

Super Committee Survey Results—November 2011

How do you think the Super Committee should reduce the deficit? (Choose Multiple)

- Across-the-board cuts to all forms of government spending 9.04%
- Increase the tax revenue that the Treasury collects 34.18%
- Other 5.40%
- Reform entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare 18.30%
- Targeted cuts to most forms of government spending 33.08%

What steps should the Committee take to cut government spending? (Choose Multiple)

- Across-the-board cuts to all forms of government spending 8.28%
- Include a balanced budget amendment 19.53%
- Other 5.09%
- Targeted cuts to defense spending 32.19%
- Targeted cuts to most forms of government spending 31.95%
- The Committee should not try to cut additional spending 2.96%

How should the Committee generate additional sources of revenue? (Choose Multiple)

- Close corporate tax loopholes 33.73%
- End common popular tax deductions such as the mortgage interest rate deduction and deduction for charitable giving 4.71%
- Increase taxes on the wealthiest Americans 30.12%
- Other 2.20%
- Reform the tax code 25.88%
- The Committee should not try to increase revenues 3.37%

What changes, if any, should the Super Committee make to entitlement programs like Social Security & Medicare (Choose Multiple)

- Increase Medicare premiums 5.99%
- Increase the Social Security retirement age 29.69%
- None 9.85%
- Other 11.98%
- Reduce or limit Social Security benefits paid to the top 1% of income earners (means testing) 42.48%