

14. Next, how closely have you been following news about “the fiscal cliff,” the combination of major tax increases and spending cuts that will occur automatically on January 1st if Congress and the president do not agree to an alternative plan for the federal budget—very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

| | <u>Very closely</u> | <u>Somewhat closely</u> | <u>Not too closely</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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15. How important is it to you that Congress and the president agree to an alternative plan so that the automatic

