

# DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From January 13 to 15, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,188 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,188 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** How much have you read or heard about the United States approaching a deadline to raise the federal debt limit, the amount of money the U.S. government can legally borrow?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
A lot	14	17	14	11	8	22	11	16	11	20	17	14	17
A little	56	58	52	59	56	57	50	60	56	57	51	58	52
Nothing at all	29	25	34	30	36	21	39	24	32	24	32	28	31
Weighted N	1,188	437	327	424	632	556	406	782	753	435	113	926	164

**[2]** How important do you think it is that Congress addresses raising the debt limit?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Very important	29	39	24	22	24	35	25	31	28	32	44	27	32
Somewhat important	27	31	22	28	29	26	29	26	27	29	27	27	31
Only a little important	13	8	16	15	11	14	12	13	13	13	10	13	12
Not at all important	13	5	12	20	12	13	11	13	12	14	4	13	10
Not sure	18	17	26	14	24	12	23	16	21	13	15	19	15
Weighted N	1,188	437	327	424	632	556	406	782	753	435	113	926	164

**[3]** The federal debt limit is the amount of money that Congress determines the U.S. government can legally borrow.

Once the debt limit is reached, the U.S. government would default on its financial obligations and be unable to make payments like those that fund Social Security checks, Medicare, and federal workers' salaries.

Recently, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen stated that if lawmakers do not raise the debt limit, it could force the U.S. to default on its debt by June.

Would you support or oppose Congress raising the debt limit?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	27	42	26	12	25	29	21	30	25	31	33	26	28
Somewhat support	31	36	30	27	32	31	34	30	31	32	26	33	26
Somewhat oppose	16	10	16	22	15	17	14	16	16	16	10	16	16
Strongly oppose	15	5	12	29	14	18	16	15	16	14	15	15	18
Don't know	11	8	15	10	15	6	15	9	13	7	16	10	12
<b>SUPPORT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>OPPOSE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+63</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+20</b>
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**[4]** Some Republican lawmakers have said they would not raise the debt limit unless Democrats agree to cut spending on programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

When thinking about this, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Republicans should force Democrats to cut spending on programs like Social Security and Medicare in exchange for raising the debt limit	9	4	10	15	9	10	11	8	9	11	10	9	7
Republicans should raise the debt limit without forcing any spending cuts on programs like Social Security and Medicare	63	78	59	50	62	63	53	68	61	66	56	65	58
Republicans should not raise the debt limit under any condition	17	10	17	24	15	20	20	16	18	15	17	17	21
Don't know	11	8	14	11	14	7	15	8	12	8	17	9	14
Weighted N	1,188	437	327	424	632	556	406	782	753	435	113	926	164

**[5]** Regarding the debt limit, do you believe Republicans in Congress should prioritize working with Joe Biden and Democrats to enact solutions both parties can agree on, or work to oppose Democrats?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Republicans should prioritize working towards solutions both parties agree on	62	81	60	45	62	62	64	61	59	68	69	62	61
Republicans should prioritize opposing Democrats	23	8	18	42	19	27	18	25	24	20	11	25	20
Don't know	15	11	22	14	19	11	18	13	17	12	20	13	19
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