

Q1. In general, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say things are off on the wrong track?		DEM	REP	
	Right direction	18%	-	
	Wrong track	59	85	
	Neither	24	15	
Q2. Do you agree or disagree that the federal government is currently on an unsustainable long term fiscal path?		DEM	REP	
	Strongly agree	100%	100%	
	Somewhat agree	-	-	
	Somewhat disagree	-	-	
	Strongly disagree	-	-	
	AGREE (NET)	100%	100	
DISAGREE (NET)	-	-		
Q3A. How concerned are you about America's dependence on foreign lenders to keep buying our debt?		DEM	REP	
	Very concerned	41%	37%	
	Somewhat concerned	41	49	
	Not very concerned	12	15	
	Not at all concerned	6	-	
	CONCERNED (NET)	82%	85	
NOT CONCERNED (NET)	18	15		
Q3B. How concerned are you about our ability to ensure the solvency and sustainability of entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security for future generations?		DEM	REP	
	Very concerned	82%	88%	
	Somewhat concerned	18	10	
	Not very concerned	-	3	
	Not at all concerned	-	-	
	CONCERNED (NET)	100%	98	
NOT CONCERNED (NET)	-	3		
Q4A. Which do you think is more threatening to this country's economic future: Short term deficits that are largely a result of government spending on economic recovery measures and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan OR Longer term structural deficits that are a result of a basic and recurring imbalance between government revenues and overall spending?		DEM	REP	
	Short term deficits are more threatening	-	-	
	Short term deficits are somewhat more threatening	-	-	
	Longer term structural deficits are somewhat more threatening	-	7	
	Longer term structural deficits are much more threatening	100	93	
	SHORT TERM (NET)	-	-	
	LONG TERM (NET)	100	100	
	Q5. Do you think the longer term structural deficit in this country is a...?		DEM	REP
		Very serious problem	100%	100%
		Somewhat serious problem	-	-
Not very serious problem		-	-	
Not a serious problem at all		-	-	
SERIOUS (NET)	100%	100		
NOT SERIOUS (NET)	-	-		
Q6. Do you agree or disagree that if we do not act soon to address the nation's long term fiscal situation we are heading for another major economic crisis?		DEM	REP	
	Strongly agree	71%	63%	
	Somewhat agree	24	34	
	Somewhat disagree	-	2	
	Strongly disagree	6	-	
	AGREE (NET)	94%	98	
DISAGREE (NET)	6	2		

Q7. How much economic pain will the average American endure if actions are not taken to avert a long term economic crisis in this country?

	DEM	REP
A lot.....	82%	78%
Some.....	18	23
Not too much.....	-	-
None.....	-	-
WILL CAUSE PAIN (NET).....	100%	100
WILL NOT CAUSE PAIN (NET).....	-	-

Q8. How much do you think that long term increases in U.S. debt and interest costs will hinder its competitiveness compared to emerging economies like China, India and Brazil?

	DEM	REP
A lot.....	29%	59%
Some.....	71	24
Not too much.....	-	12
None.....	-	6
WILL HINDER (NET).....	100%	82
WILL NOT HINDER (NET).....	-	18

Q9. Compared with other ways to address our longer term structural deficit challenges, how important is it that we reduce our overall health care spending, including but not restricted to, Medicare?

	DEM	REP
Much more important.....	44%	41%
Somewhat more important.....	56	51
Somewhat less important.....	-	5
Much less important.....	-	3
MORE IMPORTANT (NET).....	100%	92
LESS IMPORTANT (NET).....	-	8

Q10. If we fail to enact meaningful measures to address our longer term structural deficit challenges, how likely is it that we will encounter an economic crisis?

	DEM	REP
Very likely.....	71%	71%
Somewhat likely.....	24	24
Not very likely.....	6	5
Not at all likely.....	-	-
LIKELY (NET).....	94%	95
NOT LIKELY (NET).....	6	5

Q11. Within what time period would you expect this economic crisis to happen if we do not address our longer term structural deficit challenges?

