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NATIONAL: CLEAN DEBT DEAL PREFERRED BY 2:1

Few say dire predictions from default are exaggerated

West Long Branch, NJ – Half of Americans say the debt ceiling issue should be dealt with cleanly, while just 1 in 4 want to tie it to federal spending negotiations, according to the **Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll**. A plurality agrees with predictions that the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised – a view that increases to a clear majority among those who have been paying a lot of attention to the issue. The public holds generally negative views of how President Joe Biden and both the Democrats and Republicans in Congress have handled the debt limit issue. For Biden, this rating is slightly worse than his overall job score.

DEBT CEILING OPINION		
	All Americans	Heard a lot about issue
Predictions that default will lead to significant economic problems:		
Accurate	42%	56%
Exaggerated	30%	33%
No opinion	28%	11%
Debt ceiling and federal spending negotiations:		
Kept separate	51%	58%
Tied together	25%	29%
No opinion	24%	14%
		National poll May 18-23, 2023

Just under half (45%) of the public has heard a lot about the current federal debt ceiling debate, 40% have heard a little, and 15% have heard nothing at all. Half (50%) of American adults feel they have a lot of understanding about what raising, or not raising, the debt ceiling would mean for the U.S. economy. There are no significant partisan differences in these awareness items.

Some people say the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised. More Americans say these expectations are accurate (42%) than believe they are exaggerated (30%), although 28% have no opinion on this. Among those who have heard a lot about the current debt limit debate, a clear

majority of 56% say predictions of economic turmoil are accurate while 33% say they are exaggerated. Overall, Democrats are more likely to say that expectations of economic problems from default are

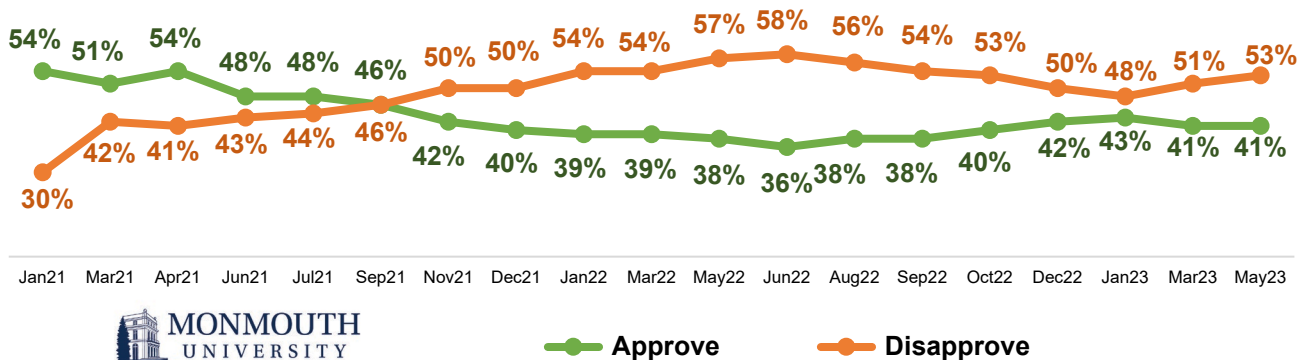
accurate (58%) rather than exaggerated (15%), while Republicans are more likely to have a contrary opinion (47% exaggerated and 26% accurate).

Just 1 in 4 (25%) Americans think the debt ceiling should be tied to negotiations over spending on federal programs, while half (51%) say the two issues should be dealt with separately. Among those who have heard a lot about the current debate, the number who say the two issues should be dealt with separately rises slightly to 58%. A clear majority (65%) of Democrats say the debt ceiling should be handled on its own. Republicans are evenly divided between handling the debt limit separately (37%) and tying it to federal spending negotiations (37%).

“About half the public feels they have a handle on what the consequences of a federal default would mean, and most of them want a clean deal on the debt ceiling,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The public generally has a negative view of how all the players involved have handled the debt ceiling issue, including Biden (34% approve and 55% disapprove), the Democrats in Congress (32% approve and 55% disapprove), and the Republicans in Congress (29% approve and 60% disapprove). Still, Biden’s overall job rating – 41% approve and 53% disapprove – has not moved appreciably since Monmouth’s previous national poll in March (41% approve and 51% disapprove). Approval of the job Congress is doing on a whole (18%) has slipped into the teens from 23% two months ago.

