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PGPF December Survey

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1004 Interviews
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REG. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	-
Not sure	-

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, and independent, or some other political party? **[IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	24%
Weak Democrat	16
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	7
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	6
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	20
DEMOCRAT (NET)	40%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26
REPUBLICAN (NET)	34
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	47%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	40

Q1C. Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities. Do you agree or disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF AGREE]** And do you strongly or just somewhat agree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF DISAGREE]** And do you strongly or just somewhat disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you lean toward agreeing or disagreeing that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities?

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Strongly agree	51%	54%	55%	55%	52%	54%	49%	64%	57%	57%	54%	57%
Somewhat agree	25	23	24	25	28	27	29	20	23	23	26	25
Somewhat disagree	14	14	12	12	12	12	11	8	12	11	14	11
Strongly disagree	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3
Don't know/Refused	6	5	5	5	4	3	6	5	5	5	3	4
AGREE (NET)	77%	76	79	80	80	81	79	85	80	80	80	82
DISAGREE (NET)	18	19	16	15	16	16	15	11	15	15	17	14

Q2C. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern about our national debt has: **[IF NO CHANGE/DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say that your level of concern about our national debt has probably increased a little or probably decreased a little over the last few years?

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Increased a lot	51%	55%	53%	50%	53%	52%	47%	58%	54%	54%	50%	51%
Increased a little	28	27	27	29	31	32	34	29	28	28	32	31
Decreased a little	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	4
Decreased a lot	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	3
No change	10	10	10	10	8	8	11	6	9	8	9	8
Don't know/Refused	4	2	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	3
INCREASED (NET)	79%	82	79	80	84	83	81	87	82	82	82	82
DECREASED (NET)	7	6	7	7	6	7	6	5	6	7	7	7

Q3C. Thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get: [IF THE SAME/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, do you think the national debt problem will probably get a little better or probably get a little worse over the next few years?

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Much better.....	8%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%
Somewhat better	18	17	19	19	21	19	21	20	18	21	20	22
Somewhat worse	30	32	32	32	33	37	35	33	32	31	30	33
Much worse	34	38	36	36	35	30	32	35	37	33	34	33
No change	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	4	2
Don't know/Refused	6	4	5	4	3	3	5	3	3	5	3	3
BETTER (NET).....	26%	23	24	25	25	26	26	26	24	29	29	29
WORSE (NET)	64	70	68	67	68	68	67	68	69	64	65	66

Q4C. 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? [IF NONE/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, would you say that things in the United States are probably heading in the right direction or probably off on the wrong track when it comes to addressing our national debt?

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Right direction - Strongly.....	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	12%	11%	9%
Right direction - Somewhat..	18	19	18	20	23	23	23	18	20	20	20	20
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	26	27	26	27	27	26	26	26	27	23	25	27
Wrong track - Strongly	41	43	44	42	42	40	38	46	42	41	40	40
Neither/Mixed	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Don't know/Refused	4	3	3	3	2	3	5	2	2	4	2	3
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)...	27%	26	25	28	29	31	29	24	27	32	31	29
WRONG TRACK (NET)	67	70	70	69	69	66	64	73	69	64	65	67

Q5C. 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? And is that a lot [MORE/LESS] or a little [MORE/LESS] time? [IF THE SAME AMOUNT/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, would you say the President and Congress should probably spend more time addressing the national debt or probably spend less time addressing the national debt?

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A lot more time	50%	52%	53%	53%	53%	50%	51%	61%	54%	54%	53%	54%
A little more time.....	29	30	30	30	31	33	33	26	30	27	29	30
A little less time.....	6	6	4	5	6	7	5	3	5	7	7	6
A lot less time	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	4
The same amount of time..	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	4	2	3	3
Don't know/Refused	6	4	5	5	3	3	5	3	3	6	4	4
MORE TIME (NET).....	79%	82	83	83	84	83	84	88	84	82	82	84
LESS TIME (NET)	11	10	9	9	10	10	8	8	8	10	12	10

Q6C. And when it comes to our national debt, how optimistic or pessimistic are you that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years? **[IF TOTALLY MIXED/DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say you lean toward being optimistic or lean toward being pessimistic that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years?

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Very optimistic	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%	9%	5%
Somewhat optimistic	31	30	34	36	37	38	34	34	35	37	35	37
Somewhat pessimistic	36	36	34	33	34	35	38	35	34	33	33	35
Very pessimistic.....	17	21	19	18	18	18	17	18	20	18	18	19
Neither/Mixed	4	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	5	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	39%	37	41	42	42	44	40	42	41	44	44	42
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	53	57	53	51	52	53	54	52	54	51	51	54

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D100. What is your gender?

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53
Self-describe.....	*

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	17%
30-44	25
45-54	17
55-64	18
65+.....	23

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal.....	15%
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	37
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	14

Q10. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	26%
Lower middle class.....	19
Middle class.....	41
Upper middle class.....	10
Affluent	1
I'm not sure.....	2

DRACE. To ensure we have a representative sample, please indicate your race. **[IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER]** Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	12%
White/Caucasian	75
Hispanic/Latino	10
Asian-American	2
Native American	1
Other.....	1

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	22
Attended technical/vocational school	3
Attended some college but no degree.....	22
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	26
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	11

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21

REGION9. Coded National Region [9-WAY]

New England	5%
Middle Atlantic	13
East North Central	16
West North Central	7
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	11
Mountain	7
Pacific	14