

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	15
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican	21
DEMOCRAT (NET)	43%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25
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	55%	52%	49%	44%	50%	46%	51%	43%	43%	43%	43%	40%
Somewhat agree	24	25	25	28	25	24	19	25	27	27	27	26
Somewhat disagree	11	12	13	14	12	17	15	16	18	16	15	20
Strongly disagree	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	7	5	6	7	7
Don't know/Refused	5	5	6	7	6	7	9	8	7	7	8	7
AGREE (NET)	79%	77	74	72	75	71	70	68	70	70	70	66
DISAGREE (NET)	16	18	20	21	19	22	21	24	23	23	22	27

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	55%	50%	55%	50%	54%	48%	51%	46%	46%	48%	45%	41%
Increased a little	27	29	27	30	26	31	25	26	30	28	27	32
Decreased a little	4	5	5	4	4	5	6	5	7	5	7	8
Decreased a lot	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5
No change	6	9	7	8	9	10	8	14	8	9	11	10
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	5	4	4	6	5	5	6	7	5
INCREASED (NET)	83%	79	81	80	80	79	75	72	76	75	71	73
DECREASED (NET)	7	8	8	7	8	7	10	9	11	10	11	13

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.....	13%	10%	8%	9%	11%	7%	13%	9%	8%	10%	11%	10%
Somewhat better	17	14	16	20	19	16	22	19	22	23	20	22
Somewhat worse	26	31	29	27	27	31	23	22	27	25	25	29
Much worse	40	38	41	38	38	39	33	42	37	36	36	32
No change	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	6	5
BETTER (NET).....	30%	24	24	28	29	23	36	28	31	33	31	33
WORSE (NET)	65	69	70	65	65	70	57	64	64	61	61	60

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	15%	14%	13%	16%	16%	13%	20%	13%	14%	10%	10%	10%
Right direction - Somewhat ...	21	22	22	26	24	26	25	25	25	22	19	21
Wrong track - Somewhat	22	22	23	20	22	22	18	21	23	28	28	30
Wrong track - Strongly.....	37	37	36	33	32	33	30	33	30	32	35	33
Neither/Mixed	*	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Don't know/Refused	4	5	5	3	4	5	6	6	7	6	7	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)....	36%	35	35	42	41	39	45	38	39	32	28	31
WRONG TRACK (NET)	59	59	59	53	54	55	48	54	53	60	63	63

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	55%	50%	49%	46%	52%	46%	48%	45%	43%	42%	43%	43%
A little more time.....	27	32	30	33	30	33	29	33	34	35	34	35
A little less time.....	8	6	7	7	6	5	7	5	8	8	7	6
A lot less time	4	5	6	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4
The same amount of time.	3	3	3	4	3	6	4	5	4	2	3	5
Don't know/Refused	4	5	5	5	4	6	7	8	8	9	8	6
MORE TIME (NET)	82%	81	80	79	82	79	76	78	76	77	77	77
LESS TIME (NET)	12	11	12	12	11	9	13	9	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.....	11%	8%	8%	8%	8%	6%	12%	8%	9%	9%	9%	7%
Somewhat optimistic	31	30	31	34	32	31	33	29	37	35	36	41
Somewhat pessimistic.....	28	30	31	29	31	32	25	30	28	28	28	27
Very pessimistic.....	25	26	25	23	23	24	21	25	19	21	18	17
Neither/Mixed	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused	3	4	4	4	3	5	6	6	5	5	6	5
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	42%	38	38	42	41	37	45	37	46	44	44	48
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	53	56	56	51	54	56	46	56	48	49	47	44

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	Very liberal.....	16%
	Somewhat liberal.....	17
	Moderate.....	34
	Somewhat conservative.....	18
	Very conservative.....	14
	LIBERAL (NET).....	33%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	33
Q23. Which of the following best describes you and your family?	Working class.....	29%
	Lower middle class.....	16
	Middle class.....	41
	Upper middle class.....	10
	Affluent.....	1
	I'm not sure.....	3
DAGE. What is your age?	18-29.....	17%
	30-44.....	24
	45-54.....	17
	55-64.....	18
	65+.....	23
	VOL: (Refused).....	-
D100. What is your gender?	Male.....	47%
	Female.....	53
D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?	Did not complete high school.....	1%
	Graduated high school.....	23
	Attended technical/vocational school.....	5
	Attended some college but no degree.....	22
	Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	12
	Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	22
	Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	15
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.....	75
	Hispanic/Latino.....	10
	Asian-American.....	2
	Native American.....	1
	Other.....	1
REGION. What state do you live in?	Northeast.....	18%
	Midwest.....	23
	South.....	38
	West.....	21