

**S1.** Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at this address [READ ADDRESS]?

Yes ..... 100%  
 No ..... -  
 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  
 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 ..... 11  
 Independent ..... 17  
 Independent / Closer to the Republicans ..... 11  
 Weak Republican ..... 9  
 Strong Republican ..... 18  
**VOL:** (Don't Know/Refused) ..... -

DEMOCRAT (NET) ..... 33%  
 INDEPENDENT (NET) ..... 39  
 REPUBLICAN (NET) ..... 27

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.....	80%	13	3	3	1	93	6
• Our inability to enact a long-term fiscal plan creates uncertainty about the future and risks serious consequences for our economy.....	68%	20	4	5	3	88	9
• The fiscal policymaking process in Washington is broken.....	65%	20	7	4	4	85	11
• Policy makers can help today's economy by agreeing on a comprehensive plan to put our long-term debt on a sustainable downward path.....	56%	29	6	4	5	84	10

**Q11.** As you may know, the federal government is expected to reach its debt limit this fall, which means the debt limit will need to be raised in order for the government to keep paying its bills. Are you optimistic or pessimistic that Democrats and Republicans will reach an agreement on the debt limit? [IF OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] Would you say you are very [OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC] or just somewhat?

Very optimistic ..... 16%  
 Somewhat optimistic ..... 23  
 Somewhat pessimistic ..... 19  
 Very pessimistic ..... 37  
**VOL:** (Don't know/Refused) ..... 5

OPTIMISTIC (NET) ..... 39%  
 PESSIMISTIC (NET) ..... 56

**Q12.** And how likely would you say it is that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will come to an agreement before the debt limit is reached this fall? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not likely at all that Democrats and Republicans will come to an agreement before the debt limit is reached?

Very likely ..... 11%  
 Somewhat likely ..... 32  
 Not that likely ..... 25  
 Not likely at all ..... 30  
**VOL:** (Don't know/Refused) ..... 2

LIKELY (NET) ..... 44%  
 NOT LIKELY (NET) ..... 55

Now I'd like to read you a list of things that some people say may happen if Congress fails to reach an agreement on the debt limit this fall and the government is unable to pay its bills. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it is very likely to happen, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not likely at all to happen as a result of Congress failing to reach an agreement on the debt limit. Is this very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not likely at all to happen if Congress fails to reach an agreement on the debt limit?

	LIKELY		NOT LIKELY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not That	Not At All		LIKELY	NOT LIKELY
• [FORM A] The country's international standing will be weakened .....	46%	33	10	9	2	80	19
• [FORM A] The country's credit rating will be downgraded .....	46%	38	10	5	2	83	15
• [FORM A] The economy will become less stable .....	45%	38	9	7	1	83	16
• [FORM A] Progress on the economy will be stalled .....	43%	35	9	10	3	78	19
• [FORM A] Interest rates will rise and make investment more expensive	40%	36	12	5	7	76	17
• [FORM A] Your own personal financial situation will worsen .....	33%	29	21	15	2	62	36

Now I'd like to read you a list of things that some people say may happen if Congress fails to reach an agreement on the debt limit this fall and the government is unable to pay its bills. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all that it will happen as a result of Congress failing to reach an agreement on the debt limit. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all that this will happen if Congress fails to reach an agreement on the debt limit?

	CONCERNED		NOT CONCERNED		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not That	Not At All		CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED
• [FORM B] The economy will become less stable .....	55%	31	7	5	1	86	12
• [FORM B] Progress on the economy will be stalled .....	51%	35	8	6	1	86	14
• [FORM B] Your own personal financial situation will worsen ...	49%	26	13	12	1	74	24
• [FORM B] The country's credit rating will be downgraded .....	47%	34	12	6	1	80	18
• [FORM B] The country's international standing will be weakened .....	45%	31	14	9	1	76	22
• [FORM B] Interest rates will rise and make investment more expensive .....	43%	32	13	10	2	75	22

**Q19.** Thinking now about something else...As you may know, the deadline for Congress to agree on a budget to keep funding the government for the next fiscal year is on October 1st. If a budget is not passed before that date, the government will shut down its non-emergency operations until a new budget is passed. How concerned are you that the government will shut down because Congress does not pass a new budget before October 1st?

Very concerned .....	40%
Somewhat concerned .....	28
Not that concerned .....	14
Not concerned at all.....	18
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	1
CONCERNED (NET) .....	68%
NOT CONCERNED (NET) .....	32

I am now going to read you a list of things some people have said could happen because Congress did not come to an agreement on the budget. For each, please tell me how concerned you are that it could happen as a result of Congress not coming to an agreement on the budget. Are you very concerned that this will happen, somewhat concerned, not that concerned or not concerned at all that this will happen as a result of Congress not coming to an agreement on the budget?

	CONCERNED		NOT CONCERNED		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not That	Not At All		CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED
• Important government operations will stop, including health services and pay for the military.....	48%	27	13	11	1	75	24
• The economy will become less stable.....	47%	36	10	7	*	82	17
• Our national security will be weakened.....	42%	25	16	16	1	67	33
• A long-term budget solution will become less likely.....	38%	38	13	9	2	76	22

**Q24.** And if the government does shut down because a new budget is not enacted, who would you blame? **[IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE]**  
But who would you blame the most?

	Republicans in Congress .....	35%
	President Obama.....	29
	Democrats in Congress .....	12
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	24

**Q25.** Which of these do you think is a bigger reason why Congress has not yet reached an agreement on the federal budget?

	They are more concerned with politics than finding a solution .....	88%
	They want to find the best solution possible for the country.....	8
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	4

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
<b>VOL:</b>	(Refused) .....	2

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

	Some grade school.....	1%
	Some high school .....	4
	Graduated high school .....	21
	Technical/Vocational .....	2
	Some college.....	24
	Graduate college .....	29
	Graduate professional .....	16
<b>VOL:</b>	(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 .....	11%
	Somewhat liberal .....	14
	Moderate .....	30
	Somewhat conservative .....	24
	Very Conservative .....	17
<b>VOL:</b>	(Refused) .....	4
	LIBERAL (NET) .....	25%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	41

**Q26.** 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.....	14%
	Somewhat favorable.....	19
	Somewhat unfavorable.....	13
	Strongly unfavorable.....	27
<b>VOL:</b>	(Heard of, but can't rate).....	15
	Haven't heard of .....	6
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't Know/Refused) .....	5
	FAVORABLE (NET) .....	33%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET) .....	41
	FAMILIAR (NET) .....	74

**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 .....	34%
	Lower middle class .....	9
	Middle class .....	40
	Upper middle class .....	9
	Affluent .....	4
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't Know/Refused) .....	4

**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 .....	75
	Hispanic/Latino .....	8
	Asian-American .....	1
	Other (SPECIFY).....	1
<b>VOL:</b>	(Refused).....	3

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

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

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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