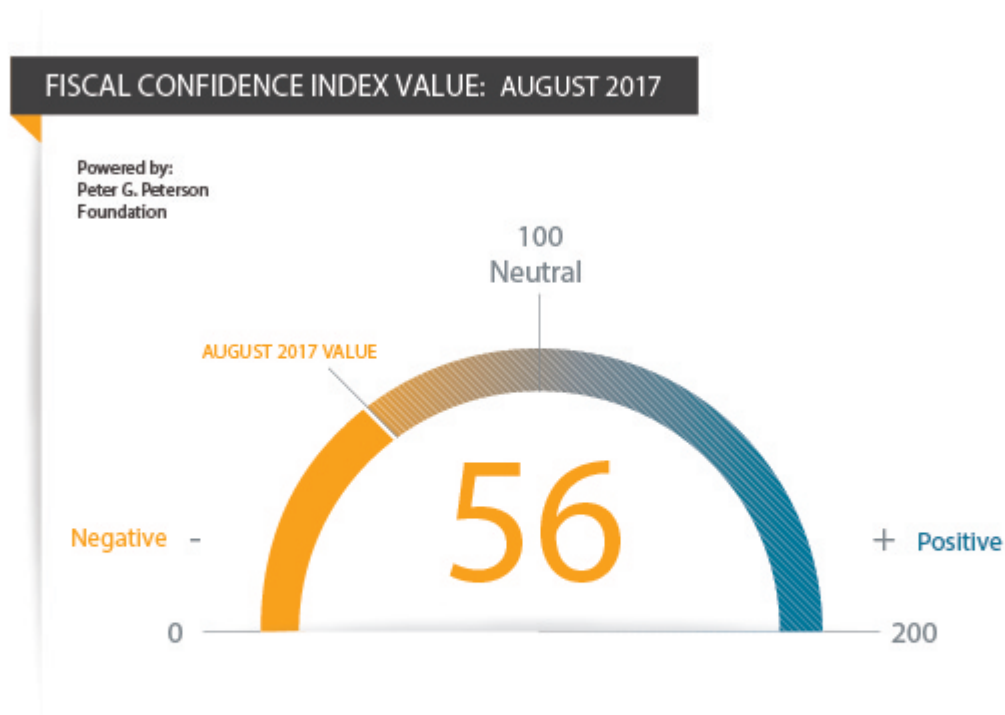


## Fiscal Confidence Index: August 2017 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **August 2017**. The FCI value for August is 56.

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 1,002 U.S. registered voters, surveyed by telephone between August 21 and August 24, 2017. 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 August 2017 scores are: Concern (51), Priority (34), Expectations (83). For the complete

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

- August 2017

## CONCERN (51)

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	39%
Increased a little	21%
Decreased a little	12%
Decreased a lot	5%
(No change)	20%
(Don't Know/Refused)	2%
<b>INCREASED (NET)</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>DECREASED (NET)</b>	<b>17%</b>
Right direction - Strongly	13%
Right direction - Somewhat	19%
Wrong track - Somewhat	17%
Wrong track - Strongly	38%
(Neither/Mixed)	8%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b>	<b>56%</b>

## PRIORITY (34)

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?

Strongly agree	49%
Somewhat agree	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	12%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>72%</b>
<del><b>DISAGREE (NET)</b></del>	<del><b>23%</b></del>
A lot more time	52%
A little more time	25%
A little less time	8%
A lot less time	4%
(The same amount of time)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%
<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>LESS TIME (NET)</b>	<b>13%</b>

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?

## EXPECTATIONS (83)

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)?

Much better	12%
Somewhat better	19%
Somewhat worse	26%
Much worse	33%
(No change)	5%
(Don't know/Refused)	5%
<b>BETTER (NET)</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>WORSE (NET)</b>	<b>59%</b>
Very optimistic	22%
Somewhat optimistic	27%
Somewhat pessimistic	19%
Very pessimistic	24%
(Neither/Mixed)	4%
(Don't Know/Refused)	3%
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>43%</b>

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?

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