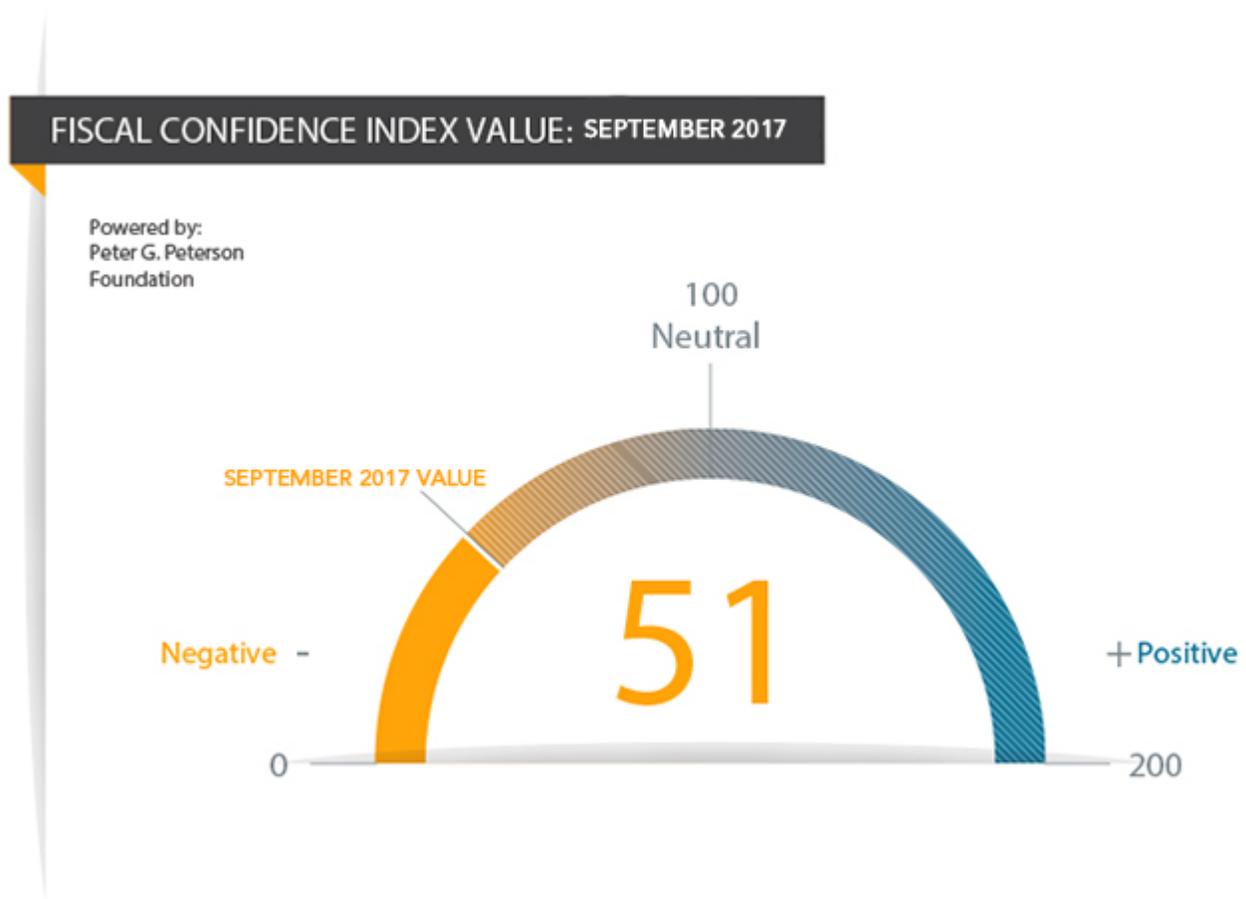


## Fiscal Confidence Index: September 2017 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **September 2017**. The FCI value for September is 51.

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 September 18 and September 21, 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 September 2017 scores are: Concern (45), Priority (37), Expectations (70). 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 2017

## CONCERN (45)

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	40%
Increased a little	22%
Decreased a little	9%
Decreased a lot	5%
(No change)	22%
(Don't Know/Refused)	2%
<b>INCREASED (NET)</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>DECREASED (NET)</b>	<b>14%</b>
Right direction - Strongly	10%
Right direction - Somewhat	17%
Wrong track - Somewhat	18%
Wrong track - Strongly	36%
(Neither/Mixed)	11%
(Don't Know/Refused)	7%
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b>	<b>54%</b>

## PRIORITY (37)

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	48%
Somewhat agree	22%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	13%
(Don't Know/Refused)	6%
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>70%</b>
<del><b>DISAGREE (NET)</b></del>	<del><b>24%</b></del>
A lot more time	48%
A little more time	25%
A little less time	7%
A lot less time	6%
(The same amount of time)	7%
(Don't Know/Refused)	6%
<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b>	<b>73%</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 (70)

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	8%
Somewhat better	16%
Somewhat worse	29%
Much worse	35%
(No change)	7%
(Don't know/Refused)	6%
<b>BETTER (NET)</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>WORSE (NET)</b>	<b>64%</b>
Very optimistic	17%
Somewhat optimistic	28%
Somewhat pessimistic	17%
Very pessimistic	27%
(Neither/Mixed)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>45%</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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