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NATIONAL: PUBLIC WANTS BUDGET COMPROMISE TO AVOID GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Neither party in Washington is seen as looking out for average Americans

West Long Branch, NJ – By a 2 to 1 margin, Americans want Congress to compromise on the federal budget in order to avoid a government shutdown. According to the *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll*, neither President Joe Biden nor the Democrats or Republicans in Congress are seen as looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans. The poll also finds the president’s job rating has taken a hit, now sitting at its lowest point since a year ago.

If the federal government does shut down, 43% of the American public will hold the Republicans in Congress most responsible while a slightly higher number will place the blame on the opposite party – either President Biden (27%) or congressional Democrats (21%). As may be expected, 80% of Democrats would blame the GOP while Republicans are split between seeing Biden (46%) or the Democrats in Congress (38%) as being more at fault if a shutdown occurs.

Nearly two-thirds of the public (64%) wants members of Congress who best represent their own views on spending priorities to compromise on those principles in order to avoid a shutdown. Just 31% say like-minded representatives should stick to their spending principles even if it leads to a shutdown. Republicans (46%) are more likely than independents (30%) and Democrats (21%) to say that members of Congress they agree with should stick to their spending principles even if it causes a shutdown. Among Republicans who call themselves ideologically conservative, a majority of 52% want their representatives to stick to their principles. This is a much higher number than among self-described liberal Democrats (26%) who want the same.

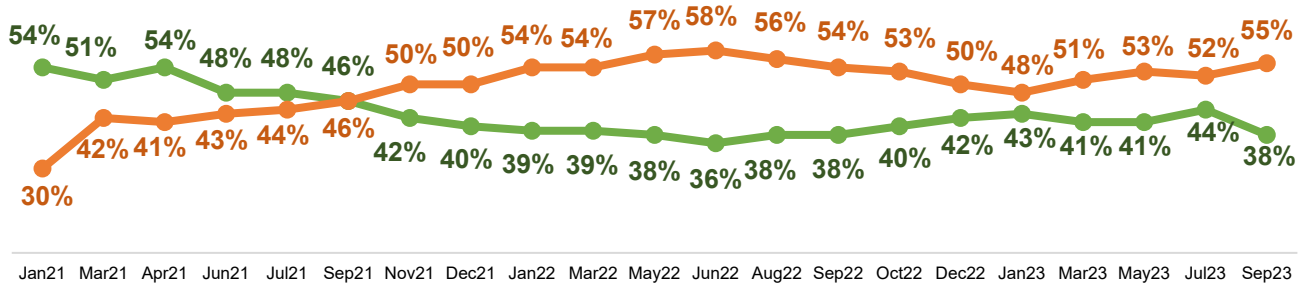
HOW LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD HANDLE BUDGET		
	Stick to principles	Compromise
All Americans	31%	64%
Republicans	46%	50%
Independents	30%	63%
Democrats	21%	76%

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“The vast majority of Americans want to avoid a shutdown. The faction who does not want any compromise may represent a small proportion of the public, but they hold outsized influence in the U.S. Capitol,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Biden’s overall job performance rating currently stands at 38% approve and 55% disapprove. His approval number is the lowest it has been since September of last year. Between October 2022 and July 2023, his approval rating had ranged between 40% and 44% while his disapproval number registered between 48% and 53%. Compared to the *Monmouth University Poll* taken in July, Biden’s approval rating has dropped among Democrats (80%, down 8 points), independents (30%, down 8 points), and Republicans (2%, down 4 points) alike.

President Biden Job Rating



Jan21 Mar21 Apr21 Jun21 Jul21 Sep21 Nov21 Dec21 Jan22 Mar22 May22 Jun22 Aug22 Sep22 Oct22 Dec22 Jan23 Mar23 May23 Jul23 Sep23



— Approve

— Disapprove

In other poll ratings, opinion of the job the U.S. Congress is doing stands at 17% approve and 74% disapprove, which are its worst marks in just over a year. Vice President Kamala Harris receives a job rating of 36% approve and 56% disapprove. Only 17% of the public says the country is going in the right direction, while 68% say it is on the wrong track.