	DEM	REP
Within the next 1-2 years.....	-	3%
Within the next 3-5 years.....	19	33
Within the next 6-10 years.....	56	53
More than 10 years from now.....	25	10
I don't believe we are heading for an economic crisis....	-	3
WITHIN 10 YEARS (NET).....	75%	88

If we fail to enact meaningful measures to address the longer term structural deficit challenges within the next few years, how likely is it that we will encounter...

		LIKELY		NOT LIKELY		NET	
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	LIKELY	NOT LIKELY
• Rapid growth in federal mandatory spending which then crowds out other important public investments.....	DEM	71%	29	-	-	100	-
	REP	80%	17	2	-	98	2
• Significant rise in interest rates.....	DEM	65%	29	6	-	94	6
	REP	71%	29	-	-	100	-
• An eventual decline in Americans' standard of living.....	DEM	53%	41	6	-	94	6
	REP	65%	25	10	-	90	10
• Significant decline in the value of the dollar.....	DEM	47%	47	6	-	94	6
	REP	44%	51	5	-	95	5
• Weakened U.S. standing as a leader in the world.....	DEM	41%	41	18	-	82	18
	REP	59%	37	5	-	95	5

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		LIKELY		NOT LIKELY		NET	
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	LIKELY	NOT LIKELY
• Substantially slower economic growth	DEM	41%	41	18	-	82	18
	REP	61%	39	-	-	100	-
• Foreign lenders losing confidence in the U.S. leading to higher interest rates or a reluctance to lend us money	DEM	29%	65	6	-	94	6
	REP	41%	49	10	-	90	10
• Sharp rise in inflation	DEM	18%	35	29	18	53	47
	REP	22%	61	17	-	83	17
• High unemployment	DEM	-	65	35	-	65	35
	REP	15%	76	10	-	90	10
• A drop in housing prices	DEM	-	75	25	-	75	25
	REP	3%	60	38	-	63	38
• An increase in foreclosures	DEM	-	65	35	-	65	35
	REP	5%	63	32	-	68	32

Q23. Do you agree or disagree with those who say we can solve our longer term structural deficit problem through economic growth alone?

	DEM	REP
Strongly agree	-	5%
Somewhat agree	-	5
Somewhat disagree	13	12
Strongly disagree	88	78
AGREE (NET)	-	10
DISAGREE (NET)	100	90

Q24. When should the U.S. government begin to take action to address the long term fiscal situation?

	DEM	REP
Within the next 1-2 years	82%	92%
Within the next 3-5 years	12	8
Within the next 6-10 years	6	-
More than 10 years from now	-	-
Never, since we will grow our way out	-	-

Q25. As you think about approaches to solve the country's longer term structural deficits, which one statement best represents your own view:

	DEM	REP
Solve the country's longer term structural deficits without any spending cuts	-	-
Solve the country's longer term structural deficits without any tax increases	12	32
Solve the country's longer term structural deficits with both spending cuts and tax increases	88	68

For each of the following ways to address our country's long term fiscal challenges, do you believe it should be seriously considered even if not politically popular or do you believe it should not even be considered?

		Seriously considered	Not considered
• Re-impose statutory budget controls such as spending caps and stricter PAY-GO rules	DEM	100%	-
	REP	92%	8
• Entitlement reform - including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	DEM	100%	-
	REP	97%	3
• Overall spending cuts	DEM	100%	-
	REP	100%	-

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		<u>Seriously considered</u>	<u>Not considered</u>
• Reform our federal tax code	DEM	94%	6
	REP	100%	-
• Significant decreases in discretionary spending	DEM	94%	6
	REP	95%	5
• Find a new source of revenues	DEM	88%	12
	REP	63%	37
• Tax increases	DEM	88%	12
	REP	72%	28
• Significant decreases in defense spending	DEM	56%	44
	REP	56%	44

Q34. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to go beyond the timeframe of 2015 and also address long term fiscal goals over the next several decades?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>
Strongly agree	88%	70%
Somewhat agree	6	28
Somewhat disagree	6	32
Strongly disagree	-	-
AGREE (NET)	94%	98
DISAGREE (NET)	6	2