

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

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

**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 .....	26%
Weak Democrat .....	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats .....	12
Independent .....	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans .....	11
Weak Republican .....	7
Strong Republican .....	22
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	2
DEMOCRAT (NET) .....	34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) .....	38
REPUBLICAN (NET) .....	29
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	45%
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 strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities?

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Strongly agree .....	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%	44%	45%	48%	52%	46%	51%	51%
Somewhat agree .....	29	27	32	24	26	27	27	27	27	28	25	26
Somewhat disagree .....	11	15	15	16	13	15	14	14	10	14	13	11
Strongly disagree .....	7	9	8	10	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	8
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	4	6	4	6	6	7	8	5	5	5	5	5
AGREE (NET) .....	78%	70	73	68	73	71	71	74	78	73	76	76
DISAGREE (NET) .....	18	24	23	26	21	22	21	20	16	21	19	18

**Q2.** Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern about our national debt has increased a lot, increased a little, decreased a little, or decreased a lot?

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Increase a lot .....	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%	38%	38%	42%	42%	43%	41%	43%
Increased a little .....	24	24	24	18	24	24	25	23	24	25	26	23
Decreased a little .....	10	15	15	15	13	12	12	11	8	10	8	9
Decreased a lot .....	6	6	9	8	7	6	6	5	6	4	4	5
<b>VOL:</b> (No change) .....	18	14	12	14	15	16	15	16	17	15	20	17
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	2	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	2	4	2	3
INCREASED (NET) .....	64%	62	61	58	61	62	63	65	66	68	67	66
DECREASED (NET) .....	16	21	23	23	20	18	18	16	14	14	11	15

**Q3.** Thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, or much worse?

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Much better.....	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	12%	11%	10%	13%	10%	12%
Somewhat better .....	16	17	20	17	17	19	19	19	16	16	18	18
Somewhat worse .....	27	31	26	26	26	27	26	24	27	26	23	24
Much worse .....	37	32	32	35	33	36	35	37	35	34	38	35
<b>VOL:</b> (No change).....	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	5	5	6	5
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	6	6	7	6	7	4	5	5	7	6	5	6
BETTER (NET).....	26%	29	33	30	32	30	31	29	26	29	28	30
WORSE (NET) .....	64	63	57	60	59	63	61	61	63	60	62	59

**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?

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Right direction - Strongly ...	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%	17%	18%	15%	13%	14%	12%	15%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	15	19	18	17	17	17	16	16	15	15	17	16
Wrong track - Somewhat...	16	20	16	15	18	16	17	18	19	18	17	16
Wrong track - Strongly.....	41	36	36	38	35	38	38	39	42	41	41	40
<b>VOL:</b> (Neither/Mixed) .....	7	3	3	4	4	6	5	8	7	8	9	7
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	5	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	4	7
RIGHT (NET).....	31%	33	38	36	37	34	34	30	27	29	29	31
WRONG (NET).....	57	56	53	54	53	54	55	57	61	58	58	56

**Q5.** And when it comes to our national debt, do you think it is an issue that the President and Congress should spend a lot more time addressing, a little more time addressing, a little less time addressing, a lot less time addressing, or the same amount they do now?

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A lot more time .....	59%	51%	52%	53%	56%	56%	54%	54%	58%	52%	54%	58%
A little more time.....	24	29	28	22	26	26	24	25	23	24	26	25
A little less time.....	4	7	7	8	5	7	6	5	4	6	4	4
A lot less time .....	4	4	4	6	4	4	6	6	3	4	3	4
<b>VOL:</b> (The same amount of time).....	5	3	3	4	3	3	4	6	8	7	10	5
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	4	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	3	5
MORE TIME (NET) .....	83%	80	80	75	82	82	79	79	81	77	80	82
LESS TIME (NET) .....	8	11	11	14	9	10	11	10	6	10	6	8

**Q6.** And when it comes to our national debt, are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years?

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Very optimistic.....	18%	18%	20%	21%	22%	17%	19%	20%	19%	21%	19%	19%
Somewhat optimistic .....	32	30	33	29	30	31	27	25	25	25	28	29
Somewhat pessimistic.....	20	20	18	17	16	18	19	20	21	18	16	17
Very pessimistic.....	25	25	21	25	24	25	25	26	25	27	28	27
<b>VOL:</b> (Neither/Mixed).....	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	5	5	4	6	3
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	3	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	4	4	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET) .....	50%	48	54	50	52	49	46	45	45	46	46	48
PESSIMISTIC (NET) .....	44	44	39	42	41	43	44	46	46	46	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 .....	18
55-64 .....	18
65+ .....	22
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused) .....	2

**D102.** What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school.....	6
Graduated high school .....	19
Technical/Vocational .....	3
Some college.....	20
Graduate college.....	30
Graduate professional .....	19
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	1

**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.....	12%
Somewhat liberal.....	16
Moderate .....	28
Somewhat conservative .....	21
Very conservative .....	19
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	3
LIBERAL (NET) .....	27%
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.....	8%
Somewhat favorable.....	14
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10
Strongly unfavorable.....	23
<b>VOL:</b> (Heard of, but can't rate).....	23
Haven't heard of .....	16
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't Know/Refused) .....	6
FAV (NET) .....	22%
UNFAV (NET).....	33
FAMILIAR (NET) .....	55

**D170.** Thinking of your socio-economic status, would you describe yourself as working class, middle class, or as affluent?

Working class .....	30%
Lower middle class.....	10
Middle class.....	44
Upper middle class.....	9
Affluent .....	5
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't Know/Refused) .....	3

**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 .....	14%
White/Caucasian .....	74
Hispanic/Latino .....	9
Asian-American .....	3
Native American .....	-
Other.....	*
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	1

**Gender [BY OBSERVATION]**

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

**Region [FROM SAMPLE]**

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