President Biden Job Rating



In other poll findings, Vice President Kamala Harris receives a job rating of 37% approve and 52% disapprove. Just 16% of Americans say the country is going in the right direction and 74% say things have gotten off on the wrong track. While this rating has been generally negative over the past decade, the right direction number has rarely dipped into the teens. In Monmouth polling going back ten years, the record low for “right direction” was 10% in June 2022.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from May 18 to 23, 2023 with 981 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 5.6

percentage points for the full sample. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

TREND:	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Approve	41%	41%	43%	42%	40%	38%	38%	36%	38%	39%	39%
Disapprove	53%	51%	48%	50%	53%	54%	56%	58%	57%	54%	54%
(VOL) No opinion	6%	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
(n)	(981)	(805)	(805)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)

TREND:	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
<i>Continued</i>								
Approve	40%	42%	46%	48%	48%	54%	51%	54%
Disapprove	50%	50%	46%	44%	43%	41%	42%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	5%	8%	16%
(n)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?

TREND:	May 2023	March 2023
Approve	37%	36%
Disapprove	52%	53%
(VOL) No opinion	11%	12%
(n)	(981)	(805)

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023
Approve	18%	23%	19%
Disapprove	72%	68%	67%
(VOL) No opinion	9%	10%	14%
(n)	(981)	(805)	(805)

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	26%	23%	23%	17%	15%	15%	21%	19%	23%	18%	22%	23%	21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	62%	69%	66%	74%	78%	77%	71%	74%	66%	70%	65%	62%	65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	12%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	8%	6%	11%	12%	13%	15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%	18%
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)

TREND:	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
<i>Continued</i>													
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND:	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

TREND:	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023
Right direction	16%	22%	24%
Wrong track	74%	72%	73%
(VOL) Depends	6%	3%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	3%	2%
(n)	(981)	(805)	(805)

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	28%	23%	15%	10%	18%	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	68%	74%	82%	88%	79%	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
<i>Continued</i>	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND:	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
<i>Continued</i>	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%	37%
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND:	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
<i>Continued</i>	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

5. How much have you read or heard about the recent debate over raising the federal debt ceiling – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	May 2023
A lot	45%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	15%
(n)	(981)

6. How much do you feel you understand what raising, or not raising, the debt ceiling would mean for the U.S. economy? Would you say you understand this a lot, a little, or not at all?

	May 2023
A lot	50%
A little	40%
Not at all	9%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(981)

7. Some people say the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised. Do you think these claims are accurate or are they exaggerated, or do you have no opinion on this?

	May 2023
Accurate	42%
Exaggerated	30%
No opinion	28%
(n)	(981)

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

President Biden

	May 2023
Approve	34%
Disapprove	55%
(VOL) Don't know	11%
(n)	(981)

The Republicans in Congress

	May 2023
Approve	29%
Disapprove	60%
(VOL) Don't know	12%
(n)	(981)

The Democrats in Congress

	May 2023
Approve	32%
Disapprove	55%
(VOL) Don't know	12%
(n)	(981)

9. Do you think that raising the debt ceiling should be tied to negotiations over spending on federal programs, or should these two issues be dealt with separately, or do you have no opinion on this?

	May 2023
Negotiations should be tied	25%
Dealt with separately	51%
No opinion	24%
(n)	(981)

[Q10-37 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from May 18 to 23, 2023 with a probability-based national random sample of 981 adults age 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in English, and included 352 live landline telephone interviews, 512 live cell phone interviews, and 117 online surveys via a cell phone text invitation. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troidahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n= 669), Aristotle (list, n= 140) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n= 172). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education,

gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2021 one-year survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 5.6 percentage points adjusted for sample design effects (1.79). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
26% Republican	
44% Independent	
30% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
29% 18-34	
33% 35-54	
38% 55+	
61% White	
13% Black	
18% Hispanic	
8% Asian/Other	
67% No degree	
33% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		981	5.6%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	907	5.8%
	No	74	20.4%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	260	10.9%
	Independent	420	8.6%
	Democrat	290	10.3%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	221	11.8%
	Moderate	374	9.1%
	Conservative	368	9.2%
GENDER	Male	499	7.9%
	Female	482	8.0%
AGE	18-34	150	14.3%
	35-54	346	9.4%
	55+	482	8.0%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	251	11.1%
	No	726	6.5%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	711	6.6%
	Other	251	11.1%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	454	8.2%
	4 year degree	525	7.7%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	334	9.6%
	White, 4 year degree	377	9.0%
INCOME	<\$50K	262	10.9%
	\$50 to <\$100K	264	10.8%
	\$100K+	395	8.8%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	41%	42%	31%	7%	31%	83%	69%	49%	15%
	Disapprove	53%	54%	49%	91%	59%	13%	21%	44%	82%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	5%	20%	2%	10%	4%	10%	7%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	31%	50%	32%	43%	46%	39%	42%	35%	51%
	Disapprove	63%	43%	56%	53%	50%	58%	50%	61%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	7%	12%	4%	4%	3%	8%	4%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	35%	52%	27%	48%	41%	42%	40%
	Disapprove	57%	44%	68%	47%	50%	53%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	4%	4%	4%	9%	5%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	37%	37%	33%	8%	26%	78%	66%	42%	13%
	Disapprove	52%	53%	50%	88%	58%	14%	21%	45%	83%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	10%	17%	4%	15%	9%	13%	13%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	29%	45%	30%	39%	40%	37%	37%	30%	48%
	Disapprove	61%	44%	53%	53%	51%	59%	50%	59%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	12%	17%	7%	9%	4%	13%	11%	11%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	34%	44%	24%	40%	39%	38%	34%
	Disapprove	55%	48%	64%	51%	47%	52%	59%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	9%	12%	9%	14%	10%	7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	18%	18%	17%	22%	13%	22%	19%	15%	21%
	Disapprove	72%	74%	65%	69%	76%	70%	71%	76%	72%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	8%	18%	8%	11%	8%	10%	9%	7%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	15%	21%	15%	18%	20%	16%	19%	16%	22%
	Disapprove	76%	69%	71%	77%	70%	77%	72%	75%	69%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	10%	13%	5%	10%	7%	9%	9%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	19%	17%	16%	17%	23%	15%	15%
	Disapprove	70%	78%	73%	78%	65%	77%	79%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	5%	11%	5%	12%	8%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	16%	16%	16%	4%	12%	33%	24%	20%	7%
	Wrong track	74%	74%	74%	93%	79%	52%	60%	69%	90%
	Depends	6%	6%	6%	2%	5%	11%	10%	6%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	3%	1%	5%	4%	6%	4%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	16%	17%	16%	13%	20%	12%	18%	15%	19%
	Wrong track	77%	72%	74%	78%	71%	78%	73%	78%	68%
	Depends	5%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	15%	19%	14%	17%	19%	15%	16%
	Wrong track	77%	70%	81%	72%	70%	76%	75%
	Depends	5%	8%	3%	9%	6%	6%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	2%	3%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5. How much have you read or heard about the recent debate over raising the federal debt ceiling - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	45%	49%	23%	47%	46%	45%	49%	44%	47%
	A little	40%	40%	34%	40%	41%	38%	32%	43%	44%
	Nothing at all	15%	11%	42%	13%	14%	17%	20%	13%	9%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
5. How much have you read or heard about the recent debate over raising the federal debt ceiling - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	54%	37%	35%	40%	57%	36%	49%	50%	38%
	A little	36%	43%	40%	45%	35%	44%	38%	39%	43%
	Nothing at all	10%	20%	25%	15%	7%	20%	13%	12%	19%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5. How much have you read or heard about the recent debate over raising the federal debt ceiling - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	40%	56%	46%	57%	40%	49%	50%
	A little	42%	35%	41%	35%	39%	38%	42%
	Nothing at all	18%	9%	14%	8%	21%	13%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6. How much do you feel you understand what raising, or not raising, the debt ceiling would mean for the U.S. economy? Would you say you understand this a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	50%	52%	33%	50%	55%	44%	52%	48%	52%
	A little	40%	38%	53%	41%	37%	43%	39%	42%	42%
