

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 8
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 10
Independent 17
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 12
Weak Republican 8
Strong Republican 18
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 40
REPUBLICAN (NET) 26

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 44%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 38

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements relating to our national debt. [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong		AGREE	DISAGREE
• Congress needs to reach a long-term plan to deal with our national debt instead of relying on short-term fixes in times of crisis. <i>September 2013</i>	83% 80%	11 13	2 3	2 3	1 1	94 93	4 6
• The fiscal policymaking process in Washington is broken. <i>September 2013</i>	71% 65%	15 20	6 7	4 4	5 4	86 85	10 11
• Our inability to enact a long-term fiscal plan creates uncertainty about the future and risks serious consequences for our economy. <i>September 2013</i>	70% 68%	19 20	4 4	3 5	3 3	90 88	7 9
• Policy makers can help today's economy by agreeing on a comprehensive plan to put our long-term debt on a sustainable downward path. <i>September 2013</i>	56% 56%	27 29	6 6	5 4	6 5	83 84	10 10

As you may know, the federal government was partially shut down from October 1st to October 16th because the President and Congress had not agreed on a federal budget. Thinking about the recent government shutdown... I am now going to read you a list of people and things that people say can be affected by events like the recent government shutdown. For each, please tell me how much of an impact the recent government shutdown had on it. [READ ITEM] Did the government shutdown have a lot of impact on [ITEM], some impact, not that much impact, or no impact at all?

	IMPACT		NO IMPACT		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	A lot	Some	Not much	None		IMPACT	NO IMPACT
• [FORM A] The United States' international standing.....	48%	30	10	6	6	78	16
• [FORM B] The United States' place in the world	45%	34	14	6	2	79	19
• [FORM B] The future outlook of the national economy	43%	34	13	8	3	77	20
• [FORM A] The current condition of the national economy.....	39%	37	13	8	3	76	22
• [FORM B] Everyday Americans.....	35%	35	22	8	*	70	29
• [FORM A] You and your family	14%	22	21	43	1	36	64

Last week, the President and Congress came to an agreement to temporarily re-open the government and raise the debt limit, which is the amount of money that the government is allowed to borrow. The agreement also provides for a bipartisan budget committee that is being instructed to develop a long-term plan to reduce our national debt. Thinking about the bipartisan budget committee, how important do you think it is that this committee does the following things? [READ ITEM] Is it extremely important that the committee does this, very important, somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all that the committee does this?

	IMPORTANT		Somewhat	NOT IMPORTANT		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Extremely	Very		Not that	Not at all		IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
• Reach an agreement on a longer-term fiscal plan to reduce the national debt.....	57%	31	9	1	1	1	88%	2
• Reach an agreement on the 2014 federal budget.....	55%	34	8	1	1	2	89%	2

I would now like to read you a few statements about the national debt. For each, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with that statement. [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong		AGREE	DISAGREE
• I would like to see Republicans and Democrats work together to solve our long-term fiscal and economic problems	86%	9	1	2	2	95	3
<i>April 2012</i>	89%	8	2	*	1	96	3
• To solve our long-term debt problem, Republicans will have to agree to some tax increases and Democrats will have to agree to some spending cuts.	55%	26	6	8	5	81	14
<i>April 2012</i>	58%	29	6	6	1	87	11
• If both parties were to agree on a long-term solution on the national debt, I would support it, even if it includes revenue increases that I don't agree with.	28%	34	12	18	9	62	30
Democrats	35%	40	9	9	6	76	18
Republicans	22%	32	17	24	6	54	40
• If both parties were to agree on a long-term solution on the national debt, I would support it, even if it includes entitlement reforms that I don't agree with.	27%	32	14	15	12	59	29
Democrats	23%	30	16	17	13	53	34
Republicans	28%	34	16	14	7	62	31

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	24
45-54	18
55-64	17
65+.....	20
VOL: (Refused).....	3

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

Some grade school.....	1%
Some high school	3
Graduated high school	22
Technical/Vocational	4
Some college.....	22
Graduate college	29
Graduate professional	17
VOL: (Refused).....	2

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	8%
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	29
Somewhat conservative	25
Very Conservative	16
VOL: (Refused).....	5
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	41

Q20. 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.....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	20
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Strongly unfavorable.....	35
VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate).....	14
Haven't heard of	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	32%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	45
FAMILIAR (NET)	78

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.....	38
Upper middle class.....	8
Affluent	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	6

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	76
Hispanic/Latino	8
Asian-American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
VOL: (Refused).....	2

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

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

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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