YouGov Survey: Debt Ceiling

Sample   1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted   May 3 - 7, 2023
Margin of Error   ±3.4%

1. How much have you heard recently about debates around raising the debt ceiling?

A lot 30%
A little 50%
Nothing at all 19%

2. Which comes closer to your understanding of what the debt ceiling is?

It is a limit on government spending 25%
It is a limit on the government's borrowing to finance spending that already has been approved
.... 52%
Neither 5%
Not sure 18%

3. What is your opinion?
Asked of a random half sample

Congress should raise the debt ceiling 38%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling 39%
Not sure 23%

4. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?
Asked of a random half sample

Congress should raise the debt ceiling 39%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling 40%
Not sure 21%

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
If the debt ceiling is not raised, the U.S. will default on its debt obligations	26%	32%	14%	7%	21%
Raising the debt ceiling is a routine practice that has occurred many times in the past	37%	33%	8%	4%	17%
A temporary government shutdown is a likely outcome if the debt ceiling is not raised	26%	35%	12%	6%	21%
Not raising the debt ceiling can lead to higher borrowing costs for the U.S. government	24%	30%	14%	6%	26%
Raising the debt ceiling will lead to an unwarranted increase in government spending	25%	28%	14%	13%	20%
The debt ceiling is an arbitrary limit that serves little purpose	17%	29%	18%	15%	22%
Raising the debt ceiling means approving more debt for future generations	32%	30%	12%	8%	18%
Raising the debt ceiling will cause rampant inflation	20%	25%	17%	13%	24%
Not raising the debt ceiling will force the government to make necessary spending cuts	28%	33%	13%	9%	17%

6. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...?

A crisis	31%
A major problem but not a crisis	36%
A minor problem	16%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	12%

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1. Heard About Debt Ceiling
How much have you heard recently about debates around raising the debt ceiling?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot	30%	37%	24%	18%	15%	37%	47%	32%	28%	21%	∗
A little	50%	49%	52%	56%	61%	44%	44%	53%	44%	45%	∗
Nothing at all	19%	15%	24%	26%	24%	19%	9%	16%	28%	34%	∗
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	∗
Unweighted N	(997)	(466)	(531)	(210)	(243)	(316)	(228)	(621)	(119)	(197)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	30%	38%	23%	30%	42%	36%	26%	34%	34%	34%	30%	31%	27%
A little	50%	46%	54%	52%	46%	50%	49%	53%	52%	48%	47%	51%	54%
Nothing at all	19%	16%	23%	19%	13%	14%	25%	14%	14%	18%	23%	18%	19%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(358)	(368)	(271)	(377)	(328)	(376)	(315)	(204)	(169)	(206)	(385)	(237)

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2. Definition of Debt Ceiling

Which comes closer to your understanding of what the debt ceiling is?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It is a limit on government spending	25%	27%	23%	28%	22%	22%	30%	25%	28%	27%	*
It is a limit on the government's borrowing to finance spending that already has been approved	52%	57%	47%	49%	53%	54%	52%	56%	43%	40%	*
Neither	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%	4%	5%	3%	7%	*
Not sure	18%	11%	24%	18%	18%	20%	14%	14%	26%	25%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(468)	(529)	(210)	(243)	(316)	(228)	(622)	(118)	(197)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It is a limit on government spending	25%	24%	24%	27%	23%	29%	26%	25%	27%	21%	27%	26%	24%
It is a limit on the government's borrowing to finance spending that already has been approved	52%	56%	49%	52%	57%	54%	44%	59%	61%	58%	54%	49%	51%
Neither	5%	3%	6%	6%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%
Not sure	18%	17%	20%	15%	17%	12%	25%	10%	7%	17%	16%	18%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(997)	(358)	(367)	(272)	(376)	(330)	(376)	(317)	(204)	(169)	(207)	(385)	(236)

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3. Opinion on Raising Debt Ceiling - Without Context

What is your opinion?

Asked of a random half sample

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Congress should raise the debt ceiling	38%	46%	30%	*	44%	32%	39%	38%	*	34%	*
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	39%	38%	41%	*	38%	42%	36%	44%	*	40%	*
Not sure	23%	16%	30%	*	18%	26%	25%	19%	*	26%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	100%	100%	100%	101%	*	100%	*
Unweighted N	(496)	(246)	(250)	(98)	(129)	(153)	(116)	(307)	(54)	(102)	(33)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Congress should raise the debt ceiling	38%	52%	36%	23%	57%	19%	31%	39%	45%	*	*	36%	39%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	39%	30%	33%	60%	19%	66%	33%	45%	47%	*	*	41%	38%
Not sure	23%	19%	31%	17%	24%	15%	36%	16%	9%	*	*	23%	23%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*	*	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(496)	(186)	(176)	(134)	(199)	(160)	(177)	(166)	(108)	(84)	(99)	(204)	(109)

