

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note: Q.29-37 and 40 should be reported as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.**

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 4-7, 2010 with a random sample of –1,021—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 –511—national adults in Form A and –510—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]

	Nov 4-7, 2010	Oct 7-10, 2010	Sep 13-16, 2010	Aug 5-8, 2010	Jul 8-11, 2010	Jun 11-13, 2010	May 3-6, 2010
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>
1 Unemployment/jobs	33	28	28	28	22	21	22
2 Economy in general	31	35	33	30	31	28	26
3 Federal budget deficit/federal debt	9	5	7	7	6	7	9
4 Lack of money	3	4	3	2	3	4	4
5 Taxes	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
6 High cost of living/inflation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7 Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	*	*	*	*
8 Foreign trade/trade deficit	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
9 Corporate corruption	1	1	*	2	1	1	2
10 Recession	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
11 Wage issues	*	--	*	--	*	*	*
12 Fuel/Oil Prices	*	*	*	*	5	*	1
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>
1 Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care	15	10	6	7	7	11	15
2 Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power	14	11	11	12	11	14	12
3 Education/poor education/access to education	5	5	3	3	3	2	2
4 Immigration/illegal aliens	4	4	5	7	7	5	10
5 Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war	3	5	3	4	4	4	2
6 Lack of respect for each other	3	2	1	3	2	2	2
7 Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty	2	3	3	5	3	4	4
8 Judicial system/courts/laws	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
9 Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
10 Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	1	*	2	3	1	1
11 Environment/ pollution	1	1	1	1	2	3	3
12 Situation/War in Iraq	1	1	1	1	3	2	3
13 Social Security	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14 Terrorism	1	2	1	1	1	1	4
15 Welfare	1	*	*	*	*	1	1
16 International issues/ problems	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
17 National security	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
18 Foreign aid/focus overseas	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
19 Elections/Election reform	1	*	*	*	*	--	*
20 Abortion	1	1	*	*	--	1	*
21 Race relations/ racism	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
22 Drugs	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
23 Guns/gun control	1	*	--	--	--	*	*
24 Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	1	1	1	2	2
25 Crime/violence	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
26 Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
27 Natural disaster response/relief	*	--	*	3	7	18	1
28 Lack of military defense	*	1	1	*	*	*	1
29 The media	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
30 Children's behavior/way they are raised	*	--	--	--	--	*	*
31 Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	--	*	--
32 Unifying the country	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	*	*	1	*	1	*
Overpopulation	--	--	*	--	*	--	*
Other non-economic	3	2	3	4	2	1	2
No opinion	2	3	1	2	3	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>155%</b>	<b>144%</b>	<b>132%</b>	<b>141%</b>	<b>144%</b>	<b>153%</b>	<b>151%</b>

