

BUILDING AMERICA'S FUTURE

Americans want to live in a nation with widespread opportunity, a positive leadership role in the world, and a bright economic future for generations to come.

WE FACE A NUMBER OF CRITICAL, INTERCONNECTED CHALLENGES, INCLUDING:



UNAFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE



FALTERING INFRASTRUCTURE



NEW & UNPREDICTABLE SECURITY THREATS



RISING INEQUALITY



CHANGING CLIMATE



DECLINING EDUCATION

AMERICA'S FISCAL CONDITION AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO ADDRESS KEY PRIORITIES.

OUR UNSUSTAINABLE FISCAL OUTLOOK



NATIONAL DEBT IS \$22 TRILLION AND RISING RAPIDLY



INTEREST COSTS ARE \$6 TRILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE



WE'LL SOON SPEND MORE ON INTEREST THAN ON CHILDREN

AMERICANS AGREE THAT MANAGING THE DEBT WILL ...



Lead to a better future for the next generation of Americans — **92%**

Make the economy more stable — **86%**

Increase our ability to invest in infrastructure — **81%** and education — **79%**

Strengthen our national security — **76%**

Help improve healthcare — **72%**



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