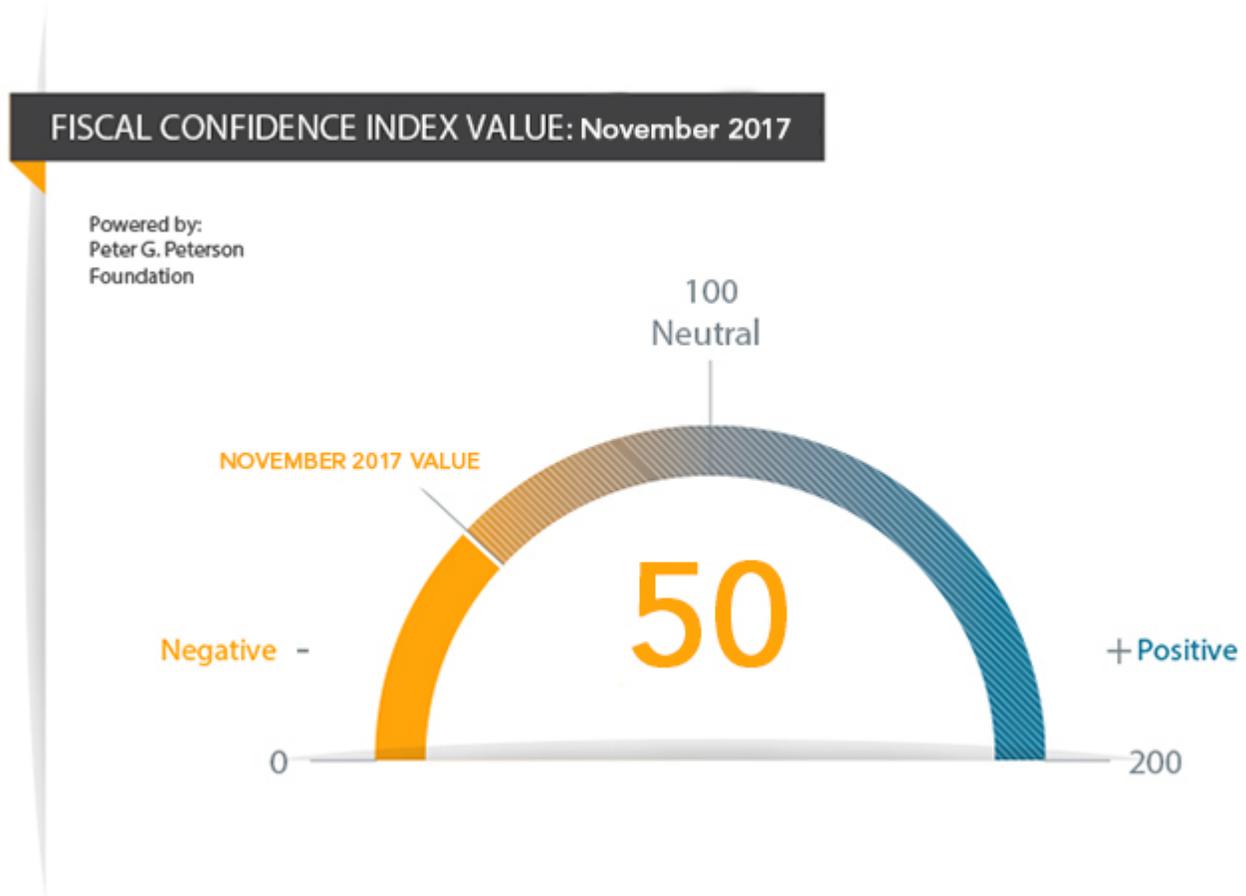


## Fiscal Confidence Index: November 2017 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **November 2017**. The FCI value for November 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 1,003 U.S. registered voters, surveyed by telephone between November 17 and November 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 November 2017 scores are: Concern (48), Priority (29), Expectations (71). For the complete

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

- November 2017

## CONCERN (48)

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	38%
Increased a little	26%
Decreased a little	11%
Decreased a lot	6%
(No change)	18%
(Don't Know/Refused)	2%
<b>INCREASED (NET)</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>DECREASED (NET)</b>	<b>17%</b>
Right direction - Strongly	14%
Right direction - Somewhat	15%
Wrong track - Somewhat	18%
Wrong track - Strongly	40%
(Neither/Mixed)	7%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b>	<b>58%</b>

## PRIORITY (29)

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	25%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	9%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<del><b>DISAGREE (NET)</b></del>	<del><b>22%</b></del>
A lot more time	51%
A little more time	27%
A little less time	6%
A lot less time	4%
(The same amount of time)	7%
(Don't Know/Refused)	5%
<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>LESS TIME (NET)</b>	<b>10%</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 (71)

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	10%
Somewhat better	17%
Somewhat worse	26%
Much worse	38%
(No change)	3%
(Don't know/Refused)	5%
<b>BETTER (NET)</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>WORSE (NET)</b>	<b>64%</b>
Very optimistic	18%
Somewhat optimistic	26%
Somewhat pessimistic	22%
Very pessimistic	28%
(Neither/Mixed)	4%
(Don't Know/Refused)	3%
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>50%</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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