

Peterson Foundation Launches Election Toolkit to Drive Campaign Conversation about America's Fiscal and Economic Future

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Non-partisan Resource for Candidates and Voters to Discuss Solutions to Nation's Worsening Fiscal Condition

NEW YORK (August 23, 2018) — As Election Day approaches, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation is delivering a non-partisan Election Fiscal Toolkit to all U.S. House and Senate candidates, encouraging a critically important conversation about how to solve America's fiscal challenges.

The new toolkit offers a "Fiscal in Five Minutes" tutorial on how the record high national debt, rising federal deficits, and skyrocketing interest costs impact the economy and the country's collective future. Also included are a range of non-partisan, fact-based resources such as charts, data, analyses, and voter perspectives to inform the conversations and coverage surrounding races for the U.S. House and Senate.

"The national debt affects every issue that voters care about, from the economy and education to defense and healthcare," said Michael A. Peterson, Chairman and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. "Voters are rightly concerned that the return of trillion-dollar annual deficits and exploding debt interest costs are impacting their future. These resources can help to engage candidates and citizens in a productive dialogue about ways to stem the tide of our growing debt, and put America on a better path."

According to a recent poll, more than four in five voters (82%) say the national debt is an issue that they want the President and Congress to spend more time addressing, including large majorities of Democrats (85%), independents (79%), and Republicans (82%).

Additionally, a majority of voters (62%) say their level of concern about the national debt has increased over the last few years. This concern cuts across age groups as well, with nearly two-thirds of millennials (64%) and adults 65 years and older (64%) saying they have grown more concerned about the issue.

To review the full toolkit, visit pgpf.org/electiontoolkit.

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