



DEBT CEILING DEBATE AND SLOWING RATE OF SPENDING INCREASES

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Key Takeaways

- 59 percent of Americans agree that slowing the rate of planned spending increases is a “responsible way” to reduce budget deficits, debt, and reduce inflation.
- Only 20 percent see it as an “irresponsible cut.”
- 49 percent prefer a Republican candidate who supports the approach of the House GOP debt ceiling bill compared to just 37 percent who prefer a Democratic candidate who opposes it.
 - This is an 8-point swing in favor of the Republican candidate compared to the generic ballot.

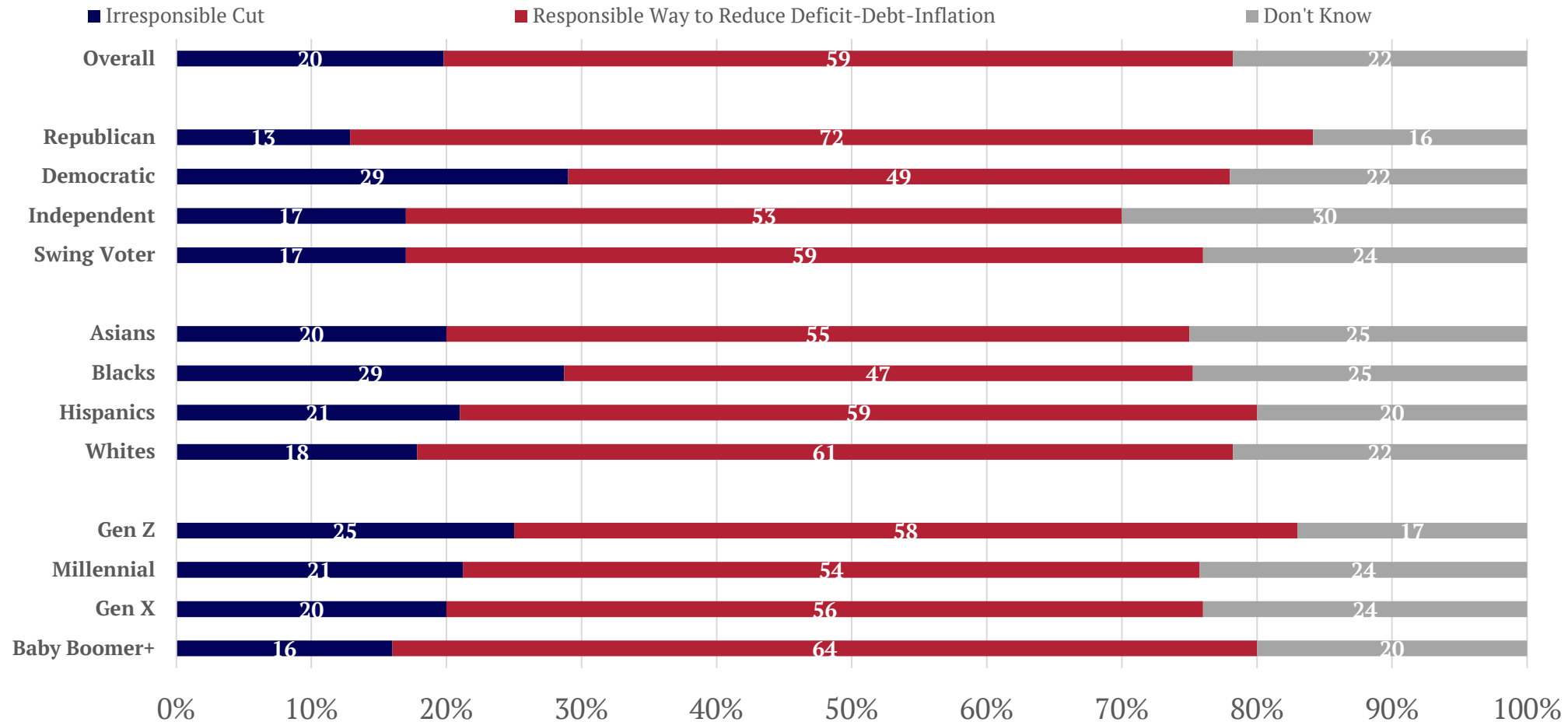
BOTTOM LINE – In the current debt ceiling debate, public opinion is on the side of Speaker McCarthy and House Republicans.



Slowing Rate of Spending Increases Seen as “Responsible” By Most Americans

Every year, Congress passes a ten-year budget that usually includes planned, yearly budget increases for various government programs and agencies. If Congress passes a bill that slows the rate of planned spending increases for a program or agency, which do you agree with more?

