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Interview dates: July 25th, 2011
Interviews: 600 adults; 512 registered voters
246 Democrats; 251 Republicans; 103 Independents
Margin of Error: ±4.0 for all adults; ±4.3 for registered voters;
±6.3% for Dems; ±6.2 for Repubs; ±9.7 for Indeps (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, July 25th 2011

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters overnight on July 25th, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 600 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing on landlines and cell phones. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.

All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to very small sample size. Figures marked by an asterisk (*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. Response options were randomized where appropriate.

DEBT

So far, the US Congress has been unable to reach an agreement on raising the limit on America's debt. If any agreement is not reached by August 2nd, the Government will run out of the cash it needs to pay the federal government's bills on time.

1. How concerned, if at all, are you about this issue?

	ALL	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS
Very concerned	54	45	59	56
Somewhat concerned	29	32	30	20
Not very concerned	8	12	8	2
Not at all concerned	6	10	2	12
Don't know / Unsure	2	1	*	10
TOTAL: Concerned	**83**	**77**	**89**	**76**
TOTAL: Not concerned	**14**	**22**	**10**	**14**

2. Who do you blame most for the failure so far of the debt talks in Washington?

	ALL	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS
Republican lawmakers	31	1	58	14
Democrat lawmakers	9	25	2	1
President Obama	21	39	11	16
All three (VOL)	24	25	20	35
None (VOL)	8	8	5	18
DK / Refused (VOL)	6	3	4	16

3. And who do you think should give the most ground in order to reach a deal…?

	ALL	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS
Republican lawmakers	29	10	48	13
Democrat lawmakers	20	35	16	5
President Obama	25	32	19	29
All three (VOL)	13	15	9	18
None (VOL)	2	2	*	4
DK / Refused (VOL)	11	6	7	30

4. As you probably know, the US budget deficit is currently about 1.4 trillion dollars. There are a number of different solutions being discussed for reducing this deficit. These are cutting existing programs, raising taxes, or some combination of the two.

   Which approach do you think is best?

	Cut existing programs	Raise taxes	Combination of the two	Neither (VOL)	No deficit reduction needed (VOL)	DK/REF (VOL)
7/25/11	19	12	56	8	*	6
6/3-6/11	26	13	46	12	n/a	3
5/5-9/11	27	9	52	10	n/a	2

ALL WHO SAID 'COMBINATION' AT Q4 (base = 319)

5. If you had to choose, which approach do you think is best?

	Cut existing programs	Raise taxes	DK/REF (VOL)
7/25/11	49	43	8
6/3-6/11	47	41	12
5/5-9/11	49	41	10

Q4/5. Total

	Cut existing programs	**Mix**: more cuts	**Mix**: both	**Mix**: more tax	Raise taxes	Neither (VOL)	No deficit reduction needed (VOL)	DK/REF (VOL)
7/25/11	19	27	5	24	12	8	*	6
6/3-6/11	26	22	5	19	13	12	n/a	3
5/5-9/11	27	25	5	21	9	10	n/a	2

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Q4/5. Total by Party ID

	Cut existing programs	**Mix**: more cuts	**Mix**: both	**Mix**: more tax	Raise taxes	Neither (VOL)	No deficit reduction needed (VOL)	DK/REF (VOL)
DEMS								
7/25/11	8	22	5	37	17	7	0	3
6/3-6/11	14	20	5	28	20	8	3	3
5/5-9/11	12	23	6	33	15	8	3	3
REPUBS								
7/25/11	41	33	2	10	7	5	0	4
6/3-6/11	43	24	5	9	6	9	3	3
5/5-9/11	46	28	2	10	3	9	1	1
INDEPS*								
7/25/11	10	32	8	13	4	17	1	15
6/3-6/11	19	20	9	16	8	18	6	6
5/5-9/11	19	26	8	18	8	18	2	2

POLITICAL DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes	75
No	25
(Not sure)	*

2. PARTY IDENTIFICATION

a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? IF "DEMOCRAT" ASK Qb. IF "REPUBLICAN" ASK Qc. IF "INDEP." / "NONE ASK Qd.
b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	21
Moderately Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	10
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	12
Independent (No lean)	18
Initial Democrats	**35**
Total Democrats	**49**
Initial Republicans	**21**
Total Republicans	**33**