

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at [ADDRESS ON FILE]?

Yes 100%
No -
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] 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 10
Independent 14
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 11
Weak Republican 7
Strong Republican 22
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 37
REPUBLICAN (NET) 29

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 44%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 40

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 AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

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Strongly agree	56%	54%	57%	56%	58%	58%	58%	62%	55%	60%	59%	62%
Somewhat agree	25	23	23	25	21	24	21	22	24	21	22	20
Somewhat disagree.....	10	9	11	10	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	8
Strongly disagree	6	10	6	7	8	5	8	6	7	8	7	7
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	3	2	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3
AGREE (NET)	81%	78	80	81	79	82	79	84	79	80	81	83
DISAGREE (NET)	16	19	17	17	16	15	17	13	17	16	15	15

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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Increase a lot	47%	44%	49%	51%	53%	50%	51%	52%	48%	53%	52%	54%
Increased a little	19	22	16	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	21	20
Decreased a little.....	10	13	13	10	10	12	8	10	9	9	8	8
Decreased a lot	7	7	6	5	5	4	6	5	6	5	5	3
VOL: (No change).....	15	12	14	14	12	14	15	13	16	12	13	13
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	1	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
INCREASED (NET)	67%	66	66	70	72	69	70	71	67	72	73	75
DECREASED (NET)	17	20	19	15	16	16	15	15	15	15	13	11

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%	7%	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	8%	10%	10%	8%	9%
Somewhat better	18	18	16	17	15	17	18	17	19	21	20	22
Somewhat worse	30	29	28	26	27	29	26	27	23	22	28	22
Much worse	35	33	39	39	42	38	38	38	38	39	38	39
VOL: (No change).....	5	5	5	4	4	5	6	5	6	4	3	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	7	5	6	4	5	5	4	5	5	3	5
BETTER (NET)	25%	26	23	25	23	24	25	26	28	31	28	31
WORSE (NET)	65	62	67	65	69	67	64	65	61	61	66	61

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%	8%	7%	10%	7%	9%	8%	9%	10%	11%	8%	9%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	15	17	16	14	15	16	15	16	19	18	19	16
Wrong track - Somewhat...	18	18	19	15	15	18	19	19	16	15	17	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	46	45	48	51	53	46	45	46	43	48	48	48
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	7	6	7	6	6	8	9	6	6	5	6	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	3	5
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	24%	26	23	24	22	25	24	26	29	29	27	25
WRONG TRACK (NET)	63	63	66	66	68	63	64	65	59	63	65	66

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	60%	61%	62%	64%	64%	61%	62%	63%	58%	61%	63%	58%
A little more time.....	22	21	23	19	19	21	19	20	22	20	21	21
A little less time.....	6	7	5	5	4	7	7	6	6	6	5	7
A lot less time	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	4	5	6	4	5
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	4	3	4	5	3	5	5	5	4	3	3	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	3
MORE TIME (NET)	82%	82	85	83	83	82	81	83	80	82	85	80
LESS TIME (NET)	11	12	8	10	9	10	11	10	11	12	9	12

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.....	16%	18%	15%	16%	17%	16%	18%	17%	16%	18%	15%	18%
Somewhat optimistic	29	32	29	30	28	27	29	29	31	28	30	27
Somewhat pessimistic.....	19	17	20	19	17	19	17	19	15	17	19	17
Very pessimistic.....	29	26	31	29	32	32	30	30	30	31	32	32
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	4	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	2	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	3	3	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	45%	50	44	46	44	43	47	46	47	46	44	45
PESSIMISTIC (NET).....	48	43	52	48	49	50	46	49	45	48	51	48

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).....	3

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

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school.....	6
Graduated high school	17
Technical/Vocational	3
Some college.....	24
Graduate college	32
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	20
Very conservative	21
VOL: (Refused).....	3
LIBERAL (NET)	24%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	41

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.....	10%
Somewhat favorable.....	20
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Strongly unfavorable.....	30
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	19
Haven't heard of	7
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	30%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	41
FAMILIAR (NET)	71

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	10
Middle class	41
Upper middle class	10
Affluent	4
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)	2
VOL: (Refused)	3

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast	18%
Midwest	24
South	37
West	21

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male	47%
Female	53