

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	14
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	7
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican	21
DEMOCRAT (NET)	42%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25
REPUBLICAN (NET)	34
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	49%
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	64%	57%	57%	54%	57%	52%	51%	48%	51%	48%	49%	51%
Somewhat agree	20	23	23	26	25	24	26	24	24	26	24	24
Somewhat disagree	8	12	11	14	11	16	16	17	16	16	16	14
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	4	3	5	5	6	5	5	6	6
Don't know/Refused	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	5	6
AGREE (NET)	85%	80	80	80	82	76	77	72	74	75	73	75
DISAGREE (NET)	11	15	15	17	14	20	20	23	21	21	22	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	58%	54%	54%	50%	51%	51%	50%	51%	52%	52%	54%	54%
Increased a little	29	28	28	32	31	29	28	29	29	28	27	25
Decreased a little	3	4	5	4	4	6	7	4	6	6	5	7
Decreased a lot	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	3
No change	6	9	8	9	8	10	10	10	8	10	10	8
Don't know/Refused	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3
INCREASED (NET)	87%	82	82	82	82	79	78	80	81	80	81	79
DECREASED (NET)	5	6	7	7	7	8	10	7	9	8	7	10

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.....	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	6%	8%
Somewhat better.....	20	18	21	20	22	19	21	16	22	23	16	14
Somewhat worse.....	33	32	31	30	33	30	28	32	28	29	32	32
Much worse.....	35	37	33	34	33	37	36	38	35	34	41	41
No change.....	3	4	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused.....	3	3	5	3	3	2	3	5	3	4	3	4
BETTER (NET).....	26%	24	29	29	29	28	30	23	31	30	22	22
WORSE (NET).....	68	69	64	65	66	67	64	69	64	63	73	73

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.....	6%	8%	12%	11%	9%	10%	12%	9%	13%	11%	8%	10%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	18	20	20	20	20	21	20	19	20	22	16	19
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	26	27	23	25	27	27	24	25	22	24	27	24
Wrong track - Strongly.....	46	42	41	40	40	39	41	43	42	40	46	44
Neither/Mixed.....	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1
Don't know/Refused.....	2	2	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET).....	24%	27	32	31	29	31	32	28	33	33	24	29
WRONG TRACK (NET).....	73	69	64	65	67	66	65	68	64	65	73	67

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.....	61%	54%	54%	53%	54%	49%	50%	49%	52%	47%	50%	49%
A little more time.....	26	30	27	29	30	33	30	30	31	34	29	29
A little less time.....	3	5	7	7	6	6	6	8	6	8	8	7
A lot less time.....	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	6
The same amount of time.....	2	4	2	3	3	3	5	4	5	4	4	4
Don't know/Refused.....	3	3	6	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	5
MORE TIME (NET).....	88%	84	82	82	84	83	80	79	83	81	79	78
LESS TIME (NET).....	8	8	10	12	10	10	11	11	10	11	13	12

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.....	8%	6%	6%	9%	5%	7%	9%	7%	10%	8%	6%	6%
Somewhat optimistic.....	34	35	37	35	37	35	33	31	36	34	30	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	35	34	33	33	35	32	32	35	29	33	36	33
Very pessimistic.....	18	20	18	18	19	21	20	21	20	19	23	26
Neither/Mixed.....	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused.....	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET).....	42%	41	44	44	42	43	42	38	46	42	36	35
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	52	54	51	51	54	53	53	56	49	53	60	59

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

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53
Self-describe	-

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	74
Hispanic/Latino	10
Asian-American	2
Native American	*
Other	1

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	32
Attended technical/vocational school	5
Attended some college but no degree	15
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	9
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	25
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	12

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

Very liberal	13%
Somewhat liberal	19
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative	15
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	32

Q23. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	24%
Lower middle class	21
Middle class	39
Upper middle class	11
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	5

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21