

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

Yes	100%
No	-
Don't know/Refused	-

P1. No matter how you may have voted 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/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	25%
Weak Democrat	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	9
Independent	15
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	10
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	23
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
DEMOCRAT (NET)	33%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	37
REPUBLICAN (NET)	30
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	42%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	40

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	46%	47%	44%	42%	44%	45%	49%	49%	46%	48%	49%	43%
Somewhat agree	27	28	31	32	28	30	26	27	27	26	29	27
Somewhat disagree	12	11	12	13	13	14	12	12	14	12	11	15
Strongly disagree	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	7	7	8	7	9
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	7	5	6	5	7	3	7	5	5	6	4	6
AGREE (NET)	73%	75	75	74	73	75	74	76	74	74	78	70
DISAGREE (NET)	20	19	19	20	20	22	19	19	21	20	18	24

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	37%	39%	36%	41%	37%	36%	38%	41%	40%	40%	40%	38%
Increased a little	22	24	24	21	24	24	24	23	23	24	24	24
Decreased a little	11	11	12	11	10	11	11	11	12	10	10	15
Decreased a lot	10	6	8	6	8	7	6	5	5	6	6	6
VOL: (No change)	19	18	17	19	20	20	20	19	18	17	18	14
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	4
INCREASED (NET)	58%	63	60	62	60	60	62	64	64	64	64	62
DECREASED (NET)	21	17	20	17	18	18	17	16	18	17	16	21

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.....	9%	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	12%
Somewhat better	17	15	15	16	15	16	17	18	16	14	16	17
Somewhat worse	27	27	28	26	28	31	29	30	29	29	27	31
Much worse	32	34	33	33	33	32	33	32	36	38	37	32
VOL: (No change).....	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	10	7	8	9	8	6	7	5	6	5	6	6
BETTER (NET)	26%	26	25	27	25	26	25	26	25	23	26	29
WORSE (NET)	58	61	61	59	61	63	62	62	65	67	64	63

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 ..	16%	15%	16%	15%	16%	14%	14%	13%	16%	13%	16%	14%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	16	15	13	18	16	16	16	17	14	11	15	19
Wrong track - Somewhat..	17	18	17	16	17	17	15	18	17	18	16	20
Wrong track - Strongly.....	41	40	41	40	39	39	43	39	42	45	41	36
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	6	7	8	6	6	9	9	8	7	8	7	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	5	5	6	5	3	4	4	4	5	7
RIGHT (NET)	31%	30	30	33	32	30	30	30	30	24	31	33
WRONG (NET)	58	58	58	56	56	56	58	57	59	64	57	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	49%	54%	52%	58%	58%	53%	55%	58%	53%	58%	59%	51%
A little more time.....	30	26	30	24	22	29	26	25	28	24	24	29
A little less time.....	6	6	5	3	6	7	7	5	6	5	4	7
A lot less time	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	7	6	6	7	8	6	5	6	6	6	5	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	6
MORE TIME (NET)	79%	79	82	83	80	82	81	83	81	82	83	80
LESS TIME (NET)	10	11	8	5	8	9	9	8	10	7	8	11

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.....	16%	18%	17%	21%	19%	18%	16%	18%	18%	17%	18%	18%
Somewhat optimistic	31	29	29	28	29	26	29	27	28	26	32	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	22	19	21	19	19	21	21	21	20	19	20	20
Very pessimistic.....	21	24	22	23	24	26	25	25	26	29	25	25
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	5	5	6	3	5	5	7	4	4	4	3	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	4	5	5	4	4	2	5	4	4	3	6
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	47%	47	46	50	48	44	45	45	47	44	50	48
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	43	44	43	42	43	47	46	46	46	48	44	44

Finally I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

DAGE. What is your age?	18-29	17%
	30-44	24
	45-54	17
	55-64	18
	65+	23
	VOL: (Refused)	-

D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?	Some grade school.....	2%
	Some high school	9
	Graduated high school	23
	Technical/Vocational	3
	Some college	24
	Graduate college	24
	Graduate professional	12
VOL: (Refused)	2	

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	14
	Moderate	29
	Somewhat conservative	21
	Very conservative	21
	VOL: (Refused)	5
	LIBERAL (NET)	25%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41

Q7. 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.....	10
	Somewhat unfavorable.....	9
	Strongly unfavorable.....	20
	VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	27
	VOL: Haven't heard of	22
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
	FAVORABLE (NET)	17%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	29

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	8
	Middle class	40
	Upper middle class	9
	Affluent	5
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4

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	-
VOL: (Refused)	-	

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male..... 47%
Female..... 53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast..... 18%
Midwest..... 23
South..... 38
West..... 21