

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 24%
 Weak Democrat 9
 Independent / Closer to the Democrats 10
 Independent 15
 Independent / Closer to the Republicans 11
 Weak Republican 9
 Strong Republican 20
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused) 2
 DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
 INDEPENDENT (NET) 38
 REPUBLICAN (NET) 29
 DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 43%
 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? [FOLLOW UP] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Strongly agree	58%	62%	55%	60%	59%	62%	58%	67%	64%	59%	60%	61%
Somewhat agree	21	22	24	21	22	20	21	17	20	23	20	22
Somewhat disagree.....	10	8	10	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	6
Strongly disagree	8	6	7	8	7	7	9	6	7	5	8	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	5	5	3
AGREE (NET)	79%	84	79	80	81	83	80	83	84	82	80	84
DISAGREE (NET)	17	13	17	16	15	15	17	13	14	13	14	14

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

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Increased a lot.....	51%	52%	48%	53%	52%	54%	54%	58%	54%	52%	53%	55%
Increased a little	19	19	19	19	21	20	20	19	20	19	21	20
Decreased a little.....	8	10	9	9	8	8	9	6	9	10	8	7
Decreased a lot	6	5	6	5	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	6
VOL: (No change).....	15	13	16	12	13	13	12	11	12	12	13	10
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
INCREASED (NET).....	70%	71	67	72	73	75	74	77	73	71	74	75
DECREASED (NET)	15	15	15	15	13	11	13	10	13	15	12	13

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

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Much better.....	7%	8%	10%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%
Somewhat better	18	17	19	21	20	22	19	17	16	19	20	18
Somewhat worse.....	26	27	23	22	28	22	24	22	26	28	25	27
Much worse	38	38	38	39	38	39	38	43	40	36	37	36
VOL: (No change).....	6	5	6	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	4	5	5	3	5	6	5	7	6	6	5
BETTER (NET).....	25%	26	28	31	28	31	28	25	25	27	28	28
WORSE (NET)	64	65	61	61	66	61	62	65	66	63	62	63

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? **[FOLLOW UP]** Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Right direction - Strongly ...	8%	9%	10%	11%	8%	9%	9%	7%	11%	9%	11%	9%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	15	16	19	18	19	16	14	12	14	18	18	19
Wrong track - Somewhat...	19	19	16	15	17	18	18	18	17	19	16	16
Wrong track - Strongly.....	45	46	43	48	48	48	46	52	48	44	46	44
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	9	6	6	5	6	5	7	8	7	6	4	7
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	3	3	5	5	4
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	24%	26	29	29	27	25	23	20	25	26	29	28
WRONG TRACK (NET)	64	65	59	63	65	66	64	70	65	63	62	60

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

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A lot more time	62%	63%	58%	61%	63%	58%	63%	67%	66%	64%	64%	63%
A little more time.....	19	20	22	20	21	21	21	15	18	18	20	20
A little less time.....	7	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	6	6	5	5
A lot less time	4	4	5	6	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	5	5	4	3	3	5	3	4	3	4	4	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	2	4	4	4
MORE TIME (NET)	81%	83	80	82	85	80	84	83	84	83	84	84
LESS TIME (NET)	11	10	11	12	9	12	9	10	11	10	9	8

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? **[FOLLOW UP]** Would you say you are very **[OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC]** or just somewhat?

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Very optimistic	18%	17%	16%	18%	15%	18%	16%	16%	21%	17%	20%	17%
Somewhat optimistic	29	29	31	28	30	27	33	27	26	30	28	32
Somewhat pessimistic.....	17	19	15	17	19	17	16	19	17	17	18	16
Very pessimistic.....	30	30	30	31	32	32	28	32	28	29	29	29
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	4	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	4	3	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	47%	46	47	46	44	45	49	43	47	47	47	49
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	46	49	45	48	51	48	45	50	45	46	46	46

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	23
45-54	19
55-64	18
65+.....	21
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	24
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college.....	22
Graduate college	30
Graduate professional	17
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	15
Moderate	30
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	22
VOL: (Refused).....	4
LIBERAL (NET)	24%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	42

Q7. 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.....	18
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Strongly unfavorable.....	30
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	19
Haven't heard of	6
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3
FAVORABLE (NET)	31%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	41
FAMILIAR (NET)	72

D170. Thinking of your socio-economic status, would you describe yourself as working class, middle class, or as affluent?

Working class	32%
Lower middle class	11
Middle class.....	41
Upper middle class.....	8
Affluent	6
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3

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	13%
White/Caucasian	73
Hispanic/Latino	8
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	3
VOL: (Refused).....	2

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast.....	18%
Midwest	24
South	37
West	21