

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	28%
Weak Democrat	7
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	10
Independent	12
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	10
Weak Republican	5
Strong Republican	24
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3
DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	36
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	39

P2. Thinking back, did you have a chance to vote in the November election for President of the United States? [IF YES] Do you recall whether you voted for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Yes, voted for Obama	41%
Yes, voted for Romney	38
No, did not vote	7
VOL: (Voted but can't recall/Refused)	14

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?

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>2010</u>
Strongly agree	71%	63%	58%
Somewhat agree	18	21	15
Somewhat disagree	4	9	14
Strongly disagree	4	5	11
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4	2	1
AGREE (NET)	89%	84	74
DISAGREE (NET)	7	14	25

Q2. Which of the following statements about the national debt comes closest to your own views?

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>April</u>
It is a major problem that the country needs to address now	85%	81%
It is a major problem that can be addressed later	12	17
It is not much of a problem for the country	2	2
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	1	1

Q3. Overall, do you think that reducing the federal deficit over time will help the economy?

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>April</u>
Yes	85%	86%
No	8	10
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	7	4

Q4. Over the course of the last year, do you think the state of our economy has gotten better or worse? [IF RESPONSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?

Much better	8%
Somewhat better	33
Somewhat worse	18
Much worse	28
VOL: (No change)	11
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3
BETTER (NET)	41%
WORSE (NET)	46

Q5. And over the course of the next year, do you expect the state of our economy to get better or worse? [IF RESPONSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?	Much better.....	16%	
	Somewhat better	35	
	Somewhat worse	15	
	Much worse	24	
	VOL: (No change).....	4	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	7	
	BETTER (NET).....	51%	
	WORSE (NET)	38	
	Q6. 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?	Increased a lot	51%
		Increased a little	25
Decreased a little.....		7	
Decreased a lot		3	
VOL: (No change).....		12	
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)		2	
INCREASED (NET).....		77%	
DECREASED (NET).....		10	
Q7. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say the problem has gotten better or worse? [IF RESPONSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?		Much better.....	3%
		Somewhat better	14
	Somewhat worse	24	
	Much worse	47	
	VOL: (No change).....	9	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3	
	BETTER (NET).....	18%	
	WORSE (NET)	70	
	Q8. 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]?	Much better.....	14%
		Somewhat better	30
Somewhat worse		16	
Much worse		31	
VOL: (No change).....		2	
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)		6	
BETTER (NET).....		44%	
WORSE (NET)		47	
Q9. 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?		Right direction - Strongly	17%
		Right direction - Somewhat	23
	Wrong track - Somewhat.....	14	
	Wrong track - Strongly.....	36	
	VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	5	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5	
	RIGHT DIRECTION (NET).....	39%	
	WRONG TRACK (NET).....	51	
	Q10. 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?	A lot more time	66%
		A little more time.....	20
A little less time.....		5	
A lot less time		1	
VOL: (The same amount of time)		4	
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)		3	
MORE TIME (NET).....		87%	
LESS TIME (NET)		7	
Q11A. [FORM A] 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?		Very optimistic	23%
		Somewhat optimistic.....	32
	Somewhat pessimistic.....	13	
	Very pessimistic.....	26	
	VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	2	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3	
	OPTIMISTIC (NET)	55%	
	PESSIMISTIC (NET)	40	

Q11B. [FORM B] And when it comes to our national debt, are you optimistic or pessimistic that the United States will be able to fix our national debt over the next few years? **[IF RESPONSE]** Would you say you are very **[OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC]** or just somewhat?

Very optimistic	22%
Somewhat optimistic.....	31
Somewhat pessimistic.....	16
Very pessimistic.....	24
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	54%
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	39

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Q12. I would like to see Republicans and Democrats work together to solve our long-term fiscal and economic problems. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE]** Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Strongly agree	87%
Somewhat agree	10
Somewhat disagree.....	1
Strongly disagree.....	1
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	1
AGREE (NET)	97%
DISAGREE (NET)	3

Thinking now about what you can do personally...Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement about the national debt. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE]** Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong		AGREE	DISAGREE
• [FORM B] I am willing to do my part to reduce the national debt, as long as other people also do their part to reduce the national debt.	64%	24	2	3	7	88%	5
<i>April 2012</i>	67%	24	4	4	2	91%	7
• [FORM A] I am willing to do my part to reduce the national debt... ..	53%	29	3	5	11	82%	7
<i>April 2012</i>	54%	35	3	6	2	89%	9

Q14. Changing topics...How much would you say you have seen, read or heard about something called the fiscal cliff?

A lot	51%
Some	15
Not too much	14
Nothing at all.....	18
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	1
SOME OR MORE (NET)	67%
NOT MUCH OR NOTHING (NET)	32

Q15. As you may know, at the end of the year, a series of tax cuts enacted under President Bush and President Obama will expire at the same time as major across-the-board spending cuts are made. The combination of these events is referred to as the fiscal cliff. How concerned are you about the fiscal cliff?

Very concerned	42%
Somewhat concerned.....	37
Not that concerned	10
Not concerned at all.....	6
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
CONCERNED (NET).....	79%
NOT CONCERNED (NET)	16

Now I'd like to read you a list of things that people say may happen if their leaders in Washington do not resolve the fiscal cliff. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether it concerns you a great deal, some, not that much or not at all. **[IF CHOICE]** Does this concern you a great deal, some, not that much or not at all?

	CONCERNED		NOT CONCERNED		NET	
	A great deal	Some	Not that much	Not at all	CONCERN	NOT CONCERN
• The economy could be sent back into a recession	69%	20	5	6	89	11
• Unemployment could climb back up to over 9 percent by the end of next year	64%	24	6	5	88	12
• Your own personal financial situation could worsen.....	63%	21	8	8	84	16
• America's credit rating could be downgraded.....	51%	29	10	10	80	20
• Confidence in our economy could decrease	51%	35	8	6	85	15

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements. [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly, or just somewhat?

	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong		AGREE	DISAGREE
• Democrats and Republicans should work together to find a solution that prevents the country from falling off the fiscal cliff...	81%	14	1	2	2	95%	3
• To help strengthen our economy, we need a long-term solution to reduce our national debt that includes both spending cuts and tax increases.	51%	26	9	10	5	77%	18

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	1%
Some high school	3
Graduated high school	22
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college	22
Graduate college	32
Graduate professional	16
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	10%
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate	27
Somewhat conservative	21
Very Conservative	22
VOL: (Refused)	5
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	43

Q23. 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	21
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Strongly unfavorable	27
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	15
VOL: Haven't heard of	6
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
FAVORABLE (NET)	34%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	41
FAMILIAR (NET)	74

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	13
Middle class	38
Upper middle class	9
Affluent	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4

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	2
Other (SPECIFY)	2
VOL: (Refused)	3

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

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