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**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 2-7, 2018 with a random sample of –1,024— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.**

**Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).**

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7. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

	Jan 2-11, 2018	Dec 4-11, 2017	Nov 2-8, 2017	Oct 5-11, 2017	Sep 6-10, 2017	Aug 2-6, 2017	Jul 5-9, 2017
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Economy in general	4	3	4	5	6	6	8
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	3	2	1	2	2	1	1
Taxes	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Unemployment/Jobs	2	3	4	5	4	7	6
Wage issues	1	*	*	*	*	1	2
Lack of money	1	1	1	1	*	1	*
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	*	*	1	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	1	--	--	--	1	--	--
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	--	--	*	*	*
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>79</b>
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	25	22	23	20	18	20	19
Immigration/Illegal aliens	8	5	6	5	11	7	7
Race relations/Racism	7	8	10	14	12	7	4
Healthcare	6	5	9	7	6	17	16
Unifying the country	5	8	7	11	8	6	7
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	4	2	3	3	2	3	2
International issues, problems	4	1	1	3	1	4	3
Education	3	2	3	1	2	3	2
Crime/Violence	3	2	4	4	3	3	3
Lack of respect for each other	3	5	4	4	2	3	2
Drugs	3	1	2	1	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	3	3	2	1	2	1	1
Situation with North Korea	2	5	3	5	6	4	4
Terrorism	2	3	5	2	1	3	4
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	2	6	4	3	4	3	4
Environment/Pollution	2	3	2	2	3	2	3
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
The media	2	1	2	2	3	2	*
National security	2	2	3	2	2	3	3
Guns/Gun control	1	1	5	4	*	*	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	1	1	--
Advancement of Computers/Technology	1	1	*	--	--	--	--
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Situation with Russia	*	*	*	*	--	1	1
Abortion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	1	--	--	--	*	--
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	*	1	--	*	*	1
Overpopulation	*	--	*	*	*	*	--
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	--	*	*	*	*
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	*	*	*	1	4	--	--
Lack of military defense	*	1	1	*	*	1	*
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	--	*	--	*	*	--	--
War/conflict between Middle East nations	-	*	*	*	--	*	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	--	*	--	*	--	*	*
Other non-economic	6	8	5	7	5	4	6
No opinion	3	3	4	4	4	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>132%</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>128%</b>	<b>119%</b>