

REG. Are you currently registered to vote?

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
		Dem	Ind	Rep
Yes	100%	100%	100%	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?

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Strong Democrat	26%	64%	-	-
Weak Democrat	14	36	-	-
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6	-	24	-
Independent	13	-	50	-
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	7	-	26	-
Weak Republican	14	-	-	41
Strong Republican	20	-	-	59
DEMOCRAT (NET)	40%	100	-	-
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26	-	100	-
REPUBLICAN (NET)	34	-	-	100
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	46%	100	24	-
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	41	-	26	100

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
Strongly agree	53%	42%	54%	66%	51%	54%	55%	55%	52%	54%	49%	64%
Somewhat agree	25	29	25	21	25	23	24	25	28	27	29	20
Somewhat disagree	13	17	10	10	14	14	12	12	12	12	11	8
Strongly disagree	3	6	3	1	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	3
Don't know/Refused	5	6	8	2	6	5	5	5	4	3	6	5
AGREE (NET)	79%	71	79	87	77	76	79	80	80	81	79	85
DISAGREE (NET)	16	23	13	11	18	19	16	15	16	16	15	11

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
Increased a lot.....	51%	34%	53%	69%	51%	55%	53%	50%	53%	52%	47%	58%
Increased a little.....	29	37	26	22	28	27	27	29	31	32	34	29
Decreased a little.....	5	9	4	2	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	3
Decreased a lot.....	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	2
No change.....	9	14	9	3	10	10	10	10	8	8	11	6
Don't know/Refused.....	4	4	7	2	4	2	4	3	2	2	3	2
INCREASED (NET).....	80%	71	78	91	79	82	79	80	84	83	81	87
DECREASED (NET).....	7	11	5	4	7	6	7	7	6	7	6	5

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
Much better.....	8%	12%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%
Somewhat better.....	20	27	13	16	18	17	19	19	21	19	21	20
Somewhat worse.....	32	30	34	33	30	32	32	32	33	37	35	33
Much worse.....	33	21	40	41	34	38	36	36	35	30	32	35
No change.....	2	3	3	*	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Don't know/Refused.....	5	7	5	3	6	4	5	4	3	3	5	3
BETTER (NET).....	28%	39	17	23	26	23	24	25	25	26	26	26
WORSE (NET).....	65	51	75	73	64	70	68	67	68	68	67	68

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
Right direction - Strongly.....	8%	15%	3%	5%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	19	30	18	8	18	19	18	20	23	23	23	18
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	25	31	24	20	26	27	26	27	27	26	26	26
Wrong track - Strongly.....	41	18	46	65	41	43	44	42	42	40	38	46
Neither/Mixed.....	1	*	2	*	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know/Refused.....	5	6	7	2	4	3	3	3	2	3	5	2
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET).....	28%	45	21	13	27	26	25	28	29	31	29	24
WRONG TRACK (NET).....	67	49	70	85	67	70	70	69	69	66	64	73

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
A lot more time	53%	37%	56%	70%	50%	52%	53%	53%	53%	50%	51%	61%
A little more time.....	29	40	24	20	29	30	30	30	31	33	33	26
A little less time.....	5	7	4	3	6	6	4	5	6	7	5	3
A lot less time	4	4	5	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	5
The same amount of time.....	3	6	3	1	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	2
Don't know/Refused	6	6	8	3	6	4	5	5	3	3	5	3
MORE TIME (NET).....	82%	78	80	89	79	82	83	83	84	83	84	88
LESS TIME (NET).....	9	11	9	7	11	10	9	9	10	10	8	8

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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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dec 23	Nov 23	Oct 23	Sep 23	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jun 23	May 23
Very optimistic	7%	11%	3%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%
Somewhat optimistic	35	47	25	28	31	30	34	36	37	38	34	34
Somewhat pessimistic.....	33	27	39	35	36	36	34	33	34	35	38	35
Very pessimistic.....	19	9	22	27	17	21	19	18	18	18	17	18
Neither/Mixed	2	2	5	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	3	3
Don't know/Refused	4	4	6	3	5	3	3	4	3	2	3	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	42%	58	29	34	39	37	41	42	42	44	40	42
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	51	36	61	62	53	57	53	51	52	53	54	52

Changing topics now...

Q7. Interest rates in the U.S. have risen significantly recently, and this year the government will spend more than \$2 billion a day on interest costs. Do rising interest rates and costs make it more urgent for lawmakers to form a fiscal commission to reduce our debt and lower our interest burden?

	Party ID Jan 2024			
	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep
Extremely urgent	33%	26%	31%	43%
Very urgent.....	35	34	37	34
Somewhat urgent	28	34	28	22
Not at all urgent.....	4	6	5	1
URGENT (NET).....	68%	60	68	77
NOT URGENT (NET).....	32	40	32	23

Q8. As you may know, without action by lawmakers, Social Security benefits will be automatically reduced by 23% for all recipients in less than 10 years. Do you support or oppose a bipartisan fiscal commission that would put a plan in place to prevent automatic cuts to Social Security?

