

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## JUNE WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted June 11-13, 2010 with a random sample of **-1,014—**adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with **95%** confidence that the margin of error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-515—**national adults in Form A and **-499—**national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-926--** registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

Note: Q.4 should be cited as a Gallup poll.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

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.

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

	Jun 11-13, 2010	May 3-6, 2010	Apr 8-11, 2010	Mar 4-7, 2010	Feb 1-3, 2010	Jan 8-10, 2010	Dec 11-13, 2009
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>
1 Economy in general	28	26	23	24	31	25	26
2 Unemployment/jobs	21	22	30	31	31	22	16
3 Federal budget deficit/federal debt	7	9	10	8	11	6	8
4 Lack of money	4	4	4	5	6	5	6
5 Recession	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
6 High cost of living/inflation	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
7 Corporate corruption	1	2	1	1	2	1	*
8 Taxes	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
9 Gap between rich and poor	*	*	1	*	1	*	1
10 Foreign trade/trade deficit	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
11 Fuel/Oil Prices	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
12 Wage issues	*	*	*	*	1	*	--
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>
1 Natural disaster response/relief	18	1	*	--	1	--	--
2 Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power	14	12	14	10	10	11	9
3 Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care	11	15	17	20	23	18	16
4 Immigration/illegal aliens	5	10	2	1	3	3	2
5 Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty	4	4	2	4	2	3	5
6 Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war	4	2	3	4	4	6	6
7 Environment/ pollution	3	3	1	2	1	1	3
8 Foreign aid/focus overseas	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
9 Energy/Lack of energy sources	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
10 Education/poor education/access to education	2	2	4	2	4	3	3
11 Situation/War in Iraq	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
12 Lack of respect for each other	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
13 Judicial system/courts/laws	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
14 Crime/violence	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
15 Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	1	2	1	2	1	4
Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness	1	2	2	1	3	1	2
Terrorism	1	4	1	2	4	8	3
National security	1	3	3	2	4	4	1
International issues/ problems	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	1	1	1	1	*
Social Security	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
Race relations/ racism	1	1	*	*	1	*	1
Abortion	1	*	*	*	1	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	*	*	--	*	1	*
Welfare	1	1	*	1	*	*	*
Drugs	1	1	1	*	*	*	*
Children's behavior/way they are raised	*	*	1	1	1	*	1
Lack of military defense	*	1	1	1	1	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	--	*	*	*	--	1
Unifying the country	*	1	1	*	*	1	*
Guns/gun control	*	*	*	*	--	*	--
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Overpopulation	--	*	--	*	*	*	*
Elections/Election reform	--	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other non-economic	1	2	3	2	1	2	3
No opinion	1	2	2	1	3	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>153%</b>	<b>151%</b>	<b>146%</b>	<b>139%</b>	<b>168%</b>	<b>143%</b>	<b>135%</b>

