



**Republican Main Street Partnership and Women2Women**  
**Nationwide Republican Primary Voter Survey**  
**Survey of N=1,026 Likely Republican Primary Voters Nationwide**  
**Sample from Lucid sample exchange, matched to L2 Voter File**  
**Field Dates: August 31–September 4, 2023**  
**Margin of Error: ± 3.8 Percentage Points**

**KEY ISSUES: SHUTDOWN**

- 1. [QShutdownAware] Have you heard anything in the last few weeks about the possibility of a government shutdown this fall? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

HEARD NOTHING/VERY LITTLE	61%
HEARD A LOT/SOME	34%
1. Heard nothing	31%
2. Heard very little	30%
3. Heard some	29%
4. Heard a lot	5%
5. Unsure	5%
  
- 2. [QShutdownProblem] Currently, federal government funding is set to expire in just a few weeks. Congress must pass bills to authorize government spending before that deadline, or else the federal government will shutdown until funding is authorized. How much of a problem, if any, would you consider a federal government shutdown? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

NOT A PROBLEM/A MINOR PROBLEM	30%
A MAJOR PROBLEM/A CRISIS	67%
1. Not really a problem	12%
2. A minor problem	18%
3. A major problem	46%
4. A crisis	21%
5. Unsure	4%
  
- 3. [QPastShutdownAware] During the last decade, there have been a few government shutdowns that have taken place. How much, if at all, do you recall those shutdowns? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

I RECALL NOTHING ABOUT THEM/VERY LITTLE	41%
I RECALL SOME THINGS/A LOT	57%
1. I recall nothing about them	11%
2. I recall very little	29%
3. I recall some things	43%
4. I recall a lot	14%
5. Unsure	2%

**4. [QShutdownChoice] Which of the following do you agree with more, even if neither is perfect? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-2, 2-1]**

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| 1. I hope my Member of Congress works with others across party lines to keep the government open, and shouldn't let fights over policy issues shut the federal government down in the process | 51% |
| 2. I hope my Member of Congress sticks to his or her principles and isn't afraid to shut down the federal government to get what he or she thinks is right                                    | 39% |
| 3. Unsure   | 10% |

**5. [QShutdownBlame] If the federal government shuts down, which party do you think will be more responsible for that happening? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

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| DEFINITELY/PROBABLY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY | 50% |
| DEFINITELY/PROBABLY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY | 16% |
| 1. Definitely the Democratic Party       | 38% |
| 2. Probably the Democratic Party         | 12% |
| 3. Both parties equally                  | 30% |
| 4. Probably the Republican Party         | 5%  |
| 5. Definitely the Republican Party       | 11% |
| 6. Unsure                                | 5%  |

## **METHODOLOGY**

This survey was fielded from August 31–September 4, 2023 among a sample of N=1,026 likely 2024 Republican primary voters nationwide. Respondents were contacted through web sample providers and completed the survey online. The sample was matched to the L2 voter file to verify respondents' voter registration status, and was weighted to population benchmarks for likely Republican primary voters nationwide on gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and Census region. Calculated the way it would be for a random sample and adjusted to incorporate the effect of weighting, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm$  3.8 percentage points.

This survey was conducted by Echelon Insights on behalf of the Republican Main Street Partnership and Women2Women.