

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	18
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	20
DEMOCRAT (NET)	43%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	24
REPUBLICAN (NET)	33
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	48%	49%	51%	52%	52%	54%	50%	50%	53%	49%	55%	52%
Somewhat agree	26	24	24	25	25	22	26	26	22	24	24	25
Somewhat disagree	16	16	14	14	13	14	13	14	15	13	11	12
Strongly disagree	5	6	6	4	5	5	7	5	6	7	6	6
Don't know/Refused	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	7	5	5
AGREE (NET)	75%	73	75	77	77	76	76	76	75	73	79	77
DISAGREE (NET)	21	22	20	18	18	19	20	19	21	20	16	18

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%	54%	54%	51%	54%	55%	51%	52%	53%	52%	55%	50%
Increased a little	28	27	25	29	28	28	27	32	30	27	27	29
Decreased a little	6	5	7	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	5
Decreased a lot	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	3
No change	10	10	8	9	7	7	10	7	8	9	6	9
Don't know/Refused	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	5	4	3
INCREASED (NET)	80%	81	79	80	82	83	78	84	83	79	83	79
DECREASED (NET)	8	7	10	8	8	6	9	6	6	7	7	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%	6%	8%	8%	9%	10%	7%	9%	11%	8%	13%	10%
Somewhat better	23	16	14	18	18	18	17	17	16	16	17	14
Somewhat worse	29	32	32	31	27	31	31	32	29	27	26	31
Much worse	34	41	41	38	39	35	38	38	39	41	40	38
No change	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4	5
BETTER (NET).....	30%	22	22	26	28	28	25	26	27	23	30	24
WORSE (NET).....	63	73	73	69	67	66	69	70	68	68	65	69

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.....	11%	8%	10%	11%	12%	14%	10%	12%	14%	11%	15%	14%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	22	16	19	20	22	20	22	21	22	21	21	22
Wrong track - Somewhat	24	27	24	26	22	25	24	23	22	21	22	22
Wrong track - Strongly	40	46	44	39	40	37	38	40	39	41	37	37
Neither/Mixed.....	*	*	1	1	1	1	2	1	*	1	*	1
Don't know/Refused.....	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	5	4	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	33%	24	29	31	34	34	32	33	37	32	36	35
WRONG TRACK (NET).....	65	73	67	65	63	61	62	63	60	62	59	59

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	47%	50%	49%	48%	50%	46%	47%	50%	51%	50%	55%	50%
A little more time.....	34	29	29	33	32	32	32	31	30	28	27	32
A little less time.....	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	8	6
A lot less time	3	5	6	5	5	5	6	4	5	5	4	5
The same amount of time.....	4	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	3
Don't know/Refused	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	3	6	4	5
MORE TIME (NET)	81%	79	78	81	82	79	79	81	81	78	82	81
LESS TIME (NET).....	11	13	12	12	12	13	13	12	12	12	12	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%	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	10%	6%	11%	8%
Somewhat optimistic	34	30	30	31	31	33	30	30	33	31	31	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	33	36	33	33	32	30	32	33	29	27	28	30
Very pessimistic.....	19	23	26	24	25	23	26	24	24	29	25	26
Neither/Mixed	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	42%	36	35	38	39	41	37	38	43	37	42	38
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	53	60	59	57	57	53	58	57	53	56	53	56

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
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	3
	Native American	*
Other	1	
D100. What is your gender?	Male	47%
	Female	53
	Self-describe	-
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	Very liberal	13%
	Somewhat liberal	18
	Moderate	35
	Somewhat conservative	17
	Very conservative	15
	LIBERAL (NET)	32%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET)	33
Q23. Which of the following best describes you and your family?	Working class	26%
	Lower middle class	18
	Middle class	45
	Upper middle class	9
	Affluent	*
	I'm not sure	1
D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?	Did not complete high school	2%
	Graduated high school	21
	Attended technical/vocational school	6
	Attended some college but no degree	23
	Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	12
	Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	24
	Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.)	13
REGION. What state do you live in?	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	23
	South	38
	West	21