

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	30%
Weak Democrat	11
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican	21
DEMOCRAT (NET)	42%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26
REPUBLICAN (NET)	33
DEMOCRAT W/LEANERS (NET)	48%
REPUBLICAN W/LEANERS (NET)	38

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	51%	43%	43%	43%	43%	40%	43%	43%	43%	44%	44%	41%
Somewhat agree	19	25	27	27	27	26	24	27	30	31	26	29
Somewhat disagree	15	16	18	16	15	20	16	18	16	15	16	13
Strongly disagree	6	7	5	6	7	7	7	6	6	4	7	7
Don't know/Refused	9	8	7	7	8	7	9	7	5	6	7	10
AGREE (NET)	70%	68	70	70	70	66	68	69	73	75	70	70
DISAGREE (NET)	21	24	23	23	22	27	23	23	22	19	23	20

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	51%	46%	46%	48%	45%	41%	45%	44%	47%	48%	50%	48%
Increased a little	25	26	30	28	27	32	30	31	30	31	28	28
Decreased a little	6	5	7	5	7	8	5	5	7	7	6	7
Decreased a lot	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	3
No change	8	14	8	9	11	10	10	11	9	7	8	7
Don't know/Refused	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	4	3	3	5	6
INCREASED (NET)	75%	72	76	75	71	73	75	75	77	80	78	76
DECREASED (NET)	10	9	11	10	11	13	9	10	12	10	9	11

Q3C. Thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse? **[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.....	13%	9%	8%	10%	11%	10%	12%	13%	11%	10%	7%	9%
Somewhat better	22	19	22	23	20	22	21	19	19	20	17	19
Somewhat worse	23	22	27	25	25	29	31	31	32	32	33	26
Much worse	33	42	37	36	36	32	26	29	31	35	36	38
No change	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
Don't know/Refused	6	6	5	5	6	5	8	6	6	3	5	6
BETTER (NET).....	36%	28	31	33	31	33	33	32	30	29	24	29
WORSE (NET)	57	64	64	61	61	60	57	60	63	66	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 ..	20%	13%	14%	10%	10%	10%	15%	14%	12%	11%	9%	15%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	25	25	25	22	19	21	16	20	17	19	19	19
Wrong track - Somewhat..	18	21	23	28	28	30	27	27	27	26	27	24
Wrong track - Strongly.....	30	33	30	32	35	33	37	34	39	40	40	36
Neither/Mixed	1	2	1	2	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	*
Don't know/Refused	6	6	7	6	7	5	5	4	3	3	4	5
RIGHT (NET).....	45%	38	39	32	28	31	31	35	29	30	28	34
WRONG (NET).....	48	54	53	60	63	63	64	61	66	66	67	60

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	48%	45%	43%	42%	43%	43%	40%	44%	48%	49%	43%	43%
A little more time.....	29	33	34	35	34	35	36	37	32	32	34	34
A little less time.....	7	5	8	8	7	6	6	6	8	8	8	7
A lot less time	5	4	4	4	4	4	6	4	3	4	5	5
The same amount of time.	4	5	4	2	3	5	4	4	4	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	7	8	8	9	8	6	8	6	5	4	7	8
MORE TIME (NET)	76%	78	76	77	77	77	76	81	79	81	77	77
LESS TIME (NET).....	13	9	12	12	12	11	12	10	11	12	13	13

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.....	12%	8%	9%	9%	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	6%	9%
Somewhat optimistic	33	29	37	35	36	41	39	37	32	36	33	33
Somewhat pessimistic.....	25	30	28	28	28	27	30	29	38	33	37	34
Very pessimistic.....	21	25	19	21	18	17	12	16	16	17	18	16
Neither/Mixed	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Don't know/Refused	6	6	5	5	6	5	6	5	3	3	4	7
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	45%	37	46	44	44	48	48	48	41	45	39	42
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	46	56	48	49	47	44	42	45	54	49	55	50

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	23
Attended technical/vocational school	4
Attended some college but no degree.....	23
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	11
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	22
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	15

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

Very liberal.....	15%
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	16
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	32

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	75
Hispanic/Latino.....	9
Asian-American	3
Native American	*
Other.....	1

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

Strongly favorable.....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	30
Somewhat unfavorable.....	18
Strongly unfavorable.....	20
Haven't heard of the Tea Party Movement.....	21
FAVORABLE (NET)	42%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	38

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

Working class	27%
Lower middle class	17
Middle class	40
Upper middle class	10
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	5

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21