

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	29%
Weak Democrat	15
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	4
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	20
DEMOCRAT (NET)	44%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	23
REPUBLICAN (NET)	34
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	52%	51%	48%	51%	48%	49%	51%	52%	52%	54%	50%	50%
Somewhat agree	24	26	24	24	26	24	24	25	25	22	26	26
Somewhat disagree	16	16	17	16	16	16	14	14	13	14	13	14
Strongly disagree	5	5	6	5	5	6	6	4	5	5	7	5
Don't know/Refused	4	3	5	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5
AGREE (NET)	76%	77	72	74	75	73	75	77	77	76	76	76
DISAGREE (NET)	20	20	23	21	21	22	20	18	18	19	20	19

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	51%	50%	51%	52%	52%	54%	54%	51%	54%	55%	51%	52%
Increased a little	29	28	29	29	28	27	25	29	28	28	27	32
Decreased a little	6	7	4	6	6	5	7	5	5	4	5	4
Decreased a lot	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2
No change	10	10	10	8	10	10	8	9	7	7	10	7
Don't know/Refused	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3
INCREASED (NET)	79%	78	80	81	80	81	79	80	82	83	78	84
DECREASED (NET)	8	10	7	9	8	7	10	8	8	6	9	6

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.....	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	6%	8%	8%	9%	10%	7%	9%
Somewhat better	19	21	16	22	23	16	14	18	18	18	17	17
Somewhat worse	30	28	32	28	29	32	32	31	27	31	31	32
Much worse	37	36	38	35	34	41	41	38	39	35	38	38
No change	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	2	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	3
BETTER (NET).....	28%	30	23	31	30	22	22	26	28	28	25	26
WORSE (NET)	67	64	69	64	63	73	73	69	67	66	69	70

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%	12%	9%	13%	11%	8%	10%	11%	12%	14%	10%	12%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	21	20	19	20	22	16	19	20	22	20	22	21
Wrong track - Somewhat	27	24	25	22	24	27	24	26	22	25	24	23
Wrong track - Strongly	39	41	43	42	40	46	44	39	40	37	38	40
Neither/Mixed.....	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	2	1
Don't know/Refused.....	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	31%	32	28	33	33	24	29	31	34	34	32	33
WRONG TRACK (NET).....	66	65	68	64	65	73	67	65	63	61	62	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	49%	50%	49%	52%	47%	50%	49%	48%	50%	46%	47%	50%
A little more time.....	33	30	30	31	34	29	29	33	32	32	32	31
A little less time.....	6	6	8	6	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	8
A lot less time	4	4	3	4	3	5	6	5	5	5	6	4
The same amount of time.....	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	3	2	4	3	3
Don't know/Refused	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	4
MORE TIME (NET)	83%	80	79	83	81	79	78	81	82	79	79	81
LESS TIME (NET).....	10	11	11	10	11	13	12	12	12	13	13	12

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.....	7%	9%	7%	10%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%
Somewhat optimistic	35	33	31	36	34	30	30	31	31	33	30	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	32	32	35	29	33	36	33	33	32	30	32	33
Very pessimistic.....	21	20	21	20	19	23	26	24	25	23	26	24
Neither/Mixed	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2
Don't know/Refused	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	43%	42	38	46	42	36	35	38	39	41	37	38
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	53	53	56	49	53	60	59	57	57	53	58	57

B1. As you may know, following the 2022 midterm elections, we will have divided government with Democrats controlling the White House and the U.S. Senate, and Republicans controlling the House of Representatives. For each statement below, please indicate how much you agree or disagree.

	AGREE		DISAGREE		Don't Know	NET	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly		AGREE	DISAGREE
• In a divided government, lawmakers have a responsibility to work together on priorities like the national debt.....	66%	23	4	3	4	89	7
• Members of Congress should be willing to put their election politics aside and embrace a bipartisan approach to reducing the national debt.	59%	31	3	3	4	90	6
• The national debt shouldn't be used as a partisan issue.....	48%	25	11	6	10	73	17

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

D100. What is your gender?

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53
Self-describe.....	-

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

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

Did not complete high school	1%
Graduated high school	19
Attended technical/vocational school	5
Attended some college but no degree.....	23
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	15
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	25
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	12

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

Very liberal.....	15%
Somewhat liberal.....	18
Moderate.....	36
Somewhat conservative.....	17
Very conservative.....	14
LIBERAL (NET).....	33%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	31

Q23. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class.....	27%
Lower middle class.....	17
Middle class.....	45
Upper middle class.....	9
Affluent.....	1
I'm not sure.....	2

REGION. What state do you live in?

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