 Dec 1-2	27	63	10

^ Asked of a half sample

C. Democratic leaders in Congress