

**S1.** Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at this address [READ ADDRESS]?

Yes .....	100%
No .....	-
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	-

**S2.** Do you or any member of your household currently work as a member of the news media or work for an elected official or candidate for political office in any capacity?

Yes .....	-
No .....	100
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	-

**P1.** When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, a not very strong Democrat, a strong Republican, a not very strong Republican, or an Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat .....	27%
Weak Democrat .....	8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats .....	11
Independent .....	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans .....	12
Weak Republican .....	7
Strong Republican .....	20
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't Know/Refused) .....	3
DEMOCRAT (NET) .....	36%
INDEPENDENT (NET) .....	38
REPUBLICAN (NET) .....	26
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	46%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	38

**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 RESPONSE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Aug 10</u>
Strongly agree .....	61%	64%	68%	66%	71%	71%	63%	58%
Somewhat agree .....	20	19	15	21	18	18	21	15
Somewhat disagree .....	8	9	7	5	4	4	9	14
Strongly disagree .....	7	5	7	4	3	4	5	11
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	1
AGREE (NET) .....	81%	83	83	87	89	89	84	74
DISAGREE (NET) .....	15	14	13	9	7	7	14	25

**Q2.** Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern has increased or decreased? [IF RESPONSE] Is that [INCREASED/DECREASED] a lot or just a little?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Increased a lot .....	54%	52%	58%	52%	60%	51%
Increased a little .....	19	21	18	24	21	25
Decreased a little .....	8	9	7	7	4	7
Decreased a lot .....	4	4	5	3	2	3
<b>VOL:</b> (No change) .....	14	13	11	13	12	12
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	1	1	1	1	1	2
INCREASED (NET) .....	73%	73	76	76	81	77
DECREASED (NET) .....	12	13	11	10	7	10

**Q3.** And thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse? [IF RESPONSE] Is that much [BETTER/WORSE] or just somewhat [BETTER/WORSE]?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Much better .....	10%	8%	10%	11%	9%	14%
Somewhat better .....	20	21	21	20	21	30
Somewhat worse .....	26	27	22	25	21	16
Much worse .....	36	37	38	37	40	31
<b>VOL:</b> (No change) .....	3	3	3	2	4	2
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	4	5	6	5	5	6
BETTER (NET) .....	31%	29	31	31	31	44
WORSE (NET) .....	63	64	60	62	61	47

**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? [IF RESPONSE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Right direction - Strongly .....	13%	8%	13%	11%	9%	17%
Right direction - Somewhat .....	17	21	19	20	19	23
Wrong track - Somewhat .....	16	18	14	17	17	14
Wrong track - Strongly .....	44	43	45	42	44	36
<b>VOL:</b> (Neither/Mixed) .....	6	6	4	6	7	5
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	4	4	4	5	5	5
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b> .....	30%	29	32	30	28	39
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b> .....	60	61	60	59	60	51

**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? [IF RESPONSE] Would you say a lot [MORE/LESS] time or just a little?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
A lot more time .....	65%	65%	67%	62%	68%	66%
A little more time .....	17	19	15	22	19	20
A little less time .....	6	5	5	6	4	5
A lot less time .....	5	3	5	3	3	1
<b>VOL:</b> (The same amount of time) .....	4	4	4	4	3	4
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	3	4	3	3	3	3
<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b> .....	82%	84	82	84	87	87
<b>LESS TIME (NET)</b> .....	11	8	10	8	7	7

**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? [IF RESPONSE] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Very optimistic .....	20%	18%	22%	18%	19%	23%
Somewhat optimistic .....	29	31	26	32	29	32
Somewhat pessimistic .....	17	18	18	16	18	13
Very pessimistic .....	29	28	30	30	30	26
<b>VOL:</b> (Neither/Mixed) .....	3	2	3	2	3	2
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	2	2	2	3	2	3
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b> .....	49%	49	47	49	48	55
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b> .....	46	46	48	46	47	40

**Q7.** Thinking more about the debt and our economy...

Some people say that we should delay agreeing on a long-term deficit reduction plan until our economy is stronger.

Other people say that we will strengthen today's economy if we agree on a long-term debt reduction plan now that can be implemented gradually as the economy recovers.

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Wait to address - Strongly .....	10%	8%
Wait to address - Somewhat .....	10	10
Address debt now - Somewhat .....	17	19
Address debt now - Strongly .....	56	57
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	7	6
<b>WAIT TO ADDRESS (NET)</b> .....	21%	18
<b>ADDRESS DEBT NOW (NET)</b> .....	73	76

Which statement comes closest to your own views? [IF RESPONSE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

**Q8.** As you may know, Congress and the President have been discussing plans to reform the tax code by eliminating certain tax breaks for people and businesses. Eliminating these tax breaks would result in more revenue for the federal government, which could be used to reduce tax rates, increase spending, or lower the deficit. How much of this additional revenue do you believe should be dedicated towards reducing debt and deficits?

All of the revenues .....	26%
Some of the revenues .....	56
None of the revenues .....	7
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	10

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

**D101. What is your age?**

18-29 .....	17%
30-44 .....	25
45-54 .....	19
55-64 .....	17
65+ .....	20
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused) .....	2

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

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school.....	3
Graduated high school .....	22
Technical/Vocational .....	3
Some college.....	24
Graduate college .....	28
Graduate professional .....	18
<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 .....	11%
Somewhat liberal .....	15
Moderate .....	30
Somewhat conservative .....	20
Very Conservative .....	20
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	5
LIBERAL (NET) .....	26%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	40

**Q9. 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.....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	21
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13
Strongly unfavorable.....	23
<b>VOL:</b> (Heard of, but can't rate).....	20
Haven't heard of .....	6
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't Know/Refused) .....	5
FAVORABLE (NET) .....	33%
UNFAVORABLE (NET) .....	36
FAMILIAR (NET) .....	69

**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 .....	32%
Lower middle class .....	11
Middle class .....	39
Upper middle class.....	9
Affluent .....	4
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't Know/Refused) .....	4

**D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?**

Black/African-American .....	12%
White/Caucasian .....	73
Hispanic/Latino .....	9
Asian-American .....	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	2
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	2

**Gender [BY OBSERVATION]**

Male.....	46%
Female.....	54

**Region [FROM SAMPLE]**

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	24
South .....	38
West .....	20