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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 4-7, 2011 with a random sample of -1,319—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, including an oversample of -376—non-Hispanic blacks, consisting of -88—

9. As you may know, as part of the agreement to raise the debt ceiling, Congress will appoint a special committee to look at ways to further reduce federal spending and the national debt. If that committee does not reach an agreement, the law would impose major cuts in most federal spending including Medicare and defense. What would you like the members of this committee who represent your views on spending and the debt to do? Should they—[ROTATED: hold out for a plan you would agree with, even if it prevents the committee from reaching an agreement, (or should they) agree to a compromise plan, even if it is a plan you would disagree with]?

2011 Aug 4-7	Hold out for plan	Agree to compromise	No opinion
National adults	35	60	5
Blacks Whites	28	66	5