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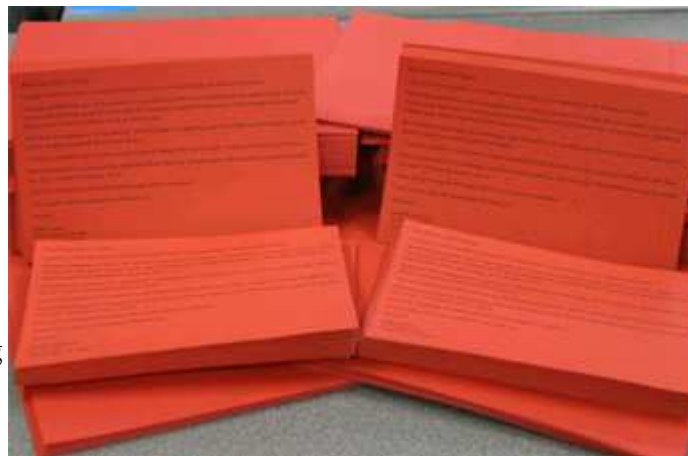
Shutdown? Look what Republicans finally doing in D.C. ... New survey shows only 20 votes in favor of increase

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WASHINGTON – Just weeks from perhaps the most important vote in Congress this year, House Republicans are moving away from approving a hike in the debt limit toward a rejection that will require massive cuts in spending, including program elimination and probably the shutdown of long-standing departments of the federal government, a WND survey of members shows.

The latest tally shows 142 House Republicans opposing a raise in the \$14.3 trillion debt limit with only 20 favoring it. Another 39 are undecided, while 40 say they would only vote to raise the debt limit with conditions, such as agreement on major cuts, entitlement reform of a balance budget agreement.



The survey included contact by email or phone with all GOP House staffers, or, a reliance on recent public statements by members. It was conducted this week.

[A WND survey taken in early March showed 122 House Republicans opposed to raising the debt limit under any circumstances with 23 favoring it.](#)

"This is a remarkable change and shows Americans still have a chance at stopping the borrowing-and-spending madness in Washington in the near term," said Joseph Farah, organizer of a grass-roots online lobbying effort called the "[No More Red Ink](#)" campaign targeted only at House Republicans. "We are effectively moving House Republicans against raising the debt limit – and they are beginning to realize this is where their real power is."

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Though there has been little discussion about it in the national media or even on Capitol Hill, House Republicans hold all the cards on denying a debt limit increase. With control of the House, they need only 218 votes against it to freeze borrowing and force the federal government to begin living within its means immediately.

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Farah's campaign is focused on that increasingly real possibility. Republicans are frustrated with the unwillingness of Democrats in the House and Senate and Barack Obama in the White House to concede what they see as any meaningful restructuring of government to deal with skyrocketing debt.

"I hope this survey opens the eyes of House Republicans as well as the rest of the news media to what could be a history-making development in the House," Farah said. "Even though House Speaker John Boehner favors raising the debt limit, his majority clearly does not. Most House Republicans understand why voters gave them the House last November and they are responding to the public pressure they are getting from the ["No More Red Ink" campaign](#).

Farah's ["No More Red Ink" campaign](#) has delivered nearly 1 million letters to House Republicans in the last six weeks urging them to buck the pressure from the Federal Reserve, Obama and the Democrats to take a unilateral action to bring spending under control.

"Americans are beginning to realize that House Republicans have all the power to stop this borrowing-and-spending madness with one vote," says Farah. "Why are any Republicans for a debt limit hike? Why would they want to give Barack Obama and the Democrats in the Senate the leverage they need to keep borrowing and spending? And why, in particular, is the House Republican leadership bucking the majority of its own caucus and going along with the majority of Democrats in the House?"

Farah says the dirty, little secret Boehner and the entire Washington establishment don't want Americans to know is that he can – with one vote – enact the most sweeping cuts in federal spending in a century, by simply blocking an increase in the debt limit in the next 30 days.

