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Table of observed frequencies:

	DEMS	GOP	INDY	Total
Increase debt limit	60	18	23	101
Cut government spending	140	312	213	665
Increase taxes	127	11	46	184
Not sure	36	30	24	90
Total	363	371	306	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	DEMS	GOP	INDY	Total
Increase debt limit	16.5	4.9	7.5	9.7
Cut government spending	38.6	84.1	69.6	63.9
Increase taxes	35.0	3.0	15.0	17.7
Not sure	9.9	8.1	7.8	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100

Table of observed frequencies:

	MEN	WOMEN	Total
Increase debt limit	49	52	101
Cut government spending	324	341	665
Increase taxes	93	91	184
Not sure	39	51	90
Total	505	535	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	MEN	WOMEN	Total
Increase debt limit	9.7	9.7	9.7
Cut government spending	64.2	63.7	63.9
Increase taxes	18.4	17.0	17.7
Not sure	7.7	9.5	8.7
Total	100	100	100

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Table of observed frequencies:

	WEST	MIDWEST	SOUTH	EAST	Total
Increase debt limit	23	15	33	30	101
Cut government spending	155	180	157	173	665
Increase taxes	46	45	55	38	184
Not sure	29	14	19	28	90
Total	253	254	264	269	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	WEST	MIDWEST	SOUTH	EAST	Total
Increase debt limit	9.1	5.9	12.5	11.2	9.7
Cut government spending	61.3	70.9	59.5	64.3	63.9
Increase taxes	18.2	17.7	20.8	14.1	17.7
Not sure	11.5	5.5	7.2	10.4	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Table of observed frequencies:

	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN/OTHER	Total
Increase debt limit	71	17	1	12	101
Cut government spending	562	48	37	18	665
Increase taxes	133	30	3	18	184
Not sure	57	19	11	3	90
Total	823	114	52	51	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN/OTHER	Total
Increase debt limit	8.6	14.9	1.9	23.5	9.7
Cut government spending	68.3	42.1	71.2	35.3	63.9
Increase taxes	16.2	26.3	5.8	35.3	17.7
Not sure	6.9	16.7	21.2	5.9	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

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Table of observed frequencies:

	- AGE 30	30s	40s	50s	60+	Total
Increase debt limit	6	6	11	29	49	101
Cut government spending	48	120	112	127	258	665
Increase taxes	36	24	30	31	63	184
Not sure	30	0	4	13	43	90
Total	120	150	157	200	413	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	- AGE 30	30s	40s	50s	60+	Total
Increase debt limit	5.0	4.0	7.0	14.5	11.9	9.7
Cut government spending	40.0	80.0	71.3	63.5	62.5	63.9
Increase taxes	30.0	16.0	19.1	15.5	15.3	17.7
Not sure	25.0	0.0	2.5	6.5	10.4	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table of observed frequencies:

	- \$50K	\$50K - \$75K	\$75K - \$125K	\$125K +	Total
Increase debt limit	39	22	17	23	101
Cut government spending	301	157	148	59	665
Increase taxes	62	25	43	54	184
Not sure	38	24	20	8	90
Total	440	228	228	144	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	- \$50K	\$50K - \$75K	\$75K - \$125K	\$125K +	Total
Increase debt limit	8.9	9.6	7.5	16.0	9.7
Cut government spending	68.4	68.9	64.9	41.0	63.9
Increase taxes	14.1	11.0	18.9	37.5	17.7
Not sure	8.6	10.5	8.8	5.6	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

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Table of observed frequencies:

	GET GOVT BENIES	NO GOVT BENIES	Total
Increase debt limit	59	42	101
Cut government spending	281	384	665
Increase taxes	75	109	184
Not sure	51	39	90
Total	466	574	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	GET GOVT BENIES	NO GOVT BENIES	Total
Increase debt limit	12.7	7.3	9.7
Cut government spending	60.3	66.9	63.9
Increase taxes	16.1	19.0	17.7
Not sure	10.9	6.8	8.7
Total	100	100	100

Table of observed frequencies:

	PVT SECTOR	PUB SECTOR	NON-PROFIT	UNEMP-RET	Total
Increase debt limit	31	16	4	50	101
Cut government spending	229	134	58	244	665
Increase taxes	67	35	14	68	184
Not sure	18	19	2	51	90
Total	345	204	78	413	1040

Table of percentages / columns:

	PVT SECTOR	PUB SECTOR	NON-PROFIT	UNEMP-RET	Total
Increase debt limit	9.0	7.8	5.1	12.1	9.7
Cut government spending	66.4	65.7	74.4	59.1	63.9
Increase taxes	19.4	17.2	17.9	16.5	17.7
Not sure	5.2	9.3	2.6	12.3	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100