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	Jan 24	Dem	Ind	Rep
Strongly support	53%	58%	48%	50%
Somewhat support	23	21	28	24
Somewhat oppose.....	10	7	14	11
Strongly oppose	14	14	10	15
SUPPORT (NET)	76%	78	76	74
OPPOSE (NET).....	24	22	24	26

B1. Do you agree or disagree that a bipartisan commission to reduce our national debt would:

	AGREE		DISAGREE		NET	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	AGREE	DISAGREE
• Strengthen Social Security for future generations.....	48%	39	10	4	87%	13
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	48%	39	10	3	87%	13
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	43%	44	10	3	87%	13
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	51%	35	10	4	86%	14
• Improve our economic outlook.....	44%	45	8	3	89%	11
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	43%	47	7	4	89%	11
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	40%	50	8	3	90%	10
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	48%	40	9	3	88%	12
• Help ensure our tax system is fair and can fund the promises we have made.....	39%	45	12	4	84%	16
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	41%	45	11	4	85%	15
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	34%	51	12	3	84%	16
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	42%	41	13	4	83%	17
• Help reduce record interest costs on the national debt.....	38%	49	10	2	87%	13
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	34%	51	12	2	86%	14
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	35%	53	11	2	88%	12
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	45%	44	8	3	89%	11
• Lower borrowing costs for consumers for things like mortgages, auto loans and credit card balances.....	36%	48	12	4	84%	16
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	36%	50	9	5	86%	14
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	31%	50	16	3	82%	18
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	39%	45	12	4	83%	17
• Help free up the resources we need to address priorities like climate change, national security, infrastructure and healthcare.....	33%	49	12	6	82%	18
Party ID Jan 2024 Dem	37%	50	10	4	86%	14
Party ID Jan 2024 Ind	32%	50	14	5	81%	19
Party ID Jan 2024 Rep	29%	48	14	8	77%	23

Q15. Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate that supports a bipartisan fiscal commission to reduce the national debt?

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Much more likely.....	35%	31%	34%	39%
Somewhat more likely.....	57	61	56	55
Somewhat less likely.....	6	6	7	5
Much less likely.....	2	2	3	1
MORE LIKELY (NET).....	92%	92	90	94
LESS LIKELY (NET).....	8	8	10	6

Q16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The \$34 trillion national debt contributes to inflation and higher consumer costs for things like mortgages, auto loans and credit card balances.

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Strongly agree.....	44%	35%	46%	54%
Somewhat agree.....	45	51	41	39
Somewhat disagree.....	9	11	10	5
Strongly disagree.....	2	3	2	1
AGREE (NET).....	89%	86	88	93
DISAGREE (NET).....	11	14	12	7

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D100. What is your gender?

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Male.....	47%	41%	50%	50%
Female.....	53	58	49	50
Self-describe.....	*	1	1	-

DAGE. What is your age?

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
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18-29.....	17%	20%	17%	14%
30-44.....	24	21	29	25
45-54.....	17	18	15	17
55-64.....	18	16	18	20
65+.....	23	25	20	23

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

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
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Very liberal.....	15%	32%	5%	2%
Somewhat liberal.....	17	33	9	3
Moderate.....	37	27	64	29
Somewhat conservative.....	18	4	16	35
Very conservative.....	14	4	5	31

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

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Working class.....	26%	24%	29%	26%
Lower middle class.....	19	19	16	20
Middle class.....	41	40	44	40
Upper middle class.....	10	12	6	12
Affluent.....	1	*	*	1
I'm not sure.....	3	5	4	1

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

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
		Dem	Ind	Rep
Did not complete high school.....	2%	3%	2%	1%
Graduated high school.....	24	21	24	29
Attended technical/vocational school.....	4	3	5	4
Attended some college but no degree.....	20	20	22	19
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	13	12	12	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	27	30	25	25
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	10	11	10	9

DRACE. To ensure a representative sample, please indicate your race. **[IF NOT HISPANIC/LATINO]** For statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
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Black/African-American	12%	22%	10%	3%
White/Caucasian	74	63	78	85
Hispanic/Latino	10	12	8	8
Asian-American	2	2	1	1
Native American	1	*	1	1
Other	1	1	2	1

REGION. Region

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
		Dem	Ind	Rep
Northeast	18%	19%	19%	16%
Midwest	23	22	24	24
South	38	36	35	43
West	21	23	21	17

REGION9. Coded National Region [9-WAY]

	Jan 24	Party ID Jan 2024		
		Dem	Ind	Rep
New England	5%	4%	7%	5%
Middle Atlantic	13	15	12	12
East North Central	16	15	17	17
West North Central	7	6	8	7
South Atlantic	21	19	20	24
East South Central	6	5	4	9
West South Central	11	11	11	10
Mountain	7	6	7	7
Pacific	14	17	14	10