

REG. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	-
Not sure	-

P1. 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, and independent, or some other political party? **[IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	26%
Weak Democrat	13
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	6
Independent	13
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	7
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	22
DEMOCRAT (NET)	38%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26
REPUBLICAN (NET)	35
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	45%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)	42

Q1C. Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities. Do you agree or disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF AGREE]** And do you strongly or just somewhat agree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF DISAGREE]** And do you strongly or just somewhat disagree that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities? **[IF DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you lean toward agreeing or disagreeing that the national debt should be among the President and Congress's top 3 priorities?

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Strongly agree	50%	51%	54%	53%	54%	52%	53%	51%	54%	55%	55%	52%
Somewhat agree	24	25	24	24	24	26	25	25	23	24	25	28
Somewhat disagree	16	14	15	15	13	12	13	14	14	12	12	12
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	4	4
Don't know/Refused	6	5	4	5	5	6	5	6	5	5	5	4
AGREE (NET)	74%	76	77	77	78	77	79	77	76	79	80	80
DISAGREE (NET)	20	19	19	18	17	17	16	18	19	16	15	16

Q2C. Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern about our national debt has: **[IF NO CHANGE/DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say that your level of concern about our national debt has probably increased a little or probably decreased a little over the last few years?

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Increased a lot	52%	49%	52%	50%	53%	50%	51%	51%	55%	53%	50%	53%
Increased a little	27	29	30	30	29	28	29	28	27	27	29	31
Decreased a little	5	6	3	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Decreased a lot	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
No change	10	10	9	8	9	11	9	10	10	10	10	8
Don't know/Refused	4	3	3	4	2	3	4	4	2	4	3	2
INCREASED (NET)	79%	78	82	80	83	79	80	79	82	79	80	84
DECREASED (NET)	7	9	5	8	6	7	7	7	6	7	7	6

Q3C. Thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get: [IF THE SAME/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, do you think the national debt problem will probably get a little better or probably get a little worse over the next few years?

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Much better.....	9%	7%	6%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	6%	5%	6%	4%
Somewhat better	25	21	19	20	19	15	20	18	17	19	19	21
Somewhat worse.....	31	31	32	30	34	34	32	30	32	32	32	33
Much worse	25	34	35	35	33	34	33	34	38	36	36	35
No change	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	3
Don't know/Refused	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	6	4	5	4	3
BETTER (NET).....	33%	28	25	28	25	24	28	26	23	24	25	25
WORSE (NET)	56	65	67	65	67	67	65	64	70	68	67	68

Q4C. 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? [IF NONE/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, would you say that things in the United States are probably heading in the right direction or probably off on the wrong track when it comes to addressing our national debt?

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Right direction - Strongly ...	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	12%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	20	19	19	19	18	16	19	18	19	18	20	23
Wrong track - Somewhat... ..	28	27	25	26	26	24	25	26	27	26	27	27
Wrong track - Strongly.....	37	43	45	42	44	43	41	41	43	44	42	42
Neither/Mixed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	*
Don't know/Refused	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	2
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	29%	26	26	28	26	28	28	27	26	25	28	29
WRONG TRACK (NET)	65	71	70	68	69	68	67	67	70	70	69	69

Q5C. 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? And is that a lot [MORE/LESS] or a little [MORE/LESS] time? [IF THE SAME AMOUNT/DON'T KNOW] If you had to choose, would you say the President and Congress should probably spend more time addressing the national debt or probably spend less time addressing the national debt?

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A lot more time	47%	54%	54%	52%	52%	51%	53%	50%	52%	53%	53%	53%
A little more time.....	36	29	30	31	32	31	29	29	30	30	30	31
A little less time.....	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	4	5	6
A lot less time	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
The same amount of time..	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	4
Don't know/Refused	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	6	4	5	5	3
MORE TIME (NET)	83%	83	84	84	83	82	82	79	82	83	83	84
LESS TIME (NET)	9	10	9	9	9	10	9	11	10	9	9	10

Q6C. And when it comes to our national debt, how optimistic or pessimistic are you that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years? **[IF TOTALLY MIXED/DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say you lean toward being optimistic or lean toward being pessimistic that the U.S. will make progress on the national debt over the next few years?

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Very optimistic.....	7%	7%	4%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%
Somewhat optimistic	41	32	34	31	32	29	35	31	30	34	36	37
Somewhat pessimistic.....	34	36	37	34	35	34	33	36	36	34	33	34
Very pessimistic.....	12	20	19	22	20	22	19	17	21	19	18	18
Neither/Mixed	3	1	2	2	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	4
Don't know/Refused	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	3	3	4	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	47%	39	38	39	39	38	42	39	37	41	42	42
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	46	56	56	55	55	55	51	53	57	53	51	52

As you may or may not know, the 2024 election is roughly 100 days away, and the national debt has reached \$35 trillion.

Q7A. [SPLIT A] When considering your vote for President, how important is addressing the national debt to your choice?

Very strong impact.....	30%
Somewhat of an impact.....	46
Not that much impact.....	16
No impact at all.....	8
IMPACT (NET)	77%
NO IMPACT (NET)	23

Q8B. [SPLIT B] When considering your vote for congressional candidates, how important is addressing the national debt to your choice?

Very strong impact.....	31%
Somewhat of an impact.....	43
Not that much impact.....	18
No impact at all.....	8
IMPACT (NET)	74%
NO IMPACT (NET)	26

Q9A. [SPLIT A] How much are you hearing from presidential candidates about their plans to address the national debt?

A lot	10%
Some	30
A little.....	32
None	28

Q9B. [SPLIT B] How much are you hearing from congressional candidates about their plans to address the national debt?

A lot	9%
Some	25
A little.....	26
None	40

Q10A. [SPLIT A] Do you want presidential candidates to communicate with voters more, less, or about the same amount when it comes to solutions for the rising national debt?

Much more.....	32%
Somewhat more	47
About the same amount	19
Somewhat less	1
Much less	2
MORE (NET)	79%
LESS (NET).....	3

Q10B. [SPLIT B] Do you want congressional candidates to communicate with voters more, less, or about the same amount when it comes to solutions for the rising national debt?

Much more.....	29%
Somewhat more	46
About the same amount	21
Somewhat less	3
Much less	1
 MORE (NET)	 75%
LESS (NET).....	4

Q11A. [SPLIT A] If the election were held today, which of the following two candidates would you vote for?

A presidential candidate with a plan to address the national debt	95%
A presidential candidate without a plan to address the national debt	5

Q11B. [SPLIT B] If the election were held today, which of the following two candidates would you vote for?

A congressional candidate with a plan to address the national debt	91%
A congressional candidate without a plan to address the national debt	9

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

D100. What is your gender?

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53
Self-describe.....	*

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	17%
30-44	24
45-54	17
55-64	18
65+.....	23

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal.....	13%
Somewhat liberal	17
Moderate	37
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative.....	14
 LIBERAL (NET)	 30%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	33

D108. Which of the following best describes you and your family?

Working class	25%
Lower middle class	22
Middle class.....	40
Upper middle class	10
Affluent	1
I'm not sure.....	3

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	3%
Graduated high school	22
Attended technical/vocational school	5
Attended some college but no degree.....	22
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	26
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	11

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	12%
White/Caucasian	74
Hispanic/Latino	9
Asian-American	2
Native American	1
Other	1

REGION. What state do you live in?

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

REGION9. Coded National Region [9-WAY]

New England	5%
Middle Atlantic	13
East North Central	16
West North Central	7
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	11
Mountain	7
Pacific	14