

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

Yes	100%
No	-
VOL: (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
VOL: (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	25%
Weak Democrat	9
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	10
Independent	15
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	10
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	22
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	1
DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	37
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
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>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Aug 10</u>
Strongly agree	71%	71%	63%	58%
Somewhat agree	18	18	21	15
Somewhat disagree	4	4	9	14
Strongly disagree	3	4	5	11
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	4	2	1
AGREE (NET)	89%	89	84	74
DISAGREE (NET)	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>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Increase a lot	60%	51%
Increased a little	21	25
Decreased a little	4	7
Decreased a lot	2	3
VOL: (No change)	12	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1	2
INCREASED (NET)	81%	77
DECREASED (NET)	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>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Much better	9%	14%
Somewhat better	21	30
Somewhat worse	21	16
Much worse	40	31
VOL: (No change)	4	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5	6
BETTER (NET)	31%	44
WORSE (NET)	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>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Right direction - Strongly	9%	17%
Right direction - Somewhat	19	23
Wrong track - Somewhat	17	14
Wrong track - Strongly	44	36
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	7	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	28%	39
WRONG TRACK (NET)	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?

	Jan 13	Dec 12
A lot more time	68%	66%
A little more time	19	20
A little less time	4	5
A lot less time	3	1
VOL: (The same amount of time)	3	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	3
MORE TIME (NET)	87%	87
LESS TIME (NET)	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?

	Jan 13	Dec 12
Very optimistic	19%	23%
Somewhat optimistic	29	32
Somewhat pessimistic	18	13
Very pessimistic	30	26
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)	3	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	48%	55
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	47	40

Q7. As you may know, earlier this month Congress passed and the President signed a bill to avoid the so-called fiscal cliff. From what you know, how much did this bill do to solve our long-term debt problem?

The agreement fixed our long-term debt problem	1%
The agreement made some progress on our long-term debt problem, but more needs to be done	23
The agreement made very little progress on our long-term debt problem and a lot more needs to be done	68
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	7

Q8. And as you may know, the federal government has reached its debt limit, which means the debt limit will soon need to be raised in order for the government to keep paying its bills. Are you optimistic or pessimistic that Democrats and Republicans will reach an agreement on the debt limit? [IF RESPONSE] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

Very optimistic	17%
Somewhat optimistic	31
Somewhat pessimistic	19
Very pessimistic	28
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	48%
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	47

Q9. Next month, President Obama will deliver his annual State of the Union address, in which he will discuss his priorities for the nation. Do you believe the next steps on deficit reduction should be a major topic in the President's State of the Union?

Yes	87%
No	9
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	4

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
VOL: (Refused)	2

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

Some grade school	1%
Some high school	3
Graduated high school	23
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college	23
Graduate college	30
Graduate professional	16
VOL: (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	10%
Somewhat liberal	14
Moderate	31
Somewhat conservative	22
Very Conservative	19
VOL: (Refused)	4
LIBERAL (NET)	24%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	41

Q10. 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.....	11%
Somewhat favorable.....	22
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13
Strongly unfavorable.....	27
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	14
Haven't heard of	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5
FAVORABLE (NET)	33%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	40
FAMILIAR (NET)	73

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	33%
Lower middle class.....	10
Middle class.....	41
Upper middle class.....	7
Affluent	4
VOL: (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	74
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
VOL: (Refused).....	3

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

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

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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