

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	6
Independent	14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	6
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican	19
DEMOCRAT (NET)	42%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26
REPUBLICAN (NET)	32
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	44%	50%	46%	51%	43%	43%	43%	43%	40%	43%	43%	43%
Somewhat agree	28	25	24	19	25	27	27	27	26	24	27	30
Somewhat disagree	14	12	17	15	16	18	16	15	20	16	18	16
Strongly disagree	7	7	6	6	7	5	6	7	7	7	6	6
Don't know/Refused	7	6	7	9	8	7	7	8	7	9	7	5
AGREE (NET)	72%	75	71	70	68	70	70	70	66	68	69	73
DISAGREE (NET)	21	19	22	21	24	23	23	22	27	23	23	22

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%	54%	48%	51%	46%	46%	48%	45%	41%	45%	44%	47%
Increased a little	30	26	31	25	26	30	28	27	32	30	31	30
Decreased a little	4	4	5	6	5	7	5	7	8	5	5	7
Decreased a lot	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5
No change	8	9	10	8	14	8	9	11	10	10	11	9
Don't know/Refused	5	4	4	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	4	3
INCREASED (NET)	80%	80	79	75	72	76	75	71	73	75	75	77
DECREASED (NET)	7	8	7	10	9	11	10	11	13	9	10	12

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%	11%	7%	13%	9%	8%	10%	11%	10%	12%	13%	11%
Somewhat better	20	19	16	22	19	22	23	20	22	21	19	19
Somewhat worse	27	27	31	23	22	27	25	25	29	31	31	32
Much worse	38	38	39	33	42	37	36	36	32	26	29	31
No change	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
Don't know/Refused	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	6	5	8	6	6
BETTER (NET).....	28%	29	23	36	28	31	33	31	33	33	32	30
WORSE (NET).....	65	65	70	57	64	64	61	61	60	57	60	63

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	16%	16%	13%	20%	13%	14%	10%	10%	10%	15%	14%	12%
Right direction - Somewhat	26	24	26	25	25	25	22	19	21	16	20	17
Wrong track - Somewhat	20	22	22	18	21	23	28	28	30	27	27	27
Wrong track - Strongly.....	33	32	33	30	33	30	32	35	33	37	34	39
Neither/Mixed.....	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	*	1	1
Don't know/Refused.....	3	4	5	6	6	7	6	7	5	5	4	3
RIGHT (NET).....	42%	41	39	45	38	39	32	28	31	31	35	29
WRONG (NET).....	53	54	55	48	54	53	60	63	63	64	61	66

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	46%	52%	46%	48%	45%	43%	42%	43%	43%	40%	44%	48%
A little more time.....	33	30	33	29	33	34	35	34	35	36	37	32
A little less time.....	7	6	5	7	5	8	8	7	6	6	6	8
A lot less time	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	6	4	3
The same amount of time.....	4	3	6	4	5	4	2	3	5	4	4	4
Don't know/Refused	5	4	6	7	8	8	9	8	6	8	6	5
MORE TIME (NET)	79%	82	79	76	78	76	77	77	77	76	81	79
LESS TIME (NET).....	12	11	9	13	9	12	12	12	11	12	10	11

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%	8%	6%	12%	8%	9%	9%	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%
Somewhat optimistic	34	32	31	33	29	37	35	36	41	39	37	32
Somewhat pessimistic.....	29	31	32	25	30	28	28	28	27	30	29	38
Very pessimistic.....	23	23	24	21	25	19	21	18	17	12	16	16
Neither/Mixed	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	4	3	5	6	6	5	5	6	5	6	5	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	42%	41	37	45	37	46	44	44	48	48	48	41
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	51	54	56	46	56	48	49	47	44	42	45	54

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	1%
Graduated high school	24
Attended technical/vocational school	4
Attended some college but no degree	26
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	8
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	24
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	13

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53

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	1
Other	1

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

Very liberal	14%
Somewhat liberal	18
Moderate	35
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	15
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	34

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

Strongly favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	28
Somewhat unfavorable	22
Strongly unfavorable	22
Haven't heard of the Tea Party Movement	18
FAVORABLE (NET)	38%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	44

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

Working class	26%
Lower middle class	18
Middle class	41
Upper middle class	11
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	3

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21