"If Boehner came out tomorrow in support of this position, the entire bloc of 241 House Republicans would stand behind him," Farah said. "They want him to do it. Most of them support this position right now. They want to say no. And this is the one thing Republicans can do this year that will have a dramatic, historic impact on policy – helping to return us right now to limited constitutional government once again." Farah calls the vote the most important that will be cast in Congress in the next two years and, perhaps, the most important in the last century.

"The tide is turning against raising the debt limit," says Farah. "When this campaign began, we could identify only two or three solid Republican votes. Now we have identified 142. That's real progress, but we only have two or three more weeks left to make history."

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Boehner repeatedly has said publicly that the debt limit will have to be raised, at the same time pushing for spending cuts. Boehner believes failure to raise the debt limit will result in defaults on loan obligations and poses danger to the government's credit rating, an assessment he shares with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

But the Heritage Foundation, CATO Institute and Investors Business Daily have all downplayed the threat of defaults with studies showing the government can still service the interest on the existing debt with tax revenues if substantial cuts in the budget are made.

In response to the survey results, Mike Steele, spokesman for Boehner, told WND: "The speaker has made it clear that while the president is begging us to raise the debt limit without cutting spending, that is obviously unacceptable to the American people. We need to cut spending and institute reforms so that we can keep

cutting."

He declined to say whether or not he was surprised by the heavy support for a debt-limit freeze within the Republican House majority. Farah was pleasantly surprised by the results of the survey.

"The press has largely assumed Republican House members would go along with business as usual, but apparently no one has taken an actual head count," said Farah. "This survey strongly suggests there is a very real chance the House will say no to another debt limit increase – an action that would signal a fundamental restructuring of the way the federal government operates."

Since approval of both houses of Congress is required to raise the debt limit, this is one of the very few meaningful actions the Republican-controlled House can take without the consent of the Senate or the White House.

Farah has called it the Republicans' "secret weapon."

If a debt limit increase is not approved, all borrowing by the federal government would stop. It would mandate the biggest cuts in the federal budget in generations – to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars.

In addition to the building opposition from House Republicans, at least one Democrat in the House has signaled his objection to more borrowing – Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y.

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Here are the results of the survey:

| Representative | | Yes | No | Undecided | Yes, with conditions | Condition |
|-----------------|-------|-----|----|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Donald Young | AK-00 | | X | | | |
| Joe Bonner | AL-01 | | | X | | |
| Martha Roby | AL-02 | | X | | | |
| Mike Rogers | AL-03 | | X | | | |
| Robert Aderholt | AL-04 | | X | | | |
| Mo Brooks | AL-05 | | | | X | balanced budget |
| Spencer Bachus | AL-06 | X | | | | |
| Rick Crawford | AR-01 | | | X | | |
| Tim Griffin | AR-02 | | | X | | |

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| Steve Womack | AR-03 | | X | |
| Paul Gosar | AZ-01 | | X | spending cuts |
| Trent Franks | AZ-02 | X | | |
| Ben Quayle | AZ-03 | X | | |
| David Schweikert | AZ-05 | | X | Spending cuts |
| Jeff Flake | AZ-06 | X | | |
| Wally Herger | CA-02 | X | | |
| Dan Lungren | CA-03 | X | | |
| Tom McClintock | CA-04 | X | | |
| Jeff Denham | CA-19 | X | | |
| Devin Nunez | CA-21 | X | | |
| Kevin McCarthy | CA-22 | X | | |
| Elton Gallegly | CA-24 | X | | |
| Buck McKeon | CA-25 | X | | |
| David Drier | CA-26 | X | | |
| Ed Royce | CA-40 | X | | |
| Jerry Lewis | CA-41 | X | | |
| Garry Miller | CA-42 | | X | balanced budget |
| Ken Calvert | CA-44 | X | | |

