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Base	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	White	Black	Hispanic	Other

The debt ceiling is the legal limit on how much the US Government can borrow to fund current spending commitments within a certain period of time.

Unweighted Base	555	267	288	132	174	249	90	111	219	135	407	56	39	53
<b>Base: All US adults (split 1)</b>	536	274	262	156	163	217	88	106	214	129	361	56	68	51
True	69%	77%	60%	59%	69%	76%	68%	67%	68%	72%	70%	64%	71%	62%
False	10%	13%	6%	11%	9%	9%	8%	10%	10%	11%	12%	7%	-	10%
Don't know	22%	10%	34%	31%	22%	15%	24%	23%	22%	17%	18%	29%	29%	28%

Thinking generally about the US debt ceiling, which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

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In general, the debt ceiling is a good idea and the US Government should continue to have one	49%	53%	44%	42%	45%	56%	32%	53%	51%	53%	51%	43%	48%	41%
In general, the debt ceiling is a bad idea and the US Government should no longer have one	20%	27%	13%	21%	22%	18%	23%	16%	23%	17%	21%	13%	19%	26%
Don't know/neither of these	31%	20%	42%	37%	33%	25%	45%	31%	26%	30%	28%	44%	33%	33%

The debt ceiling is the legal limit on how much the US Government can increase its spending within a certain period of time.

Unweighted Base	632	263	369	152	206	274	101	129	233	169	441	83	61	47
<b>Base: All US adults (split 2)</b>	640	306	334	202	196	242	104	122	241	172	394	89	113	44
True	51%	60%	43%	42%	52%	59%	47%	54%	54%	49%	52%	41%	58%	56%
False	20%	22%	19%	21%	17%	22%	18%	23%	19%	21%	24%	15%	10%	18%
Don't know	28%	18%	38%	37%	31%	19%	35%	24%	28%	29%	24%	44%	31%	26%

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<b>Base: All US adults (split 2)</b>	640	306	334	202	196	242	104	122	241	172	394	89	113	44
In general, the debt ceiling is a good idea and the US Government should continue to have one	47%	54%	41%	34%	48%	57%	43%	52%	49%	44%	49%	34%	53%	48%
In general, the debt ceiling is a bad idea and the US Government should no longer have one	19%	21%	17%	23%	17%	17%	14%	22%	19%	19%	20%	16%	13%	23%
Don't know/ neither of these	34%	25%	42%	43%	34%	26%	43%	26%	32%	37%	31%	50%	34%	29%

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Some people say that raising the debt ceiling should need approval from Congress. Other people say that raising the debt ceiling should be decided by the White House Administration without approval from Congress. Which of the following statements

	Unweighted Base	1187	530	657	284	380	523	191	240	452	304	848	139	100	100
<b>Base: All US adults</b>	1176	580	596	358	359	459	192	228	455	301	754	145	181	95	
Raising the debt ceiling should always need approval from Congress	50%	58%	43%	37%	49%	62%	43%	56%	49%	53%	58%	29%	38%	46%	
Raising the debt ceiling should need approval from Congress on some occasions and should be decided by the White House Administration without approval from Congress on other occasions	20%	19%	21%	22%	21%	18%	28%	19%	18%	20%	17%	32%	24%	23%	
Raising the debt ceiling should always be decided by the White House Administration without approval from Congress	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	5%	6%	13%	6%	6%	
Don't know/ none of these	22%	16%	28%	34%	23%	13%	22%	17%	25%	23%	19%	27%	32%	25%	