

GOV'T DEBT CRISIS DIVIDES AMERICA

Survey Crosstab Report - July 18, 2011

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Table of observed frequencies:

| | DEMS | GOP | INDY | Total |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 110 | 54 | 70 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 128 | 292 | 176 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 94 | 24 | 64 | 182 |
| Not sure | 48 | 14 | 22 | 84 |
| Total | 380 | 384 | 332 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | DEMS | GOP | INDY | Total |
|---------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 28.9 | 14.1 | 21.1 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 33.7 | 76.0 | 53.0 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 24.7 | 6.3 | 19.3 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 12.6 | 3.6 | 6.6 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table of observed frequencies:

| | LIBERAL | MODERATE | CONSERVE | Total |
|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 66 | 100 | 68 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 54 | 174 | 368 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 62 | 86 | 34 | 182 |
| Not sure | 26 | 26 | 32 | 84 |
| Total | 208 | 386 | 502 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | LIBERAL | MODERATE | CONSERVE | Total |
|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 31.7 | 25.9 | 13.5 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 26.0 | 45.1 | 73.3 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 29.8 | 22.3 | 6.8 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 12.5 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

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Table of observed frequencies:

| | MEN | WOMEN | Total |
|---------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 106 | 128 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 314 | 282 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 86 | 96 | 182 |
| Not sure | 26 | 58 | 84 |
| Total | 532 | 564 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | MEN | WOMEN | Total |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 19.9 | 22.7 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 59.0 | 50.0 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 16.2 | 17.0 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 4.9 | 10.3 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table of observed frequencies:

| | WHITE | BLACK | HISPANIC | ASIAN-OTHER | Total |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 158 | 44 | 22 | 10 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 492 | 34 | 30 | 40 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 122 | 26 | 16 | 18 | 182 |
| Not sure | 46 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 84 |
| Total | 818 | 120 | 90 | 68 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | WHITE | BLACK | HISPANIC | ASIAN-OTHER | Total |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 19.3 | 36.7 | 24.4 | 14.7 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 60.1 | 28.3 | 33.3 | 58.8 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 14.9 | 21.7 | 17.8 | 26.5 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 5.6 | 13.3 | 24.4 | 0.0 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

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Table of observed frequencies:

| | WEST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | EAST | Total |
|---------------------|------|---------|-------|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 42 | 84 | 64 | 44 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 190 | 152 | 134 | 120 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 36 | 18 | 62 | 66 | 182 |
| Not sure | 14 | 20 | 16 | 34 | 84 |
| Total | 282 | 274 | 276 | 264 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | WEST | MIDWEST | SOUTH | EAST | Total |
|---------------------|------|---------|-------|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 14.9 | 30.7 | 23.2 | 16.7 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 67.4 | 55.5 | 48.6 | 45.5 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 12.8 | 6.6 | 22.5 | 25.0 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 5.0 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 12.9 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table of observed frequencies:

| | - AGE 30 | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60 + | Total |
|---------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 24 | 54 | 46 | 50 | 60 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 68 | 92 | 122 | 110 | 204 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 20 | 42 | 24 | 22 | 74 | 182 |
| Not sure | 20 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 26 | 84 |
| Total | 132 | 190 | 210 | 200 | 364 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | - AGE 30 | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60 + | Total |
|---------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 18.2 | 28.4 | 21.9 | 25.0 | 16.5 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 51.5 | 48.4 | 58.1 | 55.0 | 56.0 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 15.2 | 22.1 | 11.4 | 11.0 | 20.3 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 15.2 | 1.1 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

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Table of observed frequencies:

| | - \$50K/YEAR | \$50K-\$75K/YR | \$75K-\$125K/YR | \$125K + | REFUSED | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 142 | 32 | 32 | 22 | 6 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 276 | 122 | 100 | 60 | 38 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 86 | 42 | 26 | 22 | 6 | 182 |
| Not sure | 38 | 26 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 84 |
| Total | 542 | 222 | 164 | 104 | 64 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | - \$50K/YEAR | \$50K-\$75K/YR | \$75K-\$125K/YR | \$125K + | REFUSED | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 26.2 | 14.4 | 19.5 | 21.2 | 9.4 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 50.9 | 55.0 | 61.0 | 57.7 | 59.4 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 15.9 | 18.9 | 15.9 | 21.2 | 9.4 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 7.0 | 11.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table of observed frequencies:

| | RIGHT TRACK | WRONG TRACK | NOT SURE | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 100 | 90 | 44 | 234 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 84 | 462 | 50 | 596 |
| Increase taxes | 84 | 60 | 38 | 182 |
| Not sure | 32 | 30 | 22 | 84 |
| Total | 300 | 642 | 154 | 1096 |

Table of percentages / columns:

| | RIGHT TRACK | WRONG TRACK | NOT SURE | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Increase debt limit | 33.3 | 14.0 | 28.6 | 21.4 |
| Cut Gov't spending | 28.0 | 72.0 | 32.5 | 54.4 |
| Increase taxes | 28.0 | 9.3 | 24.7 | 16.6 |
| Not sure | 10.7 | 4.7 | 14.3 | 7.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |