

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 24%
Weak Democrat 13
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 7
Independent 13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 5
Weak Republican 12
Strong Republican 25

DEMOCRAT (NET) 37%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 25
REPUBLICAN (NET) 38

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 44%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 43

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%	51%	53%	51%	49%	56%	54%	57%	55%	53%	50%
Somewhat agree	24	25	24	24	24	25	22	25	23	22	22	24
Somewhat disagree.....	11	12	13	11	14	13	12	11	11	14	13	16
Strongly disagree	6	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	4	5	5	5
Don't know/Refused	6	6	6	6	5	8	5	5	4	4	6	6
AGREE (NET)	76%	76	75	77	74	74	78	79	80	77	76	74
DISAGREE (NET)	17	17	19	17	21	18	17	16	16	18	18	20

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	50%	50%	49%	48%	50%	49%	52%	50%	50%	54%	50%	52%
Increased a little	31	27	27	28	28	30	26	30	29	28	27	27
Decreased a little.....	4	5	6	6	6	5	5	4	5	6	5	5
Decreased a lot	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	3
No change	9	11	11	12	10	10	9	10	11	7	11	10
Don't know/Refused	4	5	5	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	5	4
INCREASED (NET)	81%	77	77	76	78	78	78	80	80	82	77	79
DECREASED (NET)	6	8	8	8	9	7	9	7	7	8	7	7

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.....	14%	14%	16%	18%	18%	17%	17%	18%	12%	9%	11%	9%
Somewhat better	21	24	22	25	27	26	24	28	26	26	25	25
Somewhat worse	26	23	23	19	20	22	24	20	30	29	27	31
Much worse	33	33	32	30	29	27	27	29	23	28	27	25
No change	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	3	2	3
Don't know/Refused	5	4	5	6	6	6	5	4	5	5	8	8
 BETTER (NET).....	 36%	 38	 38	 43	 44	 43	 42	 46	 38	 35	 36	 33
WORSE (NET)	58	56	55	49	49	49	50	49	54	57	54	56

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	18%	18%	21%	23%	22%	18%	12%	14%	12%	10%	11%	9%
Right direction - Somewhat	21	22	20	23	25	25	23	22	22	21	20	20
Wrong track - Somewhat	21	19	18	16	18	20	26	25	24	24	25	28
Wrong track - Strongly.....	37	38	36	33	31	28	33	34	37	42	39	37
Neither/Mixed.....	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know/Refused.....	4	4	5	5	4	7	5	4	4	3	4	5
 RIGHT DIRECTION (NET).....	 38%	 40	 41	 46	 48	 43	 35	 36	 34	 31	 30	 29
WRONG TRACK (NET).....	58	56	54	49	48	49	59	59	61	66	65	65

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	51%	47%	49%	47%	49%	51%	53%	53%	52%	54%	51%	47%
A little more time.....	30	30	27	30	30	29	26	29	30	31	29	36
A little less time.....	7	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	6	6	7	6
A lot less time.....	5	6	6	6	7	4	5	4	5	3	4	4
The same amount of time.....	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	3	3
Don't know/Refused	5	6	7	6	5	8	6	5	4	4	7	5
 MORE TIME (NET)	 80%	 77	 76	 77	 78	 79	 79	 82	 82	 85	 80	 83
LESS TIME (NET)	12	13	13	13	13	9	12	10	10	9	10	9

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	12%	11%	13%	16%	15%	14%	13%	13%	10%	9%	9%	7%
Somewhat optimistic	33	34	33	35	37	37	35	40	41	40	38	41
Somewhat pessimistic	26	28	25	23	24	25	29	24	28	31	29	34
Very pessimistic	23	22	22	19	18	17	15	17	15	15	15	12
Neither/Mixed	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	3	3
Don't know/Refused	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	3	4	6	4
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	45%	45	46	51	52	50	49	53	51	49	47	47
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	49	49	47	42	42	42	45	41	43	46	44	46

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D100. What is your gender?

Male	47%
Female	53
Self-describe	-

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	17%
30-44	24
45-54	17
55-64	18
65+	23

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

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	22
Attended technical/vocational school	4
Attended some college but no degree	20
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.)	11

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	75
Hispanic/Latino	10
Asian-American	2
Native American	1
Other	1

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

Very liberal	13%
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative	17
LIBERAL (NET)	30%
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	34

D108. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	29%
Lower middle class	20
Middle class	37
Upper middle class	9
Affluent	1
I'm not sure	3

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23
South	38
West	21

REGION9. Coded National Region [9-WAY]

New England	5%
Middle Atlantic	13
East North Central	16
West North Central	7
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	11
Mountain	7
Pacific	14