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4. Opinion on Raising Debt Ceiling - With Context
As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?
Asked of a random half sample

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Congress should raise the debt ceiling	39%	40%	38%	26%	39%	40%	50%	40%	*	*	*
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	40%	48%	33%	53%	41%	38%	31%	43%	*	*	*
Not sure	21%	12%	29%	21%	21%	22%	19%	17%	*	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(502)	(223)	(279)	(112)	(113)	(164)	(113)	(317)	(63)	(95)	(27)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Congress should raise the debt ceiling	39%	58%	33%	26%	68%	22%	37%	40%	*	*	46%	33%	40%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	40%	25%	44%	52%	18%	61%	36%	47%	*	*	31%	43%	41%
Not sure	21%	17%	24%	22%	14%	17%	27%	13%	*	*	23%	23%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(502)	(171)	(193)	(138)	(177)	(170)	(199)	(152)	(96)	(85)	(108)	(180)	(129)

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5A. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — If the debt ceiling is not raised, the U.S. will default on its debt obligations
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	26%	28%	25%	19%	17%	30%	36%	29%	24%	18%	*
Somewhat agree	32%	34%	30%	38%	38%	28%	26%	32%	30%	35%	*
Somewhat disagree	14%	18%	11%	14%	14%	16%	13%	15%	15%	12%	*
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	5%	10%	*
Not sure	21%	13%	28%	22%	25%	19%	17%	17%	27%	26%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(466)	(526)	(207)	(242)	(316)	(227)	(618)	(118)	(196)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	26%	38%	22%	18%	39%	18%	28%	26%	22%	32%	26%	23%	28%
Somewhat agree	32%	33%	31%	33%	30%	33%	31%	33%	38%	27%	41%	29%	32%
Somewhat disagree	14%	10%	14%	20%	9%	21%	13%	18%	15%	16%	10%	18%	12%
Strongly disagree	7%	3%	7%	9%	4%	12%	5%	6%	9%	6%	7%	7%	5%
Not sure	21%	16%	26%	20%	18%	16%	23%	17%	17%	19%	17%	23%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(355)	(366)	(271)	(373)	(329)	(372)	(318)	(203)	(165)	(205)	(385)	(237)

5B. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Raising the debt ceiling is a routine practice that has occurred many times in the past
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	37%	42%	32%	14%	25%	46%	58%	41%	26%	21%	*
Somewhat agree	33%	33%	33%	48%	34%	29%	24%	33%	31%	38%	*
Somewhat disagree	8%	9%	8%	14%	12%	6%	3%	9%	9%	6%	*
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	8%	*
Not sure	17%	11%	23%	18%	24%	16%	12%	13%	29%	27%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(991)	(464)	(527)	(208)	(243)	(313)	(227)	(620)	(115)	(196)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	37%	47%	34%	29%	51%	35%	39%	36%	37%	36%	37%	33%	43%
Somewhat agree	33%	29%	31%	40%	26%	38%	29%	37%	33%	38%	34%	34%	27%
Somewhat disagree	8%	9%	7%	10%	5%	9%	6%	11%	12%	11%	9%	8%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	6%
Not sure	17%	12%	24%	15%	15%	12%	20%	12%	15%	14%	17%	19%	18%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(354)	(366)	(271)	(374)	(327)	(371)	(317)	(203)	(167)	(206)	(383)	(235)

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5C. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — A temporary government shutdown is a likely outcome if the debt ceiling is not raised
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	26%	29%	22%	15%	20%	29%	37%	26%	25%	19%	*
Somewhat agree	35%	37%	33%	38%	38%	32%	33%	35%	33%	38%	*
Somewhat disagree	12%	14%	10%	17%	14%	10%	8%	13%	11%	8%	*
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	10%	*
Not sure	21%	14%	28%	22%	22%	22%	18%	19%	26%	25%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(466)	(526)	(209)	(243)	(315)	(225)	(618)	(118)	(197)	(59)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	26%	37%	21%	18%	38%	21%	25%	26%	28%	25%	27%	23%	30%
Somewhat agree	35%	34%	32%	41%	32%	42%	32%	42%	34%	35%	38%	36%	31%
Somewhat disagree	12%	9%	12%	15%	8%	12%	9%	14%	15%	14%	10%	12%	12%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	8%	9%	4%	5%	7%
Not sure	21%	15%	27%	20%	17%	17%	28%	13%	15%	16%	22%	24%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(355)	(368)	(269)	(373)	(326)	(371)	(317)	(202)	(166)	(205)	(383)	(238)

