

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in [STATE]?

Yes	100%
No	-
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	-

P1. No matter how you may be planning to vote 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/OTHER] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	27%
Weak Democrat	9
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	10
Independent	15
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	10
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican	18
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	37
REPUBLICAN (NET)	27
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	37

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	44%	45%	48%	52%	46%	51%	51%	50%	49%	50%	48%	49%
Somewhat agree	27	27	27	27	28	25	26	24	25	23	22	24
Somewhat disagree	15	14	14	10	14	13	11	13	13	13	11	12
Strongly disagree	7	7	6	7	7	6	8	7	9	7	13	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	7	8	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	7	6	4
AGREE (NET)	71%	71	74	78	73	76	76	74	75	73	70	72
DISAGREE (NET)	22	21	20	16	21	19	18	20	22	20	24	23

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%	38%	42%	42%	43%	41%	43%	41%	38%	40%	40%	39%
Increased a little	24	25	23	24	25	26	23	25	26	27	22	21
Decreased a little	12	12	11	8	10	8	9	8	11	8	9	12
Decreased a lot	6	6	5	6	4	4	5	4	6	4	5	5
VOL: (No change)	16	15	16	17	15	20	17	19	18	19	22	20
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	4	5	3	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
INCREASED (NET)	62%	63	65	66	68	67	66	66	64	67	62	61
DECREASED (NET)	18	18	16	14	14	11	15	13	17	12	14	17

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.....	11%	12%	11%	10%	13%	10%	12%	14%	10%	13%	8%	12%
Somewhat better	19	19	19	16	16	18	18	18	17	18	16	19
Somewhat worse	27	26	24	27	26	23	24	23	26	24	29	26
Much worse	36	35	37	35	34	38	35	37	38	35	35	33
VOL: (No change).....	3	3	5	5	5	6	5	3	3	5	7	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	5	5	7	6	5	6	6	5	6	6	5
BETTER (NET)	30%	31	29	26	29	28	30	32	27	31	23	31
WORSE (NET)	63	61	61	63	60	62	59	60	64	58	64	59

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 ...	17%	18%	15%	13%	14%	12%	15%	17%	14%	14%	10%	13%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	17	16	16	15	15	17	16	14	15	16	17	19
Wrong track - Somewhat... ..	16	17	18	19	18	17	16	19	18	19	18	17
Wrong track - Strongly.....	38	38	39	42	41	41	40	39	40	36	36	38
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	6	5	8	7	8	9	7	7	7	8	11	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	6	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	8	7	4
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	34%	34	30	27	29	29	31	30	29	30	27	32
WRONG TRACK (NET)	54	55	57	61	58	58	56	58	58	55	54	56

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	56%	54%	54%	58%	52%	54%	58%	49%	51%	52%	48%	52%
A little more time.....	26	24	25	23	24	26	25	26	27	25	25	25
A little less time.....	7	6	5	4	6	4	4	6	6	6	7	8
A lot less time	4	6	6	3	4	3	4	5	4	3	6	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	3	4	6	8	7	10	5	7	7	7	7	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	6	5	5	6	3	5	7	5	5	6	5
MORE TIME (NET)	82%	79	79	81	77	80	82	75	78	78	73	76
LESS TIME (NET)	10	11	10	6	10	6	8	11	10	10	13	13

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

D101. 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	1%
	Some high school	5
	Graduated high school	21
	Technical/Vocational	3
	Some college	19
	Graduate college	34
	Graduate professional	14
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	10%
	Somewhat liberal	16
	Moderate	26
	Somewhat conservative	23
	Very conservative	17
	VOL: (Refused)	8
	LIBERAL (NET)	26%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET)	39
QT. 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	7%
	Somewhat favorable	15
	Somewhat unfavorable	11
	Strongly unfavorable	25
	VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	14
	VOL: Haven't heard of	21
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	7
	FAVORABLE (NET)	22%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	36
	FAMILIAR (NET)	57
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	36%
	Lower middle class	4
	Middle class	41
	Upper middle class	7
	Affluent	7
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4

D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	13%
White/Caucasian	72
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	1
Other	3
VOL: (Refused)	2

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	47%
Female	53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	20