The poll also asked to what degree key actors in Washington are concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans. None receive high marks. For Biden, 28% say he is very concerned while 48% say he is not really concerned. For Democrats in Congress, 22% say they are very concerned and 47% not concerned. For Republicans in Congress, 15% say they are very concerned and

CONCERNED ABOUT AVERAGE AMERICANS			
	Very	Somewhat	Not really
President Biden	28%	23%	48%
Democrats in Congress	22%	28%	47%
Republicans in Congress	15%	33%	50%

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50% not concerned. Among fellow partisans, only Biden scores a majority who say he is very concerned with looking out for average Americans (61% of Democrats). When it comes to Congress, 49% of Democrats say their own party’s members are very concerned.

This result is better than the findings for Republicans, where only 30% say their party’s congressional members are very concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans.

“Nobody in Washington seems to be looking out for Middle America. But it’s interesting that Republicans are less positive than Democrats about their own party’s leadership on this score,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 19 to 24, 2023 with 814 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.3 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:	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Approve	38%	44%	41%	41%	43%	42%	40%	38%	38%	36%	38%	39%	39%
Disapprove	55%	52%	53%	51%	48%	50%	53%	54%	56%	58%	57%	54%	54%
(VOL) No opinion	7%	4%	6%	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
(n)	(814)	(910)	(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
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:	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023
Approve	36%	40%	37%	36%
Disapprove	56%	52%	52%	53%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	7%	11%	12%
(n)	(814)	(910)	(981)	(805)

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

Trend:	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023
Approve	17%	22%	18%	23%	19%
Disapprove	74%	68%	72%	68%	67%
(VOL) No opinion	9%	10%	9%	10%	14%
(n)	(814)	(910)	(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
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: <i>Continued</i>	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
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: <i>Continued</i>	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
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:	Sept. 2023	July 2023	May 2023	March 2023	Jan. 2023
Right direction	17%	25%	16%	22%	24%
Wrong track	68%	68%	74%	72%	73%
(VOL) Depends	12%	5%	6%	3%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%
(n)	(814)	(910)	(981)	(805)	(805)

Trend: <i>Continued</i>	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: <i>Continued</i>	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
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: <i>Continued</i>	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
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	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: <i>Continued</i>	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
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. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

President Biden

Comparison:	BIDEN		TRUMP
	Sept. 2023	Jan. 2022	Aug. 2018
Very concerned	28%	30%	35%
Somewhat concerned	23%	22%	17%
Not really concerned	48%	47%	46%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	0%	2%
(n)	(814)	(794)	(805)

The Democrats in Congress

Trend:	Sept. 2023	Jan. 2022	Aug. 2018
Very concerned	22%	23%	22%
Somewhat concerned	28%	31%	38%
Not really concerned	47%	47%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	0%	5%
(n)	(814)	(794)	(805)

The Republicans in Congress

Trend:	Sept. 2023	Jan. 2022	Aug. 2018
Very concerned	15%	20%	17%
Somewhat concerned	33%	37%	39%
Not really concerned	50%	42%	40%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	1%	4%
(n)	(814)	(794)	(805)

6. Congress and the president need to enact a new budget by the end of this month or the federal government will shut down. Who will you hold the most responsible if there is a shutdown – President Biden, the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

	Sept. 2023
President Biden	27%
Democrats in Congress	21%
Republicans in Congress	43%
(VOL) Don't know	8%
(n)	(814)

7. Thinking about the members of Congress who best represent your own views on government spending priorities – should they stick to their spending principles even if it leads to a shutdown or should they agree to compromise on their spending principles to avoid a shutdown? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

	Sept. 2023
Stick to their principles	31%
Compromise on their principles	64%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(814)

[Q8-21 held for future release.]

[Q22-30 previously released.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 19 to 24, 2023 with a probability-based national random sample of 814 adults age 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in English, and included 280 live landline telephone interviews, 286 live cell phone interviews, and 248 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= 532), Aristotle (list, n= 106) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n= 176). 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 4.3 percentage points adjusted for sample design effects (1.59). 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.

