

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	27%
Weak Democrat	11
Independent / Closer to the Democrats	7
Independent	12
Independent / Closer to the Republicans	6
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican	24
DEMOCRAT (NET)	38%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25
REPUBLICAN (NET)	37
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET)	46%
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	57%	55%	53%	50%	51%	54%	53%	54%	52%	53%	51%	54%
Somewhat agree	23	22	22	24	25	24	24	24	26	25	25	23
Somewhat disagree	11	14	13	16	14	15	15	13	12	13	14	14
Strongly disagree	4	5	5	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	5
Don't know/Refused	4	4	6	6	5	4	5	5	6	5	6	5
AGREE (NET)	80%	77	76	74	76	77	77	78	77	79	77	76
DISAGREE (NET)	16	18	18	20	19	19	18	17	17	16	18	19

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	50%	54%	50%	52%	49%	52%	50%	53%	50%	51%	51%	55%
Increased a little	29	28	27	27	29	30	30	29	28	29	28	27
Decreased a little	5	6	5	5	6	3	5	4	5	5	5	4
Decreased a lot	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
No change	11	7	11	10	10	9	8	9	11	9	10	10
Don't know/Refused	3	3	5	4	3	3	4	2	3	4	4	2
INCREASED (NET)	80%	82	77	79	78	82	80	83	79	80	79	82
DECREASED (NET)	7	8	7	7	9	5	8	6	7	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.....	12%	9%	11%	9%	7%	6%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	6%
Somewhat better	26	26	25	25	21	19	20	19	15	20	18	17
Somewhat worse	30	29	27	31	31	32	30	34	34	32	30	32
Much worse	23	28	27	25	34	35	35	33	34	33	34	38
No change	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3
Don't know/Refused	5	5	8	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	6	4
BETTER (NET).....	38%	35	36	33	28	25	28	25	24	28	26	23
WORSE (NET)	54	57	54	56	65	67	65	67	67	65	64	70

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 ...	12%	10%	11%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	12%	8%	9%	7%
Right direction - Somewhat.....	22	21	20	20	19	19	19	18	16	19	18	19
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	24	24	25	28	27	25	26	26	24	25	26	27
Wrong track - Strongly.....	37	42	39	37	43	45	42	44	43	41	41	43
Neither/Mixed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	3
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	34%	31	30	29	26	26	28	26	28	28	27	26
WRONG TRACK (NET)	61	66	65	65	71	70	68	69	68	67	67	70

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	52%	54%	51%	47%	54%	54%	52%	52%	51%	53%	50%	52%
A little more time.....	30	31	29	36	29	30	31	32	31	29	29	30
A little less time.....	6	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	6	6
A lot less time	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4
The same amount of time..	4	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
Don't know/Refused	4	4	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	6	4
MORE TIME (NET)	82%	85	80	83	83	84	84	83	82	82	79	82
LESS TIME (NET)	10	9	10	9	10	9	9	9	10	9	11	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.....	10%	9%	9%	7%	7%	4%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	6%
Somewhat optimistic	41	40	38	41	32	34	31	32	29	35	31	30
Somewhat pessimistic.....	28	31	29	34	36	37	34	35	34	33	36	36
Very pessimistic.....	15	15	15	12	20	19	22	20	22	19	17	21
Neither/Mixed	4	2	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	2	4	3
Don't know/Refused	3	4	6	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	3
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	51%	49	47	47	39	38	39	39	38	42	39	37
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	43	46	44	46	56	56	55	55	55	51	53	57

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	25
	45-54	17
	55-64	18
	65+.....	23
D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	Very liberal.....	12%
	Somewhat liberal.....	17
	Moderate	37
	Somewhat conservative	18
	Very conservative.....	15
	LIBERAL (NET).....	30%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	33
D108. Which of the following best describes you and your family?	Working class	27%
	Lower middle class.....	21
	Middle class.....	40
	Upper middle class.....	8
	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	2%
	Graduated high school	26
	Attended technical/vocational school	2
	Attended some college but no degree.....	22
	Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	11
	Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	27
	Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	10
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	10
	Asian-American	2
	Native American	1
	Other	*

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