

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

	Yes	100%
	No	-
VOL:	(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?

	Yes	-
	No	100
VOL:	(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?

	Strong Democrat	27%
	Weak Democrat	8
	Independent / Closer to the Democrats	11
	Independent	14
	Independent / Closer to the Republicans	11
	Weak Republican	7
	Strong Republican	21
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	1
	DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
	INDEPENDENT (NET)	37
	REPUBLICAN (NET)	28
	DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	46%
	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 RESPONSE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

		<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Aug 10</u>
	Strongly agree	66%	71%	71%	63%	58%
	Somewhat agree	21	18	18	21	15
	Somewhat disagree	5	4	4	9	14
	Strongly disagree	4	3	4	5	11
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	4	3	4	2	1
	AGREE (NET)	87%	89	89	84	74
	DISAGREE (NET)	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 RESPONSE] Is that [INCREASED/DECREASED] a lot or just a little?

		<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
	Increase a lot	52%	60%	51%
	Increased a little	24	21	25
	Decreased a little	7	4	7
	Decreased a lot	3	2	3
VOL:	(No change)	13	12	12
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	1	1	2
	INCREASED (NET)	76%	81	77
	DECREASED (NET)	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 RESPONSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?

		<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
	Much better	11%	9%	14%
	Somewhat better	20	21	30
	Somewhat worse	25	21	16
	Much worse	37	40	31
VOL:	(No change)	2	4	2
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	5	5	6
	BETTER (NET)	31%	31	44
	WORSE (NET)	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?

		<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
	Right direction - Strongly	11%	9%	17%
	Right direction - Somewhat	20	19	23
	Wrong track - Somewhat	17	17	14
	Wrong track - Strongly	42	44	36
VOL:	(Neither/Mixed)	6	7	5
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	5	5	5
	RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	30%	28	39
	WRONG TRACK (NET)	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 RESPONSE] Would you say a lot [MORE/LESS] time or just a little?

	Feb 13	Jan 13	Dec 12
A lot more time.....	62%	68%	66%
A little more time.....	22	19	20
A little less time.....	6	4	5
A lot less time.....	3	3	1
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	4	3	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused).....	3	3	3
MORE TIME (NET).....	84%	87	87
LESS TIME (NET).....	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 RESPONSE] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

	Feb 13	Jan 13	Dec 12
Very optimistic.....	18%	19%	23%
Somewhat optimistic.....	32	29	32
Somewhat pessimistic.....	16	18	13
Very pessimistic.....	30	30	26
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	2	3	2
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused).....	3	2	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET).....	49%	48	55
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	46	47	40

Q7. Thinking more about the debt and our economy...

Some people say that we should delay agreeing on a long-term deficit reduction plan until our economy is stronger.

Other people say that we will strengthen today's economy if we agree on a long-term debt reduction plan now that can be implemented gradually as the economy recovers.

Wait to address - Strongly.....	8%
Wait to address - Somewhat.....	10
Address debt now - Somewhat.....	19
Address debt now - Strongly.....	57
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused).....	6
WAIT TO ADDRESS (NET).....	18%
ADDRESS DEBT NOW (NET).....	76

Which statement comes closest to your views? [IF RESPONSE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Now I'd like to read you some statements about a series of automatic across-the-board spending cuts known as the sequester, which are scheduled to go into effect on March 1. These cuts, which will be split equally between domestic and defense spending, would reduce the deficit by 1 trillion dollars over the next 9 years. Social Security would be exempted from the cuts and Medicare cuts would be limited.

Q8. Some people say that Congress and the President should allow the automatic spending cuts to kick in as planned.

Other people say that that Congress and the President should achieve the same level of savings by replacing the automatic spending cuts with a deficit-reduction plan that includes both spending cuts and tax increases.

Some other people say that Congress and the President should achieve the same level of savings by replacing the automatic spending cuts with a deficit reduction plan that includes different spending cuts and no tax increases.

Allow automatic cuts.....	12%
Replace automatic cuts with plan of spending cuts and tax increases.....	29
Replace automatic cuts with plan of alternative spending cuts and no tax increases.....	46
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused).....	13

Which one of these statements comes closest to your own views?

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	25
	45-54	19
	55-64	17
	65+	20
	VOL: (Refused)	2
D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?	Some grade school	*
	Some high school	4
	Graduated high school	23
	Technical/Vocational	4
	Some college	23
	Graduate college	31
	Graduate professional	15
VOL: (Refused)	1	
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	9%
	Somewhat liberal	15
	Moderate	30
	Somewhat conservative	20
	Very Conservative	21
	VOL: (Refused)	4
D107. Do you currently have any children under 18 living at home with you?	LIBERAL (NET)	25%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41
D107. Do you currently have any children under 18 living at home with you?	Yes	30%
	No	69
	VOL: (Refused)	1
D108. In terms of your job status, are you employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?	Employed	51%
	Unemployed	8
	Retired	29
	Student	6
	Homemaker	6
	VOL: (Refused)	2
D109. [IF EMPLOYED] Is your employment full-time or part-time?	Full-time	80%
	Part-time	19
	VOL: (Refused)	1
D110. What is your current marital status?	Married	56%
	Not married, but living with partner	2
	Single, never married	23
	Divorced or separated	9
	Widowed	9
	VOL: (Refused)	2
Q14. 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	11%
	Somewhat favorable	19
	Somewhat unfavorable	12
	Strongly unfavorable	27
	VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	17
	Haven't heard of	10
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
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?	FAVORABLE (NET)	30%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	39
	FAMILIAR (NET)	69
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	33%
	Lower middle class	10
	Middle class	42
	Upper middle class	8
	Affluent	4
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3

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	12%
White/Caucasian	73
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	2
VOL: (Refused).....	3

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	24
South	38
West	20

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	46%
Female.....	54