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| Mary Bono Mack | CA-45 | | X | |
| Dana Rohrabacher | CA-46 | X | | |
| John Campbell | CA-48 | X | | |
| Darrell Issa | CA-49 | X | | |
| Brian Billbray | CA-50 | X | | |
| Duncan Hunter | CA-52 | | X | |
| Scott Tipton | CO-03 | X | | |
| Cory Gardner | CO-04 | X | | |
| Doug Lamborn | CO-05 | X | | |
| Mike Coffman | CO-06 | | X | balanced budget |
| Jeff Miller | FL-01 | | X | spending cuts |
| Steve Southerland | FL-02 | X | | |
| Ander Crenshaw | FL-04 | X | | |
| Rich Nugent | FL-05 | | X | |
| Cliff Stearns | FL-06 | X | | |
| John Mica | FL-07 | | X | |
| Danielle Webster | FL-08 | X | | |
| Gus Billrakis | FL-09 | | X | |
| C.W. Bill Young | FL-10 | X | | |

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| Dennis Ross | FL-12 | X | | |
| Vern Buchanan | FL-13 | X | | |
| Connie Mack | FL-14 | X | | |
| Bill Posey | FL-15 | X | | |
| Tom Rooney | FL-16 | | X | spending cuts |
| Ileana Ros-Lehtinen | FL-18 | X | | |
| Mario Diaz-Balart | FL-21 | | X | spending cuts |
| Allen West | FL-22 | X | | |
| Sandy Adams | FL-24 | | X | |
| David Rivera | FL-25 | X | | |
| Jack Kingston | GA-01 | X | | |
| Lynn Westmorland | GA-03 | X | | |
| Tom Price | GA-06 | | X | spending limits |
| Rob Woodall | GA-07 | | X | |
| Austin Scott | GA-08 | | X | |
| Tom Graves | GA-09 | X | | |
| Paul Broun | GA-10 | X | | |
| Phil Gingrey | GA-11 | X | | |
| Tom Latham | IA-04 | X | | |

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|-----------------|-------|---|---|-----------------|
| Steve King | IA-05 | X | | |
| Paul Labrador | ID-01 | X | | |
| Mike Simpson | ID-02 | | X | spending cuts |
| Peter Roskam | IL-06 | X | | |
| Joe Welsh | IL-08 | X | | |
| Robert Dold | IL-10 | X | | |
| Adam Kinzinger | IL-11 | | X | balanced budget |
| Judy Biggert | IL-13 | X | | |
| Randy Hultgren | IL-14 | X | | |
| Timothy Johnson | IL-15 | X | | |
| Donald Manzullo | IL-16 | X | | |
| Bobby Schilling | IL-17 | X | | |
| Aaron Schock | IL-18 | X | | |
| John Shimkus | IL-19 | X | | |
| Marlin Stutzman | IN-03 | X | | |
| Todd Rokita | IN-04 | X | | |
| Dan Burton | IN-05 | X | | |
| Mike Pence | IN-06 | X | | |
| Larry Buschon | IN-08 | X | | |

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|-------------------|-------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Todd Young | IN-09 | | X | | |
| Tim Huelskamp | KS-01 | | X | | |
| Lynn Jenkins | KS-02 | | X | | |
| Kevin Yoder | KS-03 | | | X | budget cuts |
| Mike Pompeo | KS-04 | X | | | |
| Ed Whitfield | KY-01 | | X | | |
| Brett Guthrie | KY-02 | | | X | balanced budget |
| Jeoff Davis | KY-04 | | X | | |
| Hal Rogers | KY-05 | X | | | |
| Steve Scalise | LA-01 | | X | | |
| Jeff Landry | LA-03 | | X | | |
| John Flemming | LA-04 | | X | | |
| Rodney Alexander | LA-05 | | | X | spending cuts |
| Bill Cassidy | LA-06 | | X | | |
| Charles Boostaney | LA-07 | | X | | |
| Andy Harris | MD-01 | | X | | |
| Roscoe Bartlett | MD-06 | | X | | |
| Dan Banishek | MI-01 | | X | | |
| Bill Huizenga | MI-02 | | X | | |

