

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at this address [READ ADDRESS]?

VOL:	Yes	100%
	No	-
	(Don't know/Refused)	-

S2. Do you or any member of your household currently work as a member of the news media or work for an elected official or candidate for political office in any capacity?

VOL:	Yes	-
	No	100
	(Don't know/Refused)	-

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, a not very strong Democrat, a strong Republican, a not very strong Republican, or an Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

VOL:	Strong Democrat	25%
	Weak Democrat	8
	Independent / Closer to the Democrats	10
	Independent	17
	Independent / Closer to the Republicans	12
	Weak Republican	8
	Strong Republican	18
	(Don't Know/Refused)	2
	DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%
	INDEPENDENT (NET)	40
	REPUBLICAN (NET)	26
	DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	44%
	REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	38

Q1. Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities. Do you agree or disagree? [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Strongly agree ..	67%	64%	59%	60%	61%	61%	64%	68%	66%	71%	71%	63%	58%
Somewhat agree	17	20	23	20	22	20	19	15	21	18	18	21	15
Somewhat disagree	7	7	8	7	6	8	9	7	5	4	4	9	14
Strongly disagree	6	7	5	8	8	7	5	7	4	3	4	5	11
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) ..	3	3	5	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	1
AGREE (NET) ..	83%	84	82	80	84	81	83	83	87	89	89	84	74
DISAGREE (NET)	13	14	13	14	14	15	14	13	9	7	7	14	25

Q2. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern has increased or decreased? [IF INCREASED/DECREASED] Is that [INCREASED/DECREASED] a lot or just a little?

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Increase a lot	58%	54%	52%	53%	55%	54%	52%	58%	52%	60%	51%
Increased a little	19	20	19	21	20	19	21	18	24	21	25
Decreased a little	6	9	10	8	7	8	9	7	7	4	7
Decreased a lot	4	4	5	4	6	4	4	5	3	2	3
VOL: (No change)	11	12	12	13	10	14	13	11	13	12	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
INCREASED (NET)	77%	73	71	74	75	73	73	76	76	81	77
DECREASED (NET)	10	13	15	12	13	12	13	11	10	7	10

Q3. And thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse? [IF BETTER/WORSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?

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Much better	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	10%	8%	10%	11%	9%	14%
Somewhat better	17	16	19	20	18	20	21	21	20	21	30
Somewhat worse	22	26	28	25	27	26	27	22	25	21	16
Much worse	43	40	36	37	36	36	37	38	37	40	31
VOL: (No change)	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5	7	6	6	5	4	5	6	5	5	6
BETTER (NET)	25%	25	27	28	28	31	29	31	31	31	44
WORSE (NET)	65	66	63	62	63	63	64	60	62	61	47

Q4. When it comes to addressing our national debt, would you say things in the United States are heading in the right direction or do you think things are off on the wrong track? **[IF RESPONSE]** Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Right direction - Strongly	7%	11%	9%	11%	9%	13%	8%	13%	11%	9%	17%
Right direction - Somewhat	12	14	18	18	19	17	21	19	20	19	23
Wrong track - Somewhat	18	17	19	16	16	16	18	14	17	17	14
Wrong track - Strongly	52	48	44	46	44	44	43	45	42	44	36
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	8	7	6	4	7	6	6	4	6	7	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	20%	25	26	29	28	30	29	32	30	28	39
WRONG TRACK (NET)	70	65	63	62	60	60	61	60	59	60	51

Q5. And when it comes to our national debt, do you think it is an issue that the President and Congress should spend more time addressing or less time addressing? **[IF MORE/LESS]** Would you say a lot **[MORE/LESS]** time or just a little?

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A lot more time	67%	66%	64%	64%	63%	65%	65%	67%	62%	68%	66%
A little more time	15	18	18	20	20	17	19	15	22	19	20
A little less time	6	6	6	5	5	6	5	5	6	4	5
A lot less time	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	3	1
VOL: (The same amount of time)	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	2	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3
MORE TIME (NET)	83%	84	83	84	84	82	84	82	84	87	87
LESS TIME (NET)	10	11	10	9	8	11	8	10	8	7	7

Q6. And when it comes to our national debt, are you optimistic or pessimistic that the United States will be able to make progress on our national debt over the next few years? **[IF OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC]** Would you say you are very **[OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC]** or just somewhat?

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Very optimistic	16%	21%	17%	20%	17%	20%	18%	22%	18%	19%	23%
Somewhat optimistic	27	26	30	28	32	29	31	26	32	29	32
Somewhat pessimistic	19	17	17	18	16	17	18	18	16	18	13
Very pessimistic	32	28	29	29	29	29	28	30	30	30	26
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	43%	47	47	47	49	49	49	47	49	48	55
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	50	45	46	46	46	46	46	48	46	47	40

Finally I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

D101. What is your age?

18-29	17%
30-44	24
45-54	18
55-64	17
65+	20
VOL: (Refused)	3

D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Some grade school	1%
Some high school	3
Graduated high school	22
Technical/Vocational	4
Some college	22
Graduate college	29
Graduate professional	17
VOL: (Refused)	2

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very Liberal	8%
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	29
Somewhat conservative	25
Very Conservative	16
VOL: (Refused)	5
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41

Q20. Do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party Movement? If you haven't heard of them, please tell me and we'll move on.

Strongly favorable.....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	20
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Strongly unfavorable.....	35
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	14
Haven't heard of	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	32%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	45
FAMILIAR (NET)	78

D170. Thinking of your socio-economic status, would you describe yourself as working class, middle class, or as affluent? **[IF MIDDLE CLASS]** And would you describe yourself as lower middle class, upper middle class, or somewhere in between?

Working class	32%
Lower middle class	10
Middle class.....	38
Upper middle class.....	8
Affluent	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	6

D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? **[IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER]** Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	13%
White/Caucasian	76
Hispanic/Latino	8
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
VOL: (Refused).....	2

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast.....	18%
Midwest	24
South	38
West	20

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male.....	46%
Female.....	54