

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in the state of [STATE]?

Yes 100%
No -
Don't know/Refused -

P1. No matter how you may have voted this year, 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, or Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat 25%
Weak Democrat 9
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 8
Independent 15
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 10
Weak Republican 6
Strong Republican 24
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 34%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 36
REPUBLICAN (NET) 30

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 42%
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	42%	44%	45%	49%	49%	46%	48%	49%	43%	41%	43%	47%
Somewhat agree	32	28	30	26	27	27	26	29	27	32	24	26
Somewhat disagree.....	13	13	14	12	12	14	12	11	15	15	16	13
Strongly disagree	8	7	8	8	7	7	8	7	9	8	10	8
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	7	3	7	5	5	6	4	6	4	6	6
AGREE (NET)	74%	73	75	74	76	74	74	78	70	73	68	73
DISAGREE (NET)	20	20	22	19	19	21	20	18	24	23	26	21

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	41%	37%	36%	38%	41%	40%	40%	40%	38%	37%	41%	37%
Increased a little	21	24	24	24	23	23	24	24	24	24	18	24
Decreased a little.....	11	10	11	11	11	12	10	10	15	15	15	13
Decreased a lot	6	8	7	6	5	5	6	6	6	9	8	7
VOL: (No change).....	19	20	20	20	19	18	17	18	14	12	14	15
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4
INCREASED (NET)	62%	60	60	62	64	64	64	64	62	61	58	61
DECREASED (NET)	17	18	18	17	16	18	17	16	21	23	23	20

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.....	11%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	12%	12%	13%	15%
Somewhat better	16	15	16	17	18	16	14	16	17	20	17	17
Somewhat worse	26	28	31	29	30	29	29	27	31	26	26	26
Much worse	33	33	32	33	32	36	38	37	32	32	35	33
VOL: (No change).....	5	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	3	3	3	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	9	8	6	7	5	6	5	6	6	7	6	7
BETTER (NET)	27%	25	26	25	26	25	23	26	29	33	30	32
WORSE (NET)	59	61	63	62	62	65	67	64	63	57	60	59

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 ...	15%	16%	14%	14%	13%	16%	13%	16%	14%	20%	19%	21%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	18	16	16	16	17	14	11	15	19	18	17	17
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	16	17	17	15	18	17	18	16	20	16	15	18
Wrong track - Strongly.....	40	39	39	43	39	42	45	41	36	36	38	35
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	6	6	9	9	8	7	8	7	3	3	4	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	6	5	3	4	4	4	5	7	6	6	7
RIGHT (NET)	33%	32	30	30	30	30	24	31	33	38	36	37
WRONG (NET)	56	56	56	58	57	59	64	57	56	53	54	53

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	58%	58%	53%	55%	58%	53%	58%	59%	51%	52%	53%	56%
A little more time.....	24	22	29	26	25	28	24	24	29	28	22	26
A little less time.....	3	6	7	7	5	6	5	4	7	7	8	5
A lot less time	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	6	4
VOL: (The same amount of time).....	7	8	6	5	6	6	6	5	3	3	4	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	6	6	6	6
MORE TIME (NET)	83%	80	82	81	83	81	82	83	80	80	75	82
LESS TIME (NET)	5	8	9	9	8	10	7	8	11	11	14	9

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.....	21%	19%	18%	16%	18%	18%	17%	18%	18%	20%	21%	22%
Somewhat optimistic	28	29	26	29	27	28	26	32	30	33	29	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	19	19	21	21	21	20	19	20	20	18	17	16
Very pessimistic.....	23	24	26	25	25	26	29	25	25	21	25	24
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	3	5	5	7	4	4	4	3	2	2	4	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	5	4	4	2	5	4	4	3	6	5	5	5
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	50%	48	44	45	45	47	44	50	48	54	50	52
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	42	43	47	46	46	46	48	44	44	39	42	41

Finally I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

DAGE. What is your age?	18-29	17%
	30-44	24
	45-54	17
	55-64	18
	65+	23
	VOL: (Refused)	-

D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?	Some grade school.....	1%
	Some high school	8
	Graduated high school	25
	Technical/Vocational	5
	Some college	23
	Graduate college	23
	Graduate professional	13
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	10%
	Somewhat liberal	15
	Moderate	29
	Somewhat conservative	21
	Very conservative	21
	VOL: (Refused)	4
	LIBERAL (NET)	25%
	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.....	6%
	Somewhat favorable	15
	Somewhat unfavorable	9
	Strongly unfavorable	21
	VOL: (Heard of, but can't rate)	25
	VOL: Haven't heard of	19
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
	FAVORABLE (NET)	21%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	30

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	35%
	Lower middle class	8
	Middle class	39
	Upper middle class	8
	Affluent	5
	VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5

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	13%
	White/Caucasian	74
	Hispanic/Latino	10
	Asian-American	3
	Native American	1
	Other	-
VOL: (Refused)	-	

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast..... 18%
Midwest..... 23
South..... 38
West..... 21