

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 28%
Weak Democrat 13
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 6
Independent 13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 6
Weak Republican 16
Strong Republican 18

DEMOCRAT (NET) 41%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 25
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	52%	53%	51%	54%	55%	55%	52%	54%	49%	64%	57%	57%
Somewhat agree	26	25	25	23	24	25	28	27	29	20	23	23
Somewhat disagree.....	12	13	14	14	12	12	12	12	11	8	12	11
Strongly disagree.....	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4
Don't know/Refused	6	5	6	5	5	5	4	3	6	5	5	5
AGREE (NET)	77%	79	77	76	79	80	80	81	79	85	80	80
DISAGREE (NET)	17	16	18	19	16	15	16	16	15	11	15	15

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	50%	51%	51%	55%	53%	50%	53%	52%	47%	58%	54%	54%
Increased a little	28	29	28	27	27	29	31	32	34	29	28	28
Decreased a little	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	5
Decreased a lot	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	2
No change	11	9	10	10	10	10	8	8	11	6	9	8
Don't know/Refused	3	4	4	2	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	3
INCREASED (NET)	79%	80	79	82	79	80	84	83	81	87	82	82
DECREASED (NET)	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	6	5	6	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.....	9%	8%	8%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	8%
Somewhat better	15	20	18	17	19	19	21	19	21	20	18	21
Somewhat worse	34	32	30	32	32	32	33	37	35	33	32	31
Much worse	34	33	34	38	36	36	35	30	32	35	37	33
No change	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	2
Don't know/Refused	5	5	6	4	5	4	3	3	5	3	3	5
BETTER (NET).....	24%	28	26	23	24	25	25	26	26	26	24	29
WORSE (NET)	67	65	64	70	68	67	68	68	67	68	69	64

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	12%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	12%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	16	19	18	19	18	20	23	23	23	18	20	20
Wrong track - Somewhat	24	25	26	27	26	27	27	26	26	26	27	23
Wrong track - Strongly	43	41	41	43	44	42	42	40	38	46	42	41
Neither/Mixed.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1
Don't know/Refused.....	4	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	5	2	2	4
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	28%	28	27	26	25	28	29	31	29	24	27	32
WRONG TRACK (NET)	68	67	67	70	70	69	69	66	64	73	69	64

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	51%	53%	50%	52%	53%	53%	53%	50%	51%	61%	54%	54%
A little more time.....	31	29	29	30	30	30	31	33	33	26	30	27
A little less time.....	6	5	6	6	4	5	6	7	5	3	5	7
A lot less time	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	3	3
The same amount of time..	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	4	2
Don't know/Refused	5	6	6	4	5	5	3	3	5	3	3	6
MORE TIME (NET).....	82%	82	79	82	83	83	84	83	84	88	84	82
LESS TIME (NET)	10	9	11	10	9	9	10	10	8	8	8	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	9%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%
Somewhat optimistic	29	35	31	30	34	36	37	38	34	34	35	37
Somewhat pessimistic	34	33	36	36	34	33	34	35	38	35	34	33
Very pessimistic	22	19	17	21	19	18	18	18	17	18	20	18
Neither/Mixed	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	4	4	5	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	38%	42	39	37	41	42	42	44	40	42	41	44
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	55	51	53	57	53	51	52	53	54	52	54	51

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 24
 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 36
 Somewhat conservative 19
 Very conservative 14

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

Working class 30%
 Lower middle class 16
 Middle class 40
 Upper middle class 10
 Affluent 1
 I'm not sure 3

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 5
 Attended some college but no degree 23
 Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree 12
 Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree 22
 Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.) 15

RACE. 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?

Black/African-American	12%
White/Caucasian	74
Hispanic/Latino	10
Asian-American	3
Native American	1
Other	*

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