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5D. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Not raising the debt ceiling can lead to higher borrowing costs for the U.S. government
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	24%	25%	22%	16%	20%	27%	30%	25%	24%	18%	*
Somewhat agree	30%	32%	28%	39%	34%	23%	27%	32%	19%	32%	*
Somewhat disagree	14%	16%	13%	21%	15%	13%	10%	15%	15%	14%	*
Strongly disagree	6%	7%	5%	7%	4%	7%	7%	5%	11%	7%	*
Not sure	26%	19%	32%	17%	26%	30%	27%	23%	30%	29%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(467)	(526)	(210)	(240)	(315)	(228)	(621)	(118)	(196)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	24%	35%	19%	16%	35%	18%	23%	24%	27%	26%	20%	23%	26%
Somewhat agree	30%	31%	27%	32%	28%	29%	26%	35%	34%	28%	33%	30%	28%
Somewhat disagree	14%	10%	15%	19%	8%	18%	12%	17%	16%	16%	15%	14%	13%
Strongly disagree	6%	3%	8%	8%	4%	10%	8%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	9%
Not sure	26%	20%	31%	26%	25%	25%	32%	18%	16%	23%	26%	29%	23%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(993)	(356)	(368)	(269)	(376)	(326)	(375)	(316)	(202)	(167)	(205)	(384)	(237)

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5E. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Raising the debt ceiling will lead to an unwarranted increase in government spending
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	25%	29%	21%	18%	19%	31%	29%	29%	14%	18%	*
Somewhat agree	28%	28%	29%	42%	32%	22%	21%	27%	27%	37%	*
Somewhat disagree	14%	15%	13%	19%	18%	11%	10%	13%	22%	12%	*
Strongly disagree	13%	14%	12%	6%	8%	13%	23%	14%	9%	8%	*
Not sure	20%	15%	25%	15%	23%	24%	16%	16%	28%	24%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(991)	(464)	(527)	(209)	(242)	(313)	(227)	(619)	(117)	(195)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	25%	12%	25%	40%	8%	50%	25%	27%	28%	26%	20%	26%	27%
Somewhat agree	28%	30%	25%	30%	24%	24%	28%	31%	29%	29%	32%	28%	25%
Somewhat disagree	14%	19%	15%	8%	19%	8%	11%	16%	15%	17%	13%	13%	15%
Strongly disagree	13%	21%	10%	6%	28%	5%	9%	13%	16%	10%	14%	10%	17%
Not sure	20%	18%	25%	16%	20%	12%	26%	13%	12%	17%	21%	23%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(354)	(366)	(271)	(373)	(329)	(370)	(318)	(204)	(167)	(204)	(385)	(235)

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5F. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — The debt ceiling is an arbitrary limit that serves little purpose
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	17%	21%	12%	16%	14%	19%	16%	17%	14%	15%	∗
Somewhat agree	29%	34%	25%	39%	36%	25%	20%	30%	24%	33%	∗
Somewhat disagree	18%	17%	18%	19%	15%	17%	19%	18%	24%	12%	∗
Strongly disagree	15%	13%	16%	8%	10%	16%	25%	16%	9%	13%	∗
Not sure	22%	14%	29%	19%	25%	23%	20%	18%	29%	28%	∗
Totals	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	∗
Unweighted N	(992)	(466)	(526)	(210)	(243)	(312)	(227)	(621)	(118)	(195)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	17%	21%	14%	15%	20%	14%	16%	16%	19%	19%	14%	14%	21%
Somewhat agree	29%	33%	28%	27%	29%	28%	23%	36%	36%	32%	33%	28%	26%
Somewhat disagree	18%	17%	15%	22%	19%	17%	16%	20%	17%	20%	12%	20%	17%
Strongly disagree	15%	10%	16%	19%	12%	25%	16%	16%	13%	8%	19%	16%	14%
Not sure	22%	19%	27%	17%	20%	17%	29%	12%	15%	21%	22%	22%	22%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(356)	(366)	(270)	(375)	(326)	(373)	(315)	(203)	(169)	(204)	(382)	(237)

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5G. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Raising the debt ceiling means approving more debt for future generations
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	32%	35%	30%	17%	27%	40%	42%	36%	22%	25%	*
Somewhat agree	30%	31%	29%	44%	29%	24%	26%	29%	37%	33%	*
Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	11%	17%	15%	11%	5%	13%	9%	11%	*
Strongly disagree	8%	9%	7%	6%	8%	8%	11%	8%	10%	8%	*
Not sure	18%	12%	23%	16%	21%	17%	16%	15%	21%	24%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(990)	(462)	(528)	(209)	(241)	(315)	(225)	(619)	(118)	(195)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	32%	20%	34%	45%	18%	56%	32%	36%	33%	35%	29%	33%	32%
Somewhat agree	30%	38%	24%	29%	35%	20%	31%	31%	27%	31%	30%	30%	30%
Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	14%	9%	13%	8%	8%	13%	16%	14%	13%	10%	12%
Strongly disagree	8%	13%	6%	5%	14%	6%	7%	7%	12%	5%	9%	9%	8%
Not sure	18%	17%	22%	13%	20%	9%	21%	13%	13%	15%	19%	19%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(355)	(365)	(270)	(373)	(327)	(373)	(315)	(202)	(166)	(206)	(382)	(236)

