

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	25%
Weak Democrat	16
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	7
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	6
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	18
DEMOCRAT (NET)	42%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26
REPUBLICAN (NET)	32
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	54%	49%	64%	57%	57%	54%	57%	52%	51%	48%	51%	48%
Somewhat agree	27	29	20	23	23	26	25	24	26	24	24	26
Somewhat disagree	12	11	8	12	11	14	11	16	16	17	16	16
Strongly disagree	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	5	5	6	5	5
Don't know/Refused	3	6	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	5	5	4
AGREE (NET)	81%	79	85	80	80	80	82	76	77	72	74	75
DISAGREE (NET)	16	15	11	15	15	17	14	20	20	23	21	21

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	52%	47%	58%	54%	54%	50%	51%	51%	50%	51%	52%	52%
Increased a little	32	34	29	28	28	32	31	29	28	29	29	28
Decreased a little	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	6	7	4	6	6
Decreased a lot	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	2
No change	8	11	6	9	8	9	8	10	10	10	8	10
Don't know/Refused	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3
INCREASED (NET)	83%	81	87	82	82	82	82	79	78	80	81	80
DECREASED (NET)	7	6	5	6	7	7	7	8	10	7	9	8

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.....	7%	5%	6%	5%	8%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%
Somewhat better	19	21	20	18	21	20	22	19	21	16	22	23
Somewhat worse	37	35	33	32	31	30	33	30	28	32	28	29
Much worse	30	32	35	37	33	34	33	37	36	38	35	34
No change	3	3	3	4	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	3
Don't know/Refused	3	5	3	3	5	3	3	2	3	5	3	4
BETTER (NET).....	26%	26	26	24	29	29	29	28	30	23	31	30
WORSE (NET)	68	67	68	69	64	65	66	67	64	69	64	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.....	8%	7%	6%	8%	12%	11%	9%	10%	12%	9%	13%	11%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	23	23	18	20	20	20	20	21	20	19	20	22
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	26	26	26	27	23	25	27	27	24	25	22	24
Wrong track - Strongly	40	38	46	42	41	40	40	39	41	43	42	40
Neither/Mixed	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Don't know/Refused	3	5	2	2	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	2
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)..	31%	29	24	27	32	31	29	31	32	28	33	33
WRONG TRACK (NET)	66	64	73	69	64	65	67	66	65	68	64	65

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	50%	51%	61%	54%	54%	53%	54%	49%	50%	49%	52%	47%
A little more time.....	33	33	26	30	27	29	30	33	30	30	31	34
A little less time.....	7	5	3	5	7	7	6	6	6	8	6	8
A lot less time	3	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3
The same amount of time.....	4	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	5	4	5	4
Don't know/Refused	3	5	3	3	6	4	4	4	4	5	3	4
MORE TIME (NET).....	83%	84	88	84	82	82	84	83	80	79	83	81
LESS TIME (NET)	10	8	8	8	10	12	10	10	11	11	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.....	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%	9%	5%	7%	9%	7%	10%	8%
Somewhat optimistic	38	34	34	35	37	35	37	35	33	31	36	34
Somewhat pessimistic.....	35	38	35	34	33	33	35	32	32	35	29	33
Very pessimistic.....	18	17	18	20	18	18	19	21	20	21	20	19
Neither/Mixed	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%	40	42	41	44	44	42	43	42	38	46	42
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	53	54	52	54	51	51	54	53	53	56	49	53

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	1
Other.....	1

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

Did not complete high school	1%
Graduated high school	21
Attended technical/vocational school	3
Attended some college but no degree.....	23
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	16
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	25
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	11

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

Very liberal.....	13%
Somewhat liberal	19
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	12
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	32

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

Working class	27%
Lower middle class	18
Middle class	46
Upper middle class	8
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	1

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21