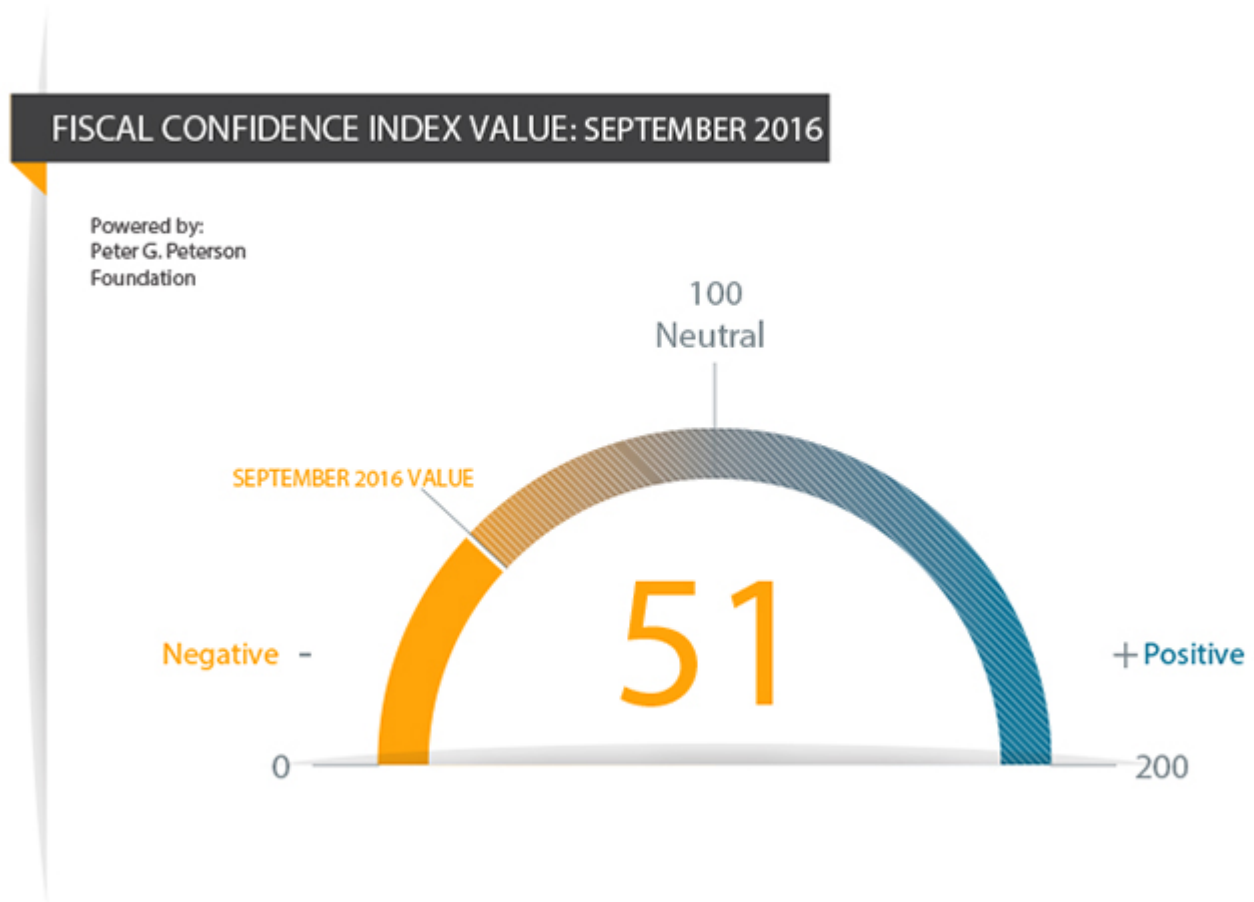


## Fiscal Confidence Index: September 2016 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **September 2016**. The FCI value for September is 50.

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation commissioned a poll by the Global Strategy Group and North Star Opinion Research to survey public opinion on the national debt. The nationwide poll included 1,007 U.S. registered voters, surveyed by telephone between September 19 and September 22, 2016. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.1%. The poll examined voters' opinions on the national debt, political leadership, and America's fiscal and economic health.

The Fiscal Confidence Index value is derived from six questions in three categories: Concern, Priority, and Expectations. The September 2016 scores are: Concern (39), Priority (28), Expectations (86). For the complete

methodology used to determine the Fiscal Confidence Index value, [click here](#). For full results, including demographic information, download the PDF below:

- September 2016

## CONCERN (39)

Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern has increased or decreased?

- Is that a lot or just a little?

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?

- Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Increased a lot	47%
Increased a little	19%
Decreased a little	10%
Decreased a lot	5%
(No change)	15%
(Don't Know/Refused)	3%
<b>INCREASED (NET)</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>DECREASED (NET)</b>	<b>15%</b>
Right direction - Strongly	10%
Right direction - Somewhat	14%
Wrong track - Somewhat	14%
Wrong track - Strongly	49%
(Neither/Mixed)	7%
(Don't Know/Refused)	6%
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b>	<b>63%</b>

## PRIORITY (28)

Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress' top 3 priorities. Do you agree or disagree?

- Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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?

- Would you say a lot (more or less) time or just a little?

Strongly agree	52%
Somewhat agree	22%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	9%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>20%</b>
A lot more time	59%
A little more time	22%
A little less time	8%
A lot less time	3%
(The same amount of time)	3%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%

<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>LESS TIME (NET)</b>	<b>11%</b>

## EXPECTATIONS (86)

And thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse?

- Is that much (better or worse) or just somewhat (better or worse)?

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?

- Would you say you are very (optimistic or pessimistic) or just somewhat?

Much better	7%
Somewhat better	18%
Somewhat worse	25%
Much worse	22%
(No change)	6%
(Don't know/Refused)	22%
<b>BETTER (NET)</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>WORSE (NET)</b>	<b>47%</b>
Very optimistic	19%
Somewhat optimistic	27%
Somewhat pessimistic	15%
Very pessimistic	21%
(Neither/Mixed)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	12%
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>36%</b>

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