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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 5-8, 2010 with a random sample of **-1,013—**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 **-508—**national adults in Form A and **-505—**national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5** percentage points.

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]

|  | Aug<br>5-8,<br>2010 | Jul<br>8-11,<br>2010 | Jun<br>11-13,<br>2010 | May<br>3-6,<br>2010 | Apr<br>8-11,<br>2010 | Mar<br>4-7,<br>2010 | Feb<br>1-3,<br>2010 |
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| <i>Recent Trend:</i>   |                     |                      |                       |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| <b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>   | <b>65</b>           | <b>64</b>            | <b>57</b>             | <b>59</b>           | <b>63</b>            | <b>66</b>           | <b>72</b>           |
| 1 Economy in general   | 30                  | 31                   | 28                    | 26                  | 23                   | 24                  | 31                  |
| 2 Unemployment/jobs  | 28                  | 22                   | 21                    | 22                  | 30                   | 31                  | 31                  |
| 3 Federal budget deficit/federal debt  | 7                   | 6                    | 7                     | 9                   | 10                   | 8                   | 11                  |
| 4 Lack of money  | 2                   | 3                    | 4                     | 4                   | 4                    | 5                   | 6                   |
| 5 Taxes  | 2                   | 2                    | 1                     | 1                   | 2                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 6 Corporate corruption   | 2                   | 1                    | 1                     | 2                   | 1                    | 1                   | 2                   |
| 7 High cost of living/inflation  | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 1                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 8 Foreign trade/trade deficit  | 1                   | *                    | *                     | *                   | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 9 Recession  | *                   | 1                    | 1                     | *                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 10 Gap between rich and poor   | *                   | *                    | *                     | *                   | 1                    | *                   | 1                   |
| 11 Fuel/Oil Prices   | *                   | 5                    | *                     | 1                   | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 12 Wage issues   | --                  | *                    | *                     | *                   | *                    | *                   | 1                   |
| <b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>   | <b>51</b>           | <b>53</b>            | <b>65</b>             | <b>59</b>           | <b>54</b>            | <b>49</b>           | <b>57</b>           |
| 1 Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;<br>Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power | 12                  | 11                   | 14                    | 12                  | 14                   | 10                  | 10                  |
| 2 Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care  | 7                   | 7                    | 11                    | 15                  | 17                   | 20                  | 23                  |
| 3 Immigration/illegal aliens   | 7                   | 7                    | 5                     | 10                  | 2                    | 1                   | 3                   |
| 4 Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty  | 5                   | 3                    | 4                     | 4                   | 2                    | 4                   | 2                   |
| 5 Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war  | 4                   | 4                    | 4                     | 2                   | 3                    | 4                   | 4                   |
| 6 Education/poor education/access to education   | 3                   | 3                    | 2                     | 2                   | 4                    | 2                   | 4                   |
| 7 Lack of respect for each other   | 3                   | 2                    | 2                     | 2                   | 1                    | 2                   | 1                   |
| 8 Natural disaster response/relief   | 3                   | 7                    | 18                    | 1                   | *                    | --                  | 1                   |
| 9 Situation/War in Afghanistan   | 2                   | 3                    | 1                     | 1                   | 2                    | 1                   | 2                   |
| 10 Foreign aid/focus overseas  | 1                   | 2                    | 2                     | 2                   | 1                    | 1                   | 2                   |
| 11 National security   | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 3                   | 3                    | 2                   | 4                   |
| 12 Situation/War in Iraq   | 1                   | 3                    | 2                     | 3                   | 2                    | 2                   | 2                   |
| 13 Energy/Lack of energy sources   | 1                   | 1                    | 2                     | 2                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 14 Terrorism   | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 4                   | 1                    | 2                   | 4                   |
| 15 Crime/violence  | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 1                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 16 Environment/ pollution  | 1                   | 2                    | 3                     | 3                   | 1                    | 2                   | 1                   |
| 17 Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness   | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 2                   | 2                    | 1                   | 3                   |
| 18 Judicial system/courts/laws   | 1                   | 1                    | 2                     | 2                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 19 Social Security   | 1                   | 1                    | 1                     | 1                   | 1                    | *                   | 1                   |
| 20 International issues/ problems  | 1                   | *                    | 1                     | 1                   | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 21 War/conflict between Middle East nations  | 1                   | *                    | 1                     | *                   | *                    | --                  | *                   |
| 22 Race relations/ racism  | *                   | 1                    | 1                     | 1                   | *                    | *                   | 1                   |
| 23 Gay rights issues   | *                   | --                   | *                     | --                  | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 24 Welfare   | *                   | *                    | 1                     | 1                   | *                    | 1                   | *                   |
| 25 Lack of military defense  | *                   | *                    | *                     | 1                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 26 Drugs   | *                   | 1                    | 1                     | 1                   | 1                    | *                   | *                   |
| 27 The media   | *                   | 1                    | *                     | *                   | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 28 Care for the elderly/Medicare   | *                   | 1                    | 1                     | *                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| 29 Abortion  | *                   | --                   | 1                     | *                   | *                    | *                   | 1                   |
| 30 Elections/Election reform   | *                   | *                    | --                    | *                   | *                    | *                   | *                   |
| 31 Unifying the country  | *                   | *                    | *                     | 1                   | 1                    | *                   | *                   |
| Guns/gun control   | --                  | --                   | *                     | *                   | *                    | *                   | --                  |
| Overpopulation   | --                  | *                    | --                    | *                   | --                   | *                   | *                   |
| Children's behavior/way they are raised  | --                  | --                   | *                     | *                   | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   |
| Other non-economic   | 4                   | 2                    | 1                     | 2                   | 3                    | 2                   | 1                   |
| No opinion   | 2                   | 3                    | 1                     | 2                   | 2                    | 1                   | 3                   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>141%</b>         | <b>144%</b>          | <b>153%</b>           | <b>151%</b>         | <b>146%</b>          | <b>139%</b>         | <b>168%</b>         |

