

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	26%
	Weak Democrat	10
	Independent / Closer to the Democrats	10
	Independent	13
	Independent / Closer to the Republicans	11
	Weak Republican	8
	Strong Republican	19
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	3
	DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
	INDEPENDENT (NET)	38
	REPUBLICAN (NET)	27
	DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	46%
	REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	39

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>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	64%	68%	66%	71%	71%	63%	58%
Somewhat agree	19	15	21	18	18	21	15
Somewhat disagree	9	7	5	4	4	9	14
Strongly disagree	5	7	4	3	4	5	11
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3	4	4	3	4	2	1
AGREE (NET)	83%	83	87	89	89	84	74
DISAGREE (NET)	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>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Increased a lot		52%	58%	52%	60%	51%
Increased a little		21	18	24	21	25
Decreased a little		9	7	7	4	7
Decreased a lot		4	5	3	2	3
VOL: (No change)		13	11	13	12	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)		1	1	1	1	2
INCREASED (NET)		73%	76	76	81	77
DECREASED (NET)		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>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Much better		8%	10%	11%	9%	14%
Somewhat better		21	21	20	21	30
Somewhat worse		27	22	25	21	16
Much worse		37	38	37	40	31
VOL: (No change)		3	3	2	4	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)		5	6	5	5	6
BETTER (NET)		29%	31	31	31	44
WORSE (NET)		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>Apr 13</u>	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
Right direction - Strongly		8%	13%	11%	9%	17%
Right direction - Somewhat		21	19	20	19	23
Wrong track - Somewhat		18	14	17	17	14
Wrong track - Strongly		43	45	42	44	36
VOL: (Neither/Mixed)		6	4	6	7	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)		4	4	5	5	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)		29%	32	30	28	39
WRONG TRACK (NET)		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?		Apr 13	Mar 13	Feb 13	Jan 13	Dec 12
	A lot more time.....	65%	67%	62%	68%	66%
	A little more time.....	19	15	22	19	20
	A little less time.....	5	5	6	4	5
	A lot less time.....	3	5	3	3	1
	VOL: (The same amount of time).....	4	4	4	3	4
	VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	3	3	3
	MORE TIME (NET).....	84%	82	84	87	87
	LESS TIME (NET).....	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?		Apr 13	Mar 13	Feb 13	Jan 13	Dec 12
	Very optimistic.....	18%	22%	18%	19%	23%
	Somewhat optimistic.....	31	26	32	29	32
	Somewhat pessimistic.....	18	18	16	18	13
	Very pessimistic.....	28	30	30	30	26
	VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	2	3	2	3	2
	VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	3	2	3
	OPTIMISTIC (NET).....	49%	47	49	48	55
	PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	46	48	46	47	40

Q7. As you may know, a series of automatic across-the-board spending cuts, known as the sequester, went into effect on March 1. How much of an impact have these automatic spending cuts had on you and your family?				
	A lot.....			11%
	Some.....			22
	Not that much.....			22
	No impact at all.....			40
	VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....			6
	SOME OR MORE (NET).....			33%
ANY IMPACT (NET).....			55	

Q8. Do you think the Social Security system will have the money available to provide benefits for your retirement?			
	Yes.....		42%
	No.....		47
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....			11

Q9. How concerned are you that, without reforms, Social Security and Medicare benefits will put too much of a financial burden on younger generations?				
	Very concerned.....			56%
	Somewhat concerned.....			29
	Not that concerned.....			7
	Not concerned at all.....			5
	VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....			2
	CONCERNED (NET).....			86%
NOT CONCERNED (NET).....			12	

Q10. As you may know, President Obama recently presented a budget proposal that includes increased revenue and a reduction in spending to help lower deficits. Do you believe his proposal is a very significant step toward compromise, somewhat significant, not that significant or not significant at all?				
	Very significant.....			14%
	Somewhat significant.....			39
	Not that significant.....			16
	Not significant at all.....			22
	VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....			9
	SIGNIFICANT (NET).....			53%
NOT SIGNIFICANT (NET).....			38	

Here is a list of things that people say could happen if we put in place an effective plan to reduce our national debt. Please tell me how important each of the following outcomes is to you personally.

	IMPORTANT			NOT IMPORTANT		NET	
	Extremely	Very	Some	Not that	Not at all	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
• We would have more resources to invest in education	36%	39	14	7	4	75%	11
• America will have a solid foundation for economic growth....	32%	45	19	2	2	77%	4
• Our national security would improve	32%	38	21	5	5	70%	9
• We would be able to keep taxes down.....	28%	39	22	8	4	67%	12
• America would be more competitive in the global marketplace.....	22%	38	29	7	4	60%	11
• We would have more resources to invest in infrastructure....	17%	36	33	8	6	53%	14

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+.....	21
VOL: (Refused).....	1

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

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school	4
Graduated high school	23
Technical/Vocational	4
Some college.....	23
Graduate college	27
Graduate professional	18
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	9%
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	30
Somewhat conservative	21
Very Conservative	19
VOL: (Refused).....	4
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	40

Q17. 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.....	13%
Somewhat favorable.....	17
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Strongly unfavorable.....	26
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	20
Haven't heard of	10
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	29%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	37
FAMILIAR (NET)	66

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.....	40
Upper middle class.....	9
Affluent	3
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5

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	2
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
VOL: (Refused).....	3

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	24
South	38
West	20

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	46%
Female.....	54