

Excerpt from:

**CBS News Poll: THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL, THE ECONOMY AND THE SEARCH FOR BIPARTISANSHIP**  
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“There is evidence Americans might accept some of what the Republicans in Congress are proposing. Given a choice between higher government spending and tax cuts for business, Americans choose tax cuts: 59% say that is a better approach towards trying to end the recession.”

q29 Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government passing an economic stimulus bill costing more than 800 billion dollars in order to try to help the economy?

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Approve	51	36	67	45	63
Disapprove	39	60	20	44	24
DK/NA	10	4	13	11	13

q31 Do you think the economic bill being negotiated by the President and Congress will shorten the length of the current recession, or not?

IF YES: Will the economic stimulus bill shorten the recession significantly, or not significantly?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

	Total	*** Party ID ***		
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, shorten significantly	21	7	30	21
Yes, but NOT significantly	18	13	25	15
No, will not shorten	45	66	29	46
DK/NA	16	14	16	18

q33 Do you think it is important for the economic stimulus bill to have the support of both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, or do think it is okay for the Democrats to pass the economic stimulus bill without

getting Republican support?

Have support of both parties	81	87	80	78
Just Democrats okay	13	7	16	14
Shouldn't pass bill (vol.)	3	5	2	4
DK/NA	3	1	2	4

q14 In your opinion which will do more to get the U.S. out of the current recession: increasing government spending, or reducing taxes on business?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE A\*\*

	Total %	*** Party ID ***			Gallup* 3/1938 %
		Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	
Increasing gov't spending	22	9	40	13	15
Reducing taxes on business	59	73	43	65	63
Both (vol.)	4	4	2	6	21
Neither (vol.)	7	11	4	6	1
DK/NA	8	3	11	10	0

\*Varied: In your opinion which will do more to get **US out of the depression**: increase government spending, or reduce taxes on business?

q15 In your opinion which will do more to get the U.S. out of the current recession: increasing government spending, or reducing taxes?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE B \*\*

	Total %	*** Party ID ***		
		Rep %	Dem %	Ind %
Increasing gov't spending	16	15	20	13
Reducing taxes	62	74	59	57
Both (vol.)	7	3	10	7
Neither (vol.)	7	1	6	13
DK/NA	8	7	5	10"