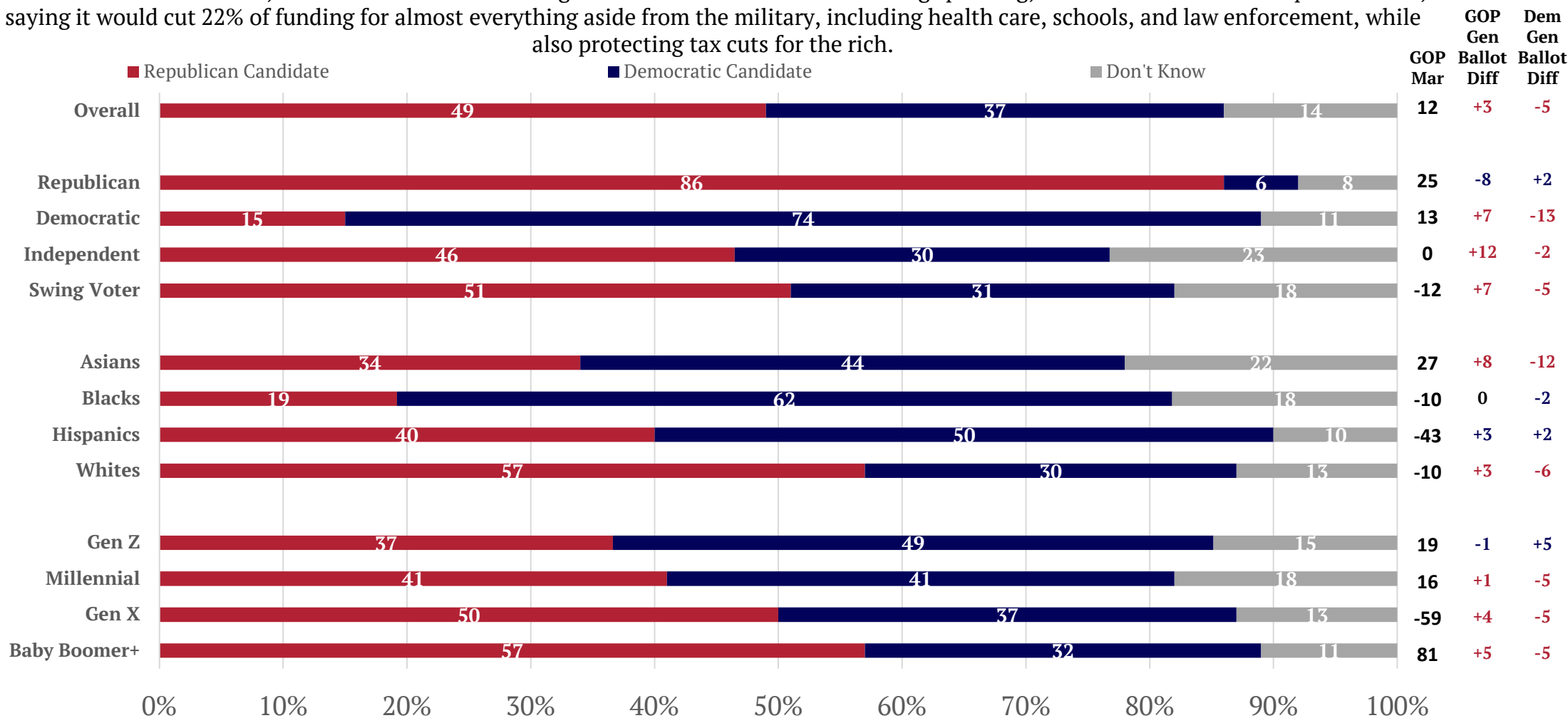
1. It is an irresponsible cut to government programs.
2. It is a responsible way to reduce budget deficits and debt and reduce inflation.



Focusing On Debt Ceiling Bill Debate Produces 8 Points Swing Toward GOP Candidate Compared to Generic Ballot

Which candidate for Congress would you be more likely to support?

1. A Republican candidate, who believes it would be irresponsible to allow the U.S. to accumulate more debt without cutting spending, and that returning spending to 2022 levels and capping spending growth at 1% per year going forward is reasonable.
2. A Democratic candidate, who believes the debt ceiling should be raised WITHOUT cutting spending, and who criticizes the Republican bill, saying it would cut 22% of funding for almost everything aside from the military, including health care, schools, and law enforcement, while also protecting tax cuts for the rich.





About The American Majority Project

The American Majority Project is committed to helping a wide range of Americans — Republicans, Democrats, and Independents — find common ground to solve the extraordinary challenges threatening American prosperity, safety and freedom.

The American Majority Project will identify issues and language that unify 70 - 80 percent of the American people. As issues are identified and language is developed, the American Majority Project will produce materials to educate and train activists, candidates, and campaign staff to win elections and govern successfully.

About The Study

Analysis based on poll of 2000 likely general election voters conducted by McLaughlin & Associates on behalf of The American Majority Project from May 18 – 21, 2023.

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