Demographics (weighted)

Party (self-reported): 25% Republican, 45% Independent, 30% Democrat

Sex: 49% Male, 50% Female

Age: 29% 18-34, 33% 35-54, 38% 55+

Race: 61% White, 12% Black, 17% Hispanic, 10% Asian/Other

Education: 37% High school or less, 30% Some college, 17% 4 year degree, 16% graduate degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		814	4.3%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	737	4.6%
	No	77	14.1%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	191	8.9%
	Independent	376	6.4%
	Democrat	241	8.0%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	228	8.2%
	Moderate	306	7.1%
	Conservative	264	7.6%
GENDER	Male	402	6.2%
	Female	406	6.1%
AGE	18-34	172	9.4%
	35-54	253	7.8%
	55+	384	6.3%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	182	9.2%
	No	630	4.9%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	570	5.2%
	Other	224	8.3%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	375	6.4%
	4 year degree	435	5.9%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	262	7.6%
	White, 4 year degree	306	7.1%
INCOME	<\$50K	242	7.9%
	\$50 to <\$100K	228	8.2%
	\$100K+	303	7.1%

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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	38%	39%	32%	2%	30%	80%	67%	41%	13%
	Disapprove	55%	55%	52%	91%	62%	15%	30%	50%	83%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	6%	16%	6%	8%	4%	2%	8%	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
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	36%	41%	39%	34%	42%	35%	39%	36%	43%
	Disapprove	60%	50%	56%	61%	49%	59%	54%	59%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	9%	5%	6%	9%	6%	7%	5%	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	33%	48%	30%	46%	38%	35%	41%
	Disapprove	60%	45%	66%	48%	55%	60%	52%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	4%	6%	8%	5%	7%

		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	36%	36%	36%	4%	27%	76%	67%	35%	13%
	Disapprove	56%	57%	50%	91%	64%	16%	26%	55%	84%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	13%	5%	8%	8%	7%	10%	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
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	32%	40%	39%	33%	37%	34%	37%	33%	43%
	Disapprove	62%	51%	53%	61%	54%	62%	54%	60%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	9%	7%	6%	9%	4%	9%	7%	8%

		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	33%	43%	28%	42%	38%	35%	36%
	Disapprove	59%	51%	65%	51%	52%	59%	59%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	7%	7%	10%	6%	5%

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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	17%	16%	27%	13%	17%	20%	15%	20%	16%
	Disapprove	74%	75%	67%	78%	76%	67%	76%	74%	75%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	10%	6%	9%	6%	14%	9%	6%	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
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	18%	16%	17%	19%	15%	23%	15%	13%	22%
	Disapprove	77%	70%	76%	75%	71%	71%	75%	80%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	13%	7%	6%	14%	7%	10%	7%	13%

		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	21%	9%	15%	9%	24%	13%	13%
	Disapprove	70%	83%	78%	83%	62%	82%	81%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	8%	6%	7%	14%	5%	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	17%	18%	13%	1%	13%	38%	26%	19%	9%
	Wrong track	68%	70%	57%	96%	73%	39%	51%	64%	87%
	[VOL] Depends	12%	10%	27%	3%	13%	19%	20%	14%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	3%	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	17%	18%	11%	18%	22%	16%	18%	15%	22%
	Wrong track	70%	66%	65%	71%	69%	69%	68%	74%	58%
	[VOL] Depends	12%	12%	22%	10%	7%	12%	12%	9%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%

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		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	16%	21%	11%	21%	15%	17%	20%
	Wrong track	70%	64%	80%	65%	65%	72%	69%
	[VOL] Depends	12%	14%	8%	12%	17%	11%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%

