

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 26%
Weak Democrat 9
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 10
Independent 14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 11
Weak Republican 7
Strong Republican 23
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 35%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 36
REPUBLICAN (NET) 30

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 44%
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 agree or disagree? [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Strongly agree	49%	49%	46%	48%	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%	44%	45%	48%
Somewhat agree	26	27	27	26	29	27	32	24	26	27	27	27
Somewhat disagree.....	12	12	14	12	11	15	15	16	13	15	14	14
Strongly disagree	8	7	7	8	7	9	8	10	8	7	7	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	7	5	5	6	4	6	4	6	6	7	8	5
AGREE (NET)	74%	76	74	74	78	70	73	68	73	71	71	74
DISAGREE (NET)	19	19	21	20	18	24	23	26	21	22	21	20

Q2. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern has increased or decreased? [FOLLOW UP] Is that [INCREASED/DECREASED] a lot or just a little?

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Increase a lot	38%	41%	40%	40%	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%	42%
Increased a little	24	23	23	24	24	24	24	18	24	24	25	23
Decreased a little.....	11	11	12	10	10	15	15	15	13	12	12	11
Decreased a lot	6	5	5	6	6	6	9	8	7	6	6	5
VOL: (No change).....	20	19	18	17	18	14	12	14	15	16	15	16
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	5	3
INCREASED (NET)	62%	64	64	64	64	62	61	58	61	62	63	65
DECREASED (NET)	17	16	18	17	16	21	23	23	20	18	18	16

Q3. And thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse? [FOLLOW UP] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?

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Much better.....	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	12%	11%
Somewhat better	17	18	16	14	16	17	20	17	17	19	19	19
Somewhat worse	29	30	29	29	27	31	26	26	26	27	26	24
Much worse	33	32	36	38	37	32	32	35	33	36	35	37
VOL: (No change).....	6	6	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	7	5	6	5	6	6	7	6	7	4	5	5
BETTER (NET)	25%	26	25	23	26	29	33	30	32	30	31	29
WORSE (NET)	62	62	65	67	64	63	57	60	59	63	61	61

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? [FOLLOW UP] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Right direction - Strongly ...	14%	13%	16%	13%	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%	17%	18%	15%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	16	17	14	11	15	19	18	17	17	17	16	16
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	15	18	17	18	16	20	16	15	18	16	17	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	43	39	42	45	41	36	36	38	35	38	38	39
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	9	8	7	8	7	3	3	4	4	6	5	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	4	4	5	7	6	6	7	6	6	5
RIGHT (NET)	30%	30	30	24	31	33	38	36	37	34	34	30
WRONG (NET)	58	57	59	64	57	56	53	54	53	54	55	57

Q5. 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? [FOLLOW UP] Would you say a lot [MORE/LESS] time or just a little?

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A lot more time	55%	58%	53%	58%	59%	51%	52%	53%	56%	56%	54%	54%
A little more time.....	26	25	28	24	24	29	28	22	26	26	24	25
A little less time.....	7	5	6	5	4	7	7	8	5	7	6	5
A lot less time	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	6	4	4	6	6
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	5	6	6	6	5	3	3	4	3	3	4	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	3	4	4	6	6	6	6	5	6	5
MORE TIME (NET)	81%	83	81	82	83	80	80	75	82	82	79	79
LESS TIME (NET)	9	8	10	7	8	11	11	14	9	10	11	10

Q6. And when it comes to our national debt, are you optimistic or pessimistic that the United States will be able to make progress on our national debt over the next few years? [FOLLOW UP] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

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Very optimistic.....	16%	18%	18%	17%	18%	18%	20%	21%	22%	17%	19%	20%
Somewhat optimistic	29	27	28	26	32	30	33	29	30	31	27	25
Somewhat pessimistic.....	21	21	20	19	20	20	18	17	16	18	19	20
Very pessimistic.....	25	25	26	29	25	25	21	25	24	25	25	26
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	7	4	4	4	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	2	5	4	4	3	6	5	5	5	5	6	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	45%	45	47	44	50	48	54	50	52	49	46	45
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	46	46	46	48	44	44	39	42	41	43	44	46

Finally I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	16%
30-44	24
45-54	18
55-64	18
65+	22
VOL: (Refused)	2

D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Some grade school	*
Some high school	6
Graduated high school	19
Technical/Vocational	4
Some college	18
Graduate college	32
Graduate professional	19
VOL: (Refused)	1

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	11%
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	27
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	22
VOL: (Refused)	4
LIBERAL (NET)	27%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	42

Q7. 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	24
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	24
Haven't heard of	15
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
FAVORABLE (NET)	22%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	34

D170. Thinking of your socio-economic status, would you describe yourself as working class, middle class, or as affluent? **[IF MIDDLE CLASS]** And would you describe yourself as lower middle class, upper middle class, or somewhere in between?

Working class	32%
Lower middle class	8
Middle class	42
Upper middle class	10
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