

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. No matter how you may have voted this year, 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, or Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat 26%
Weak Democrat 8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 9
Independent 15
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 12
Weak Republican 7
Strong Republican 22
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 1

DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 37
REPUBLICAN (NET) 29

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 43%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 41

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	45%	49%	49%	46%	48%	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%	44%	45%
Somewhat agree	30	26	27	27	26	29	27	32	24	26	27	27
Somewhat disagree.....	14	12	12	14	12	11	15	15	16	13	15	14
Strongly disagree	8	8	7	7	8	7	9	8	10	8	7	7
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3	7	5	5	6	4	6	4	6	6	7	8
AGREE (NET)	75%	74	76	74	74	78	70	73	68	73	71	71
DISAGREE (NET)	22	19	19	21	20	18	24	23	26	21	22	21

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	36%	38%	41%	40%	40%	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%
Increased a little	24	24	23	23	24	24	24	24	18	24	24	25
Decreased a little.....	11	11	11	12	10	10	15	15	15	13	12	12
Decreased a lot	7	6	5	5	6	6	6	9	8	7	6	6
VOL: (No change).....	20	20	19	18	17	18	14	12	14	15	16	15
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	5
INCREASED (NET).....	60%	62	64	64	64	64	62	61	58	61	62	63
DECREASED (NET)	18	17	16	18	17	16	21	23	23	20	18	18

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.....	10%	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	12%
Somewhat better	16	17	18	16	14	16	17	20	17	17	19	19
Somewhat worse	31	29	30	29	29	27	31	26	26	26	27	26
Much worse	32	33	32	36	38	37	32	32	35	33	36	35
VOL: (No change).....	6	6	6	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	7	5	6	5	6	6	7	6	7	4	5
BETTER (NET).....	26%	25	26	25	23	26	29	33	30	32	30	31
WORSE (NET)	63	62	62	65	67	64	63	57	60	59	63	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%	14%	13%	16%	13%	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%	17%	18%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	16	16	17	14	11	15	19	18	17	17	17	16
Wrong track - Somewhat... ..	17	15	18	17	18	16	20	16	15	18	16	17
Wrong track - Strongly.....	39	43	39	42	45	41	36	36	38	35	38	38
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	9	9	8	7	8	7	3	3	4	4	6	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	3	4	4	4	5	7	6	6	7	6	6
RIGHT (NET).....	30%	30	30	30	24	31	33	38	36	37	34	34
WRONG (NET).....	56	58	57	59	64	57	56	53	54	53	54	55

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

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

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

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	6
Graduated high school	18
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college	19
Graduate college	37
Graduate professional	15
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	12%
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	28
Somewhat conservative	21
Very conservative	20
VOL: (Refused)	3
LIBERAL (NET)	27%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41

Q17. 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	9%
Somewhat favorable	13
Somewhat unfavorable	11
Strongly unfavorable	24
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	22
Haven't heard of	15
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
FAVORABLE (NET)	23%
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	31%
Lower middle class	9
Middle class	42
Upper middle class	10
Affluent	5
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	3
Native American	*
Other	-
VOL: (Refused)	-

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	47%
Female	53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21