

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in [STATE]?

Yes	100%
No	-
Don't know/Refused	-

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	26%
Weak Democrat.....	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats.....	11
Independent.....	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	11
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	22
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1
 DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	38
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29
 DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	40

Q1. Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities?

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Strongly agree	48%	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%	44%	45%	48%	52%	46%	51%
Somewhat agree	26	29	27	32	24	26	27	27	27	27	28	25
Somewhat disagree.....	12	11	15	15	16	13	15	14	14	10	14	13
Strongly disagree	8	7	9	8	10	8	7	7	6	7	7	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	4	6	4	6	6	7	8	5	5	5	5
 AGREE (NET)	74%	78	70	73	68	73	71	71	74	78	73	76
DISAGREE (NET)	20	18	24	23	26	21	22	21	20	16	21	19

Q2. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern about our national debt has increased a lot, increased a little, decreased a little, or decreased a lot?

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Increase a lot	40%	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%	42%	42%	43%	41%
Increased a little	24	24	24	24	18	24	24	25	23	24	25	26
Decreased a little.....	10	10	15	15	15	13	12	12	11	8	10	8
Decreased a lot	6	6	6	9	8	7	6	6	5	6	4	4
VOL: (No change).....	17	18	14	12	14	15	16	15	16	17	15	20
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	2	4	2
 INCREASED (NET).....	64%	64	62	61	58	61	62	63	65	66	68	67
DECREASED (NET)	17	16	21	23	23	20	18	18	16	14	14	11

Q3. Thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, or much worse?

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Much better.....	9%	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	12%	11%	10%	13%	10%
Somewhat better	14	16	17	20	17	17	19	19	19	16	16	18
Somewhat worse	29	27	31	26	26	26	27	26	24	27	26	23
Much worse	38	37	32	32	35	33	36	35	37	35	34	38
VOL: (No change).....	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	5	5	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	6	6	7	6	7	4	5	5	7	6	5
BETTER (NET)	23%	26	29	33	30	32	30	31	29	26	29	28
WORSE (NET)	67	64	63	57	60	59	63	61	61	63	60	62

Q4. 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?

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Right direction - Strongly ...	13%	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%	17%	18%	15%	13%	14%	12%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	11	15	19	18	17	17	17	16	16	15	15	17
Wrong track - Somewhat... ..	18	16	20	16	15	18	16	17	18	19	18	17
Wrong track - Strongly.....	45	41	36	36	38	35	38	38	39	42	41	41
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	8	7	3	3	4	4	6	5	8	7	8	9
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	5	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	4
RIGHT (NET)	24%	31	33	38	36	37	34	34	30	27	29	29
WRONG (NET)	64	57	56	53	54	53	54	55	57	61	58	58

Q5. And when it comes to our national debt, do you think it is an issue that the President and Congress should spend a lot more time addressing, a little more time addressing, a little less time addressing, a lot less time addressing, or the same amount they do now?

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A lot more time	58%	59%	51%	52%	53%	56%	56%	54%	54%	58%	52%	54%
A little more time.....	24	24	29	28	22	26	26	24	25	23	24	26
A little less time.....	5	4	7	7	8	5	7	6	5	4	6	4
A lot less time	3	4	4	4	6	4	4	6	6	3	4	3
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	6	5	3	3	4	3	3	4	6	8	7	10
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	3
MORE TIME (NET)	82%	83	80	80	75	82	82	79	79	81	77	80
LESS TIME (NET)	7	8	11	11	14	9	10	11	10	6	10	6

Q6. And when it comes to our national debt, are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years?

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Very optimistic.....	17%	18%	18%	20%	21%	22%	17%	19%	20%	19%	21%	19%
Somewhat optimistic	26	32	30	33	29	30	31	27	25	25	25	28
Somewhat pessimistic.....	19	20	20	18	17	16	18	19	20	21	18	16
Very pessimistic.....	29	25	25	21	25	24	25	25	26	25	27	28
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	4	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	5	5	4	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	4	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%	50	48	54	50	52	49	46	45	45	46	46
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	48	44	44	39	42	41	43	44	46	46	46	44

DAGE. What is your age?	18-29	17%	
	30-44	24	
	45-54	18	
	55-64	18	
	65+	22	
	VOL: (Refused)	1	
D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?	Some grade school	1%	
	Some high school	6	
	Graduated high school	20	
	Technical/Vocational	3	
	Some college	20	
	Graduate college	34	
	Graduate professional	15	
VOL: (Refused)	1		
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	Very liberal	12%	
	Somewhat liberal	16	
	Moderate	27	
	Somewhat conservative	22	
	Very conservative	19	
	VOL: (Refused)	4	
	LIBERAL (NET)	28%	
	CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41	
	QT. Do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party Movement? If you haven't heard of them, please tell me and we'll move on.	Strongly favorable	8%
		Somewhat favorable	15
Somewhat unfavorable		10	
Strongly unfavorable		25	
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)		24	
Haven't heard of		14	
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)		4	
FAV (NET)		23%	
UNFAV (NET)		35	
FAMILIAR (NET)		58	
D170. Thinking of your socio-economic status, would you describe yourself as working class, middle class, or as affluent?	Working class	32%	
	Lower middle class	7	
	Middle class	43	
	Upper middle class	9	
	Affluent	4	
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4	

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	14%
White/Caucasian	75
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	3
Native American	-
Other	-
VOL: (Refused)	-

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	47%
Female	53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21