

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	25%
Weak Democrat	12
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	8
Independent	16
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	8
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican	20
DEMOCRAT (NET)	37%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	32
REPUBLICAN (NET)	31
DEMOCRAT W/LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/LEANERS (NET)	39

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	48%	50%	52%	50%	46%	47%	44%	42%	44%	45%	49%	49%
Somewhat agree	29	28	25	26	27	28	31	32	28	30	26	27
Somewhat disagree	12	12	12	14	12	11	12	13	13	14	12	12
Strongly disagree	5	2	3	3	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	7
Don't know/Refused	6	7	8	7	7	5	6	5	7	3	7	5
AGREE (NET)	77%	78	77	76	73	75	75	74	73	75	74	76
DISAGREE (NET)	17	15	15	17	20	19	19	20	20	22	19	19

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	42%	39%	42%	43%	37%	39%	36%	41%	37%	36%	38%	41%
Increased a little	30	36	30	31	22	24	24	21	24	24	24	23
Decreased a little	11	7	9	9	11	11	12	11	10	11	11	11
Decreased a lot	3	4	5	4	10	6	8	6	8	7	6	5
No change	11	8	9	10	19	18	17	19	20	20	20	19
Don't know/Refused	4	6	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1
INCREASED (NET)	72%	75	72	74	58	63	60	62	60	60	62	64
DECREASED (NET)	14	11	13	13	21	17	20	17	18	18	17	16

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.....	10%	11%	8%	8%	9%	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%	8%
Somewhat better	23	22	17	18	17	15	15	16	15	16	17	18
Somewhat worse	29	27	34	31	27	27	28	26	28	31	29	30
Much worse	31	29	31	34	32	34	33	33	33	32	33	32
No change	3	2	3	2	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	6
Don't know/Refused	5	8	7	7	10	7	8	9	8	6	7	5
BETTER (NET).....	33%	34	25	25	26	26	25	27	25	26	25	26
WORSE (NET)	60	56	65	65	58	61	61	59	61	63	62	62

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 ..	17%	14%	13%	12%	16%	15%	16%	15%	16%	14%	14%	13%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	24	21	22	22	16	15	13	18	16	16	16	17
Wrong track - Somewhat..	23	24	26	29	17	18	17	16	17	17	15	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	32	34	34	33	41	40	41	40	39	39	43	39
Neither/Mixed	1	1	1	1	6	7	8	6	6	9	9	8
Don't know/Refused	4	6	5	4	5	5	5	5	6	5	3	4
RIGHT (NET).....	41%	35	34	34	31	30	30	33	32	30	30	30
WRONG (NET).....	54	58	60	62	58	58	58	56	56	56	58	57

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	52%	52%	49%	48%	49%	54%	52%	58%	58%	53%	55%	58%
A little more time.....	33	33	32	36	30	26	30	24	22	29	26	25
A little less time.....	5	4	6	6	6	6	5	3	6	7	7	5
A lot less time	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3
The same amount of time..	3	2	2	2	7	6	6	7	8	6	5	6
Don't know/Refused	5	7	6	5	5	3	4	6	5	4	4	3
MORE TIME (NET).....	84%	85	81	84	79	79	82	83	80	82	81	83
LESS TIME (NET)	8	6	10	10	10	11	8	5	8	9	9	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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Very optimistic.....	9%	9%	8%	7%	16%	18%	17%	21%	19%	18%	16%	18%
Somewhat optimistic	36	35	31	34	31	29	29	28	29	26	29	27
Somewhat pessimistic.....	33	31	35	35	22	19	21	19	19	21	21	21
Very pessimistic.....	16	17	18	17	21	24	22	23	24	26	25	25
Neither/Mixed	2	3	2	2	5	5	6	3	5	5	7	4
Don't know/Refused	4	5	6	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	2	5
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%	44	39	41	47	47	46	50	48	44	45	45
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	49	48	54	52	43	44	43	42	43	47	46	46

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	17%
30-44	24
45-54	17
55-64	18
65+.....	23

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

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	17
Attended technical/vocational school	5
Attended some college but no degree.....	27
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	11
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	25
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	11

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

Very liberal.....	12%
Somewhat liberal.....	17
Moderate	35
Somewhat conservative	21
Very conservative.....	16
LIBERAL (NET)	29%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	37

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	74
Hispanic/Latino.....	10
Asian-American	2
Native American	*
Other.....	1

Q7. Which of the following best describes your view of the Tea Party Movement?

Strongly favorable.....	10%
Somewhat favorable.....	25
Somewhat unfavorable.....	22
Strongly unfavorable	25
Haven't heard of the Tea Party Movement	19
FAVORABLE (NET)	35%
UNFAVORABLE (NET).....	47

Q8. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	26%
Lower middle class	18
Middle class	41
Upper middle class	11
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	3

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21

In November 2019, FCI switched from telephone to online survey