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| Justin Amash | MI-03 | X | | |
| Dave Camp | MI-04 | X | | |
| Fred Upton | MI -06 | | X | spending cuts |
| Tim Walberg | MI-07 | X | | |
| Mike Rogers | MI-08 | X | | |
| Candice Miller | MI-10 | X | | |
| Thaddeus McCotter | MI-11 | X | | |
| John Kline | MN-02 | X | | |
| Erik Paulsen | MN-03 | | X | spending cuts |
| Michelle Bachman | MN-06 | X | | |
| Chip Cravaack | MN-08 | X | | |
| Todd Akin | MO-02 | X | | |
| Vicki Hartzler | MO-04 | X | | |
| Sam Graves | MO-06 | X | | |
| Billy Long | MO-07 | X | | |
| Jo Ann Emerson | MO-08 | X | | |
| Blaine Luetkemeyer | MO-09 | X | | |
| Alan Nunnelee | MS-01 | | X | balanced budget |
| Gregg Harper | MS-03 | X | | |

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| Steven Palazzo | MS-04 | | X | spending cuts |
| Danny Rehberg | MT-00 | X | | |
| Renee Ellmers | NC-02 | | X | |
| Walter Jones | NC-03 | X | | |
| Virginia Foxx | NC-05 | X | | |
| Howard Coble | NC-06 | X | | |
| Sue Myrick | NC-09 | X | | |
| Patrick McHenry | NC-10 | | X | |
| Rick Berg | ND-00 | X | | |
| Jeff Fortenberry | NE-01 | | X | |
| Lee Terry | NE-02 | | X | balanced budget |
| Adrian Smith | NE-03 | | X | |
| Frank Junta | NH-01 | X | | |
| Charles Bass | NH-02 | X | | |
| Frank Lobiondo | NJ-02 | X | | |
| Jon Runyan | NJ-03 | | X | |
| Christopher Smith | NJ-04 | X | | |
| Scott Garrett | NJ-05 | X | | |
| Leonard Lance | NJ-07 | X | | |

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| Rodney Frelinghuysen | NJ-11 | X | | |
| Steve Pearce | NM-02 | X | | |
| Dean Heller | NV-02 | X | | |
| Joe Heck | NV-03 | | X | |
| Peter King | NY-03 | X | | |
| Michael Grimm | NY-13 | X | | |
| Nan Hayworth | NY-19 | | X | |
| Chris Gibson | NY-20 | | X | |
| Richard Hanna | NY-24 | | X | spending cuts |
| Ann Marie Buerkle | NY-25 | X | | |
| Tom Reed | NY-29 | | X | entitlement cuts |
| Steve Chabot | OH-01 | X | | |
| Jean Schmidt | OH-02 | X | | |
| Michael Turner | OH-03 | | X | |
| Jim Jordan | OH-04 | | X | spending cuts |
| Bob Latta | OH-05 | X | | |
| Bill Johnson | OH-06 | X | | |
| Steve Austria | OH-07 | X | | |
| John Beohner | OH-08 | X | | |

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| Pat Tiberi | OH-12 | X | | |
| Steven La Tourette | OH-14 | | X | |
| Steve Stivers | OH-15 | X | | |
| Jim Rennaci | OH-16 | X | | |
| Bob Gibbs | OH-18 | X | | |
| John Sullivan | OK-01 | X | | |
| Frank Lucas | OK-03 | X | | |
| Tom Cole | OK-04 | | X | spending cuts |
| James Lankford | OK-05 | X | | |
| Greg Walden | OR-02 | | X | |
| Mike Kelly | PA-03 | X | | |
| Glenn Thompson | PA-05 | X | | |
| Jim Gerlach | PA-06 | X | | |
| Patrick Meehan | PA-07 | | X | spending cuts |
| Mike Fitzpatrick | PA-08 | | X | |
| Bill Shuster | PA-09 | | X | spending cuts |
| Tom Marino | PA-10 | X | | |
| Lou Barletta | PA-11 | X | | |
| Charlie Dent | PA-15 | X | | |