5H. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Raising the debt ceiling will cause rampant inflation
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	20%	22%	19%	14%	20%	24%	20%	21%	15%	25%	∗
Somewhat agree	25%	29%	22%	42%	22%	21%	21%	25%	18%	33%	∗
Somewhat disagree	17%	18%	16%	17%	22%	15%	15%	17%	25%	10%	∗
Strongly disagree	13%	14%	12%	8%	11%	12%	22%	14%	11%	6%	∗
Not sure	24%	17%	31%	19%	25%	28%	23%	22%	31%	26%	∗
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	∗
Unweighted N	(991)	(465)	(526)	(208)	(242)	(314)	(227)	(619)	(118)	(195)	(59)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	20%	15%	21%	26%	10%	33%	23%	18%	20%	22%	22%	19%	19%
Somewhat agree	25%	23%	22%	32%	18%	29%	22%	34%	24%	23%	22%	27%	27%
Somewhat disagree	17%	18%	15%	19%	19%	17%	16%	16%	21%	18%	18%	17%	16%
Strongly disagree	13%	23%	11%	4%	25%	5%	11%	14%	18%	13%	14%	10%	17%
Not sure	24%	22%	30%	19%	28%	15%	28%	18%	17%	24%	24%	26%	22%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(991)	(356)	(366)	(269)	(375)	(325)	(372)	(315)	(203)	(168)	(204)	(382)	(237)

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5l. Agree or Disagree on Debt Ceiling — Not raising the debt ceiling will force the government to make necessary spending cuts
Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly agree	28%	29%	27%	23%	19%	32%	38%	30%	23%	24%	*
Somewhat agree	33%	32%	33%	36%	34%	28%	35%	34%	26%	33%	*
Somewhat disagree	13%	16%	10%	19%	16%	10%	7%	13%	13%	11%	*
Strongly disagree	9%	11%	8%	7%	10%	9%	10%	9%	13%	10%	*
Not sure	17%	12%	22%	15%	20%	20%	10%	14%	24%	22%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(996)	(468)	(528)	(210)	(243)	(314)	(229)	(624)	(117)	(196)	(59)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	28%	29%	24%	33%	24%	41%	31%	27%	25%	36%	25%	27%	27%
Somewhat agree	33%	31%	30%	38%	31%	31%	29%	39%	34%	30%	36%	31%	35%
Somewhat disagree	13%	14%	13%	12%	13%	13%	12%	15%	15%	13%	12%	13%	14%
Strongly disagree	9%	12%	10%	5%	16%	4%	7%	9%	12%	6%	12%	9%	9%
Not sure	17%	15%	23%	13%	15%	11%	21%	11%	13%	15%	15%	20%	15%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(356)	(368)	(272)	(376)	(330)	(375)	(315)	(204)	(168)	(205)	(385)	(238)

6. Debt Ceiling Problem

If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A crisis	31%	31%	31%	24%	21%	34%	44%	33%	30%	18%	*
A major problem but not a crisis	36%	36%	35%	33%	35%	36%	38%	36%	33%	40%	*
A minor problem	16%	19%	14%	24%	24%	11%	9%	16%	18%	20%	*
Not a problem	5%	7%	2%	4%	6%	6%	2%	5%	3%	5%	*
Not sure	12%	8%	17%	15%	14%	13%	7%	10%	16%	17%	*
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(994)	(466)	(528)	(208)	(243)	(314)	(229)	(621)	(118)	(195)	(60)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A crisis	31%	43%	27%	22%	47%	23%	32%	34%	27%	32%	32%	31%	29%
A major problem but not a crisis	36%	32%	33%	43%	30%	43%	35%	37%	37%	33%	34%	36%	38%
A minor problem	16%	13%	17%	19%	10%	19%	13%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	15%
Not a problem	5%	3%	5%	7%	1%	7%	5%	3%	7%	6%	7%	2%	5%
Not sure	12%	9%	18%	9%	11%	8%	15%	9%	7%	11%	11%	14%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(355)	(367)	(272)	(375)	(329)	(373)	(317)	(203)	(166)	(207)	(384)	(237)

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Interviewing Dates	May 3 - 7, 2023
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.233 to 3.104, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.418.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.