

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in the state of [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 29%
Weak Democrat 6
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 11
Independent 13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 11
Weak Republican 6
Strong Republican 23
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 37
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	46%	48%	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%	44%	45%	48%	52%	46%
Somewhat agree	27	26	29	27	32	24	26	27	27	27	27	28
Somewhat disagree.....	14	12	11	15	15	16	13	15	14	14	10	14
Strongly disagree	7	8	7	9	8	10	8	7	7	6	7	7
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	6	4	6	4	6	6	7	8	5	5	5
AGREE (NET)	74%	74	78	70	73	68	73	71	71	74	78	73
DISAGREE (NET)	21	20	18	24	23	26	21	22	21	20	16	21

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%	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%	42%	42%	43%
Increased a little	23	24	24	24	24	18	24	24	25	23	24	25
Decreased a little.....	12	10	10	15	15	15	13	12	12	11	8	10
Decreased a lot	5	6	6	6	9	8	7	6	6	5	6	4
VOL: (No change).....	18	17	18	14	12	14	15	16	15	16	17	15
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	2	4
INCREASED (NET).....	64%	64	64	62	61	58	61	62	63	65	66	68
DECREASED (NET)	18	17	16	21	23	23	20	18	18	16	14	14

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%	9%	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	12%	11%	10%	13%
Somewhat better	16	14	16	17	20	17	17	19	19	19	16	16
Somewhat worse	29	29	27	31	26	26	26	27	26	24	27	26
Much worse	36	38	37	32	32	35	33	36	35	37	35	34
VOL: (No change).....	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	5	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	5	6	6	7	6	7	4	5	5	7	6
BETTER (NET).....	25%	23	26	29	33	30	32	30	31	29	26	29
WORSE (NET)	65	67	64	63	57	60	59	63	61	61	63	60

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 ...	16%	13%	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%	17%	18%	15%	13%	14%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	14	11	15	19	18	17	17	17	16	16	15	15
Wrong track - Somewhat... ..	17	18	16	20	16	15	18	16	17	18	19	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	42	45	41	36	36	38	35	38	38	39	42	41
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	7	8	7	3	3	4	4	6	5	8	7	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	5	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	5	5
RIGHT (NET).....	30%	24	31	33	38	36	37	34	34	30	27	29
WRONG (NET).....	59	64	57	56	53	54	53	54	55	57	61	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	53%	58%	59%	51%	52%	53%	56%	56%	54%	54%	58%	52%
A little more time.....	28	24	24	29	28	22	26	26	24	25	23	24
A little less time.....	6	5	4	7	7	8	5	7	6	5	4	6
A lot less time	4	3	4	4	4	6	4	4	6	6	3	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	6	6	5	3	3	4	3	3	4	6	8	7
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	4	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	6
MORE TIME (NET)	81%	82	83	80	80	75	82	82	79	79	81	77
LESS TIME (NET)	10	7	8	11	11	14	9	10	11	10	6	10

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.....	18%	17%	18%	18%	20%	21%	22%	17%	19%	20%	19%	21%
Somewhat optimistic	28	26	32	30	33	29	30	31	27	25	25	25
Somewhat pessimistic.....	20	19	20	20	18	17	16	18	19	20	21	18
Very pessimistic.....	26	29	25	25	21	25	24	25	25	26	25	27
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	4	4	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	5	5	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	3	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	47%	44	50	48	54	50	52	49	46	45	45	46
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	46	48	44	44	39	42	41	43	44	46	46	46

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	7
Graduated high school	17
Technical/Vocational	2
Some college	21
Graduate college	32
Graduate professional	18
VOL: (Refused)	*

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.....	14%
Somewhat liberal	14
Moderate	28
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	22
VOL: (Refused)	3
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.....	14
Somewhat unfavorable.....	9
Strongly unfavorable.....	26
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	23
Haven't heard of	16
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAV (NET)	22%
UNFAV (NET).....	35
FAMILIAR (NET)	57

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	11
Affluent	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3

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	2
Native American	-
Other.....	-
VOL: (Refused).....	-

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male..... 47%
Female..... 53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast..... 18%
Midwest 23
South 38
West 21