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|---------------------|--------|---|---|---------------|
| Joe Pitts | PA-16 | X | | |
| Tim Murphy | PA -18 | X | | |
| Todd Platts | PA-19 | | X | |
| Tim Scott | SC-01 | X | | |
| Joe Wilson | SC-02 | X | | |
| Jeff Duncan | SC-03 | X | | |
| Trey Gowdy | SC-04 | X | | |
| Mick Mulvaney | SC-05 | X | | |
| Kristi Noem | SD-00 | X | | |
| Phil Roe | TN-01 | | X | spending cuts |
| John J. Duncan Jr. | TN-02 | X | | |
| Chuck Fleischmann | TN-04 | | X | spending cuts |
| Scott Desjarlais | TN-05 | X | | |
| Diane Black | TN-06 | X | | |
| Marsha Blackburn | TN-07 | X | | |
| Stephen Lee Fincher | TN-08 | X | | |
| Louie Gohmert | TX-01 | X | | |
| Ted Poe | TX-02 | X | | |
| Sam Johnson | TX-03 | X | | |

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| Ralph Hall | TX-04 | X | | |
| Jeb Hensarling | TX-05 | | X | spending cuts |
| Joe Barton | TX-06 | X | | |
| John Calberson | TX-07 | | X | repeal health care |
| Kevin Brady | TX-08 | X | | |
| Michael McCaul | TX-10 | X | | |
| Michael Conaway | TX-11 | | X | balanced budget |
| Kay Granger | TX-12 | X | | |
| Mac Thornberry | TX-13 | | X | |
| Ron Paul | TX-14 | X | | |
| Bill Flores | TX-17 | X | | |
| Randy Neugebaur | TX-19 | | X | spending cuts |
| Lamar Smith | TX-21 | X | | |
| Pete Olson | TX-22 | | X | balanced budget |
| Fransisco Canseco | TX-23 | X | | |
| Kenney Merachant | TX-24 | X | | |
| Michael Burgess | TX-26 | X | | |
| Blake Farenthold | TX-27 | X | | |
| John Carter | TX-31 | X | | |

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| Pete Sessions | TX-32 | | X | repeal heath care |
| Rob Bishop | UT-01 | X | | |
| Jason Chaffetz | UT-03 | X | | |
| Rob Wittman | VA-01 | | X | |
| Scott Riggell | VA-02 | X | | |
| Randy Forbes | VA-04 | | X | |
| Robert Hurt | VA-05 | X | | |
| Bob Goodlatte | VA-06 | | X | balanced budget |
| Eric Cantor | VA-07 | X | | |
| Morgan Griffith | VA-09 | | X | |
| Frank Wolf | VA-10 | X | | |
| Jaime Herrera Buetler | WA-03 | | X | spending cuts |
| Doc Hastings | WA-04 | | X | |
| Cathy McMorris Rodgers | WA-05 | | X | spending cuts |
| Dave Reichert | WA-08 | X | | |
| Paul Ryan | WI-01 | X | | |
| James F. Sensenbrenner | WI-05 | | X | |
| Thomas Petri | WI-06 | X | | |
| Sean Duffy | WI-07 | | X | spending cuts |

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| Reid Ribble | WI-08 | X | | |
| David Mckinley | WV-01 | X | | |
| Shelly Moore Capito | WV-02 | X | | |
| Cynthia Lummis | WY-00 | | X | spending cuts |
| Totals | | 20 | 142 | 39 |
| | | | 40 | |

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