

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	30%
Weak Democrat	11
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	5
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	22
DEMOCRAT (NET)	41%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	24
REPUBLICAN (NET)	35
DEMOCRAT W/LEANERS (NET)	47%
REPUBLICAN W/LEANERS (NET)	40

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	43%	40%	43%	43%	43%	44%	44%	41%	40%	46%	48%	50%
Somewhat agree	27	26	24	27	30	31	26	29	27	28	29	28
Somewhat disagree	15	20	16	18	16	15	16	13	19	15	12	12
Strongly disagree	7	7	7	6	6	4	7	7	6	4	5	2
Don't know/Refused	8	7	9	7	5	6	7	10	8	7	6	7
AGREE (NET)	70%	66	68	69	73	75	70	70	67	73	77	78
DISAGREE (NET)	22	27	23	23	22	19	23	20	25	20	17	15

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	45%	41%	45%	44%	47%	48%	50%	48%	44%	45%	42%	39%
Increased a little	27	32	30	31	30	31	28	28	31	31	30	36
Decreased a little	7	8	5	5	7	7	6	7	7	8	11	7
Decreased a lot	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	3	4	4	3	4
No change	11	10	10	11	9	7	8	7	9	9	11	8
Don't know/Refused	7	5	6	4	3	3	5	6	6	3	4	6
INCREASED (NET)	71%	73	75	75	77	80	78	76	75	75	72	75
DECREASED (NET)	11	13	9	10	12	10	9	11	10	12	14	11

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.....	11%	10%	12%	13%	11%	10%	7%	9%	9%	8%	10%	11%
Somewhat better	20	22	21	19	19	20	17	19	17	19	23	22
Somewhat worse	25	29	31	31	32	32	33	26	29	28	29	27
Much worse	36	32	26	29	31	35	36	38	38	40	31	29
No change	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2
Don't know/Refused	6	5	8	6	6	3	5	6	5	4	5	8
BETTER (NET).....	31%	33	33	32	30	29	24	29	26	27	33	34
WORSE (NET)	61	60	57	60	63	66	69	64	68	68	60	56

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 ..	10%	10%	15%	14%	12%	11%	9%	15%	15%	14%	17%	14%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	19	21	16	20	17	19	19	19	18	22	24	21
Wrong track - Somewhat..	28	30	27	27	27	26	27	24	23	27	23	24
Wrong track - Strongly.....	35	33	37	34	39	40	40	36	37	33	32	34
Neither/Mixed	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	*	2	1	1	1
Don't know/Refused	7	5	5	4	3	3	4	5	5	4	4	6
RIGHT (NET).....	28%	31	31	35	29	30	28	34	33	36	41	35
WRONG (NET).....	63	63	64	61	66	66	67	60	61	60	54	58

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	43%	43%	40%	44%	48%	49%	43%	43%	41%	43%	52%	52%
A little more time.....	34	35	36	37	32	32	34	34	37	36	33	33
A little less time.....	7	6	6	6	8	8	8	7	8	8	5	4
A lot less time	4	4	6	4	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	2
The same amount of time..	3	5	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2
Don't know/Refused	8	6	8	6	5	4	7	8	6	6	5	7
MORE TIME (NET).....	77%	77	76	81	79	81	77	77	78	79	84	85
LESS TIME (NET)	12	11	12	10	11	12	13	13	13	12	8	6

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.....	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	9%	9%
Somewhat optimistic	36	41	39	37	32	36	33	33	33	36	36	35
Somewhat pessimistic.....	28	27	30	29	38	33	37	34	34	32	33	31
Very pessimistic.....	18	17	12	16	16	17	18	16	20	19	16	17
Neither/Mixed	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused	6	5	6	5	3	3	4	7	5	4	4	5
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%	48	48	48	41	45	39	42	40	43	44	44
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	47	44	42	45	54	49	55	50	53	51	49	48

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

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

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	24
Attended technical/vocational school	3
Attended some college but no degree.....	24
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	11
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	23
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	14

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

Very liberal.....	15%
Somewhat liberal.....	18
Moderate	34
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative.....	15
LIBERAL (NET)	33%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	33

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.....	9
Asian-American	2
Native American	1
Other.....	1

Q7. Which of the following best describes your view of the Tea Party Movement?

Strongly favorable.....	9%
Somewhat favorable.....	27
Somewhat unfavorable.....	18
Strongly unfavorable	25
Haven't heard of the Tea Party Movement	21
FAVORABLE (NET)	36%
UNFAVORABLE (NET).....	43

Q8. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	23%
Lower middle class	19
Middle class	42
Upper middle class	11
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	4

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21