

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] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	25%
Weak Democrat	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	9
Independent	16
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	10
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican	20
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3
DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	38
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	43%
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	57%	56%	58%	58%	58%	62%	55%	60%	59%	62%	58%	67%
Somewhat agree	23	25	21	24	21	22	24	21	22	20	21	17
Somewhat disagree	11	10	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	8	8	7
Strongly disagree	6	7	8	5	8	6	7	8	7	7	9	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	2	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	3
AGREE (NET)	80%	81	79	82	79	84	79	80	81	83	80	83
DISAGREE (NET)	17	17	16	15	17	13	17	16	15	15	17	13

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

	<u>Sep 14</u>	<u>Aug 14</u>	<u>Jul 14</u>	<u>Jun 14</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>Apr 14</u>	<u>Mar 14</u>	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Oct 13</u>
Increased a lot	49%	51%	53%	50%	51%	52%	48%	53%	52%	54%	54%	58%
Increased a little	16	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	21	20	20	19
Decreased a little	13	10	10	12	8	10	9	9	8	8	9	6
Decreased a lot	6	5	5	4	6	5	6	5	5	3	4	4
VOL: (No change)	14	14	12	14	15	13	16	12	13	13	12	11
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
INCREASED (NET)	66%	70	72	69	70	71	67	72	73	75	74	77
DECREASED (NET)	19	15	16	16	15	15	15	15	13	11	13	10

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

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Much better	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	8%	10%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%
Somewhat better	16	17	15	17	18	17	19	21	20	22	19	17
Somewhat worse	28	26	27	29	26	27	23	22	28	22	24	22
Much worse	39	39	42	38	38	38	38	39	38	39	38	43
VOL: (No change)	5	4	4	5	6	5	6	4	3	4	4	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5	6	4	5	5	4	5	5	3	5	6	5
BETTER (NET)	23%	25	23	24	25	26	28	31	28	31	28	25
WORSE (NET)	67	65	69	67	64	65	61	61	66	61	62	65

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? [FOLLOW UP] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	Sep 14	Aug 14	Jul 14	Jun 14	May 14	Apr 14	Mar 14	Feb 14	Jan 14	Dec 13	Nov 13	Oct 13
Right direction - Strongly ...	7%	10%	7%	9%	8%	9%	10%	11%	8%	9%	9%	7%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	16	14	15	16	15	16	19	18	19	16	14	12
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	19	15	15	18	19	19	16	15	17	18	18	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	48	51	53	46	45	46	43	48	48	48	46	52
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	7	6	6	8	9	6	6	5	6	5	7	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	3
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	23%	24	22	25	24	26	29	29	27	25	23	20
WRONG TRACK (NET)	66	66	68	63	64	65	59	63	65	66	64	70

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? [FOLLOW UP] Would you say a lot [MORE/LESS] time or just a little?

	Sep 14	Aug 14	Jul 14	Jun 14	May 14	Apr 14	Mar 14	Feb 14	Jan 14	Dec 13	Nov 13	Oct 13
A lot more time	62%	64%	64%	61%	62%	63%	58%	61%	63%	58%	63%	67%
A little more time.....	23	19	19	21	19	20	22	20	21	21	21	15
A little less time.....	5	5	4	7	7	6	6	6	5	7	6	6
A lot less time	3	5	5	3	4	4	5	6	4	5	4	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	4	5	3	5	5	5	4	3	3	5	3	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	2	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	3
MORE TIME (NET)	85%	83	83	82	81	83	80	82	85	80	84	83
LESS TIME (NET)	8	10	9	10	11	10	11	12	9	12	9	10

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? [FOLLOW UP] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

	Sep 14	Aug 14	Jul 14	Jun 14	May 14	Apr 14	Mar 14	Feb 14	Jan 14	Dec 13	Nov 13	Oct 13
Very optimistic	15%	16%	17%	16%	18%	17%	16%	18%	15%	18%	16%	16%
Somewhat optimistic	29	30	28	27	29	29	31	28	30	27	33	27
Somewhat pessimistic.....	20	19	17	19	17	19	15	17	19	17	16	19
Very pessimistic.....	31	29	32	32	30	30	30	31	32	32	28	32
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	2	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	3	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%	46	44	43	47	46	47	46	44	45	49	43
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	52	48	49	50	46	49	45	48	51	48	45	50

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	23
45-54	19
55-64	18
65+.....	21
VOL: (Refused).....	2

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

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school	7
Graduated high school	16
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college.....	25
Graduate college	31
Graduate professional	17
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	16
Moderate	29
Somewhat conservative	22
Very conservative	19
VOL: (Refused).....	5
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	41

D7. 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.....	10%
Somewhat favorable.....	22
Somewhat unfavorable.....	16
Strongly unfavorable.....	30
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	12
Haven't heard of	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	32%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	47
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.....	41
Upper middle class.....	10
Affluent	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	2

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	73
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	2
VOL: (Refused).....	2

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast.....	18%
Midwest	24
South	37
West	21