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5A. President Biden: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	28%	29%	16%	5%	18%	61%	53%	27%	9%
	Somewhat concerned	23%	21%	36%	12%	26%	28%	29%	27%	14%
	Not really concerned	48%	48%	45%	82%	54%	10%	16%	44%	76%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	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
5A. President Biden: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	24%	32%	21%	23%	37%	25%	29%	28%	29%
	Somewhat concerned	20%	25%	35%	20%	16%	20%	23%	20%	27%
	Not really concerned	55%	41%	42%	57%	44%	54%	46%	50%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5A. President Biden: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	26%	32%	26%	33%	32%	21%	29%
	Somewhat concerned	21%	27%	18%	25%	23%	23%	23%
	Not really concerned	52%	39%	55%	41%	43%	55%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5B. The Democrats in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	22%	24%	13%	5%	15%	49%	40%	24%	6%
	Somewhat concerned	28%	27%	35%	10%	32%	37%	41%	29%	17%
	Not really concerned	47%	47%	44%	82%	52%	12%	18%	44%	74%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	7%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
5B. The Democrats in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	18%	27%	16%	21%	28%	21%	23%	22%	24%
	Somewhat concerned	26%	30%	41%	22%	24%	22%	30%	26%	32%
	Not really concerned	53%	41%	42%	55%	43%	55%	44%	50%	40%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5B. The Democrats in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	21%	27%	19%	27%	22%	19%	26%
	Somewhat concerned	26%	33%	23%	31%	36%	24%	24%
	Not really concerned	51%	40%	56%	41%	40%	57%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5C. The Republicans in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	15%	15%	19%	30%	12%	7%	9%	15%	21%
	Somewhat concerned	33%	33%	33%	48%	35%	17%	18%	35%	44%
	Not really concerned	50%	50%	43%	20%	50%	74%	72%	49%	32%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	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
5C. The Republicans in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	14%	16%	14%	18%	12%	19%	14%	15%	16%
	Somewhat concerned	36%	30%	29%	33%	37%	38%	32%	33%	33%
	Not really concerned	48%	51%	56%	46%	48%	40%	53%	49%	50%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5C. The Republicans in Congress: Very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans?	Very concerned	17%	11%	17%	12%	17%	12%	15%
	Somewhat concerned	35%	29%	36%	29%	33%	34%	33%
	Not really concerned	46%	58%	45%	58%	47%	52%	50%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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6. Congress and the president need to enact a new budget by the end of this month or the federal government will shut down. Who will you hold the most responsible if there is a shutdown -	President Biden	27%	27%	26%	46%	28%	11%	11%	29%	39%
	Democrats in Congress	21%	21%	22%	38%	24%	4%	6%	19%	36%
	Republicans in Congress	43%	44%	36%	8%	39%	80%	77%	42%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	16%	9%	9%	6%	5%	10%	8%

		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. Congress and the president need to enact a new budget by the end of this month or the federal government will shut down. Who will you hold the most responsible if there is a shutdown -	President Biden	25%	30%	27%	28%	27%	33%	25%	27%	26%
	Democrats in Congress	25%	17%	16%	29%	18%	28%	19%	23%	18%
	Republicans in Congress	42%	44%	53%	38%	42%	32%	47%	42%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	9%	5%	6%	13%	7%	9%	8%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6. Congress and the president need to enact a new budget by the end of this month or the federal government will shut down. Who will you hold the most responsible if there is a shutdown -	President Biden	30%	22%	33%	18%	30%	28%	25%
	Democrats in Congress	24%	16%	25%	21%	19%	25%	21%
	Republicans in Congress	38%	55%	35%	54%	43%	39%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. Thinking about the members of Congress who best represent your own views on government spending priorities - should they stick to their spending principles even if it leads to a shutdown or should they agree to compromise on their spending principles to	Stick to their spending principles	31%	31%	34%	46%	30%	21%	27%	25%	42%
	Compromise on their spending principles	64%	64%	57%	50%	63%	76%	70%	71%	52%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	9%	4%	7%	3%	3%	3%	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
7. Thinking about the members of Congress who best represent your own views on government spending priorities - should they stick to their spending principles even if it leads to a shutdown or should they agree to compromise on their spending principles to	Stick to their spending principles	36%	27%	33%	33%	28%	37%	30%	36%	24%
	Compromise on their spending principles	60%	67%	64%	62%	65%	59%	65%	58%	72%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	6%	3%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%	4%

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7. Thinking about the members of Congress who best represent your own views on government spending priorities - should they stick to their spending principles even if it leads to a shutdown or should they agree to compromise on their spending principles to	Stick to their spending principles	31%	33%	37%	35%	26%	30%	37%
	Compromise on their spending principles	64%	63%	58%	59%	67%	66%	59%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	4%