	Not at all	9%	8%	14%	7%	7%	13%	8%	10%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6. How much do you feel you understand what raising, or not raising, the debt ceiling would mean for the U.S. economy? Would you say you understand this a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	60%	40%	43%	49%	55%	49%	50%	55%	40%
	A little	34%	47%	42%	43%	37%	40%	41%	38%	46%
	Not at all	5%	13%	13%	9%	6%	10%	8%	6%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6. How much do you feel you understand what raising, or not raising, the debt ceiling would mean for the U.S. economy? Would you say you understand this a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	45%	60%	50%	64%	36%	55%	59%
	A little	44%	33%	42%	31%	51%	38%	33%
	Not at all	10%	6%	8%	4%	11%	7%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. Some people say the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised. Do you think these claims are accurate or are they exaggerated, or do you have no opinion on this?	Accurate	42%	44%	27%	26%	40%	58%	59%	48%	25%
	Exaggerated	30%	31%	23%	47%	31%	15%	13%	23%	51%
	No opinion	28%	25%	50%	27%	30%	27%	28%	29%	24%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7. Some people say the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised. Do you think these claims are accurate or are they exaggerated, or do you have no opinion on this?	Accurate	42%	41%	39%	41%	44%	38%	44%	43%	40%
	Exaggerated	34%	26%	20%	32%	36%	27%	31%	34%	24%
	No opinion	24%	32%	41%	27%	20%	35%	25%	23%	35%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. Some people say the country will suffer significant economic problems if the debt ceiling is not raised. Do you think these claims are accurate or are they exaggerated, or do you have no opinion on this?	Accurate	37%	52%	38%	51%	37%	45%	46%
	Exaggerated	31%	28%	36%	30%	26%	35%	31%
	No opinion	32%	20%	26%	19%	37%	20%	23%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? President Biden	Approve	34%	37%	13%	6%	27%	70%	60%	41%	12%
	Disapprove	55%	55%	55%	91%	60%	17%	23%	49%	83%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	8%	32%	3%	13%	13%	17%	10%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? President Biden	Approve	32%	36%	27%	32%	42%	31%	36%	30%	42%
	Disapprove	60%	50%	54%	56%	54%	56%	54%	60%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	13%	19%	11%	4%	13%	10%	10%	12%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? President Biden	Approve	28%	46%	23%	42%	32%	36%	37%
	Disapprove	59%	48%	66%	51%	55%	53%	56%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	6%	11%	7%	13%	11%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Republicans in Congress	Approve	29%	29%	23%	63%	26%	4%	11%	19%	51%
	Disapprove	60%	62%	45%	30%	60%	85%	74%	70%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	9%	33%	6%	14%	11%	15%	11%	7%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Republicans in Congress	Approve	34%	24%	22%	27%	34%	27%	28%	35%	18%
	Disapprove	57%	63%	60%	61%	60%	61%	60%	55%	68%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	13%	18%	12%	6%	13%	11%	10%	14%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Republicans in Congress	Approve	31%	25%	37%	31%	27%	28%	29%
	Disapprove	56%	69%	50%	64%	62%	58%	64%
	[VOL] Dont know	14%	7%	12%	5%	12%	14%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Democrats in Congress	Approve	32%	34%	21%	8%	25%	65%	57%	39%	11%
	Disapprove	55%	57%	45%	88%	60%	20%	22%	50%	84%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	9%	34%	4%	15%	15%	21%	11%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Democrats in Congress	Approve	28%	37%	29%	29%	39%	27%	35%	29%	39%
	Disapprove	64%	47%	56%	56%	53%	60%	53%	61%	45%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	16%	15%	15%	8%	13%	12%	10%	16%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is handling the debt ceiling issue? The Democrats in Congress	Approve	27%	43%	23%	41%	34%	32%	34%
	Disapprove	58%	50%	66%	53%	51%	54%	58%
	[VOL] Dont know	15%	7%	11%	7%	15%	14%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. Do you think that raising the debt ceiling should be tied to negotiations over spending on federal programs, or should these two issues be dealt with separately, or do you have no opinion on this?	Negotiations should be tied	25%	26%	23%	37%	28%	13%	15%	17%	42%
	Dealt with separately	51%	54%	28%	37%	50%	65%	63%	62%	34%
	No opinion	24%	20%	49%	25%	22%	22%	22%	20%	24%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
9. Do you think that raising the debt ceiling should be tied to negotiations over spending on federal programs, or should these two issues be dealt with separately, or do you have no opinion on this?	Negotiations should be tied	33%	18%	20%	27%	28%	23%	26%	30%	18%
	Dealt with separately	48%	54%	48%	54%	51%	54%	50%	53%	49%
	No opinion	20%	28%	32%	20%	21%	23%	24%	17%	33%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9. Do you think that raising the debt ceiling should be tied to negotiations over spending on federal programs, or should these two issues be dealt with separately, or do you have no opinion on this?	Negotiations should be tied	23%	31%	27%	36%	19%	25%	33%
	Dealt with separately	49%	55%	52%	53%	50%	54%	52%
	No opinion	28%	14%	21%	12%	31%	22%	16%