

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## JANUARY WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note:** Q.19-21 should be cited as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 7-9, 2011 with a random sample of –1,018—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of – 805—homeowners, one can say, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  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 2010 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]

	Jan 7-9, 2011	Dec 10-12, 2010	Nov 4-7, 2010	Oct 7-10, 2010	Sep 13-16, 2010	Aug 5-8, 2010	Jul 8-11, 2010
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>
1 Unemployment/jobs	29	24	33	28	28	28	22
2 Economy in general	26	30	31	35	33	30	31
3 Federal budget deficit/federal debt	12	10	9	5	7	7	6
4 Lack of money	4	3	3	4	3	2	3
5 Fuel/Oil Prices	3	1	*	*	*	*	5
6 Taxes	2	4	2	2	1	2	2
7 Corporate corruption	1	*	1	1	*	2	1
8 High cost of living/inflation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9 Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	1	*	*
10 Wage issues	*	*	*	--	*	--	*
11 Recession	*	1	*	1	1	*	1
12 Foreign trade/trade deficit	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>
1 Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care	13	8	15	10	6	7	7
2 Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power	11	13	14	11	11	12	11
3 Immigration/illegal aliens	6	4	4	4	5	7	7
4 Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war	5	5	3	5	3	4	4
5 Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty	3	5	2	3	3	5	3
6 Education/poor education/access to education	3	6	5	5	3	3	3
7 Lack of respect for each other	2	2	3	2	1	3	2
8 Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness	2	3	2	2	2	1	1
9 Foreign aid/focus overseas	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
10 Terrorism	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
11 Judicial system/courts/laws	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
12 National security	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13 Children's behavior/way they are raised	1	*	*	--	--	--	--
14 Environment/ pollution	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
15 Race relations/ racism	1	*	1	*	1	*	1
16 Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
17 Crime/violence	1	*	*	1	1	1	1
18 Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	*	1	1	*	2	3
19 Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	*	*	1	1	1	1
20 Welfare	1	*	1	*	*	*	*
21 Unifying the country	*	2	*	*	1	*	*
22 International issues/ problems	*	1	1	1	1	1	*
23 Social Security	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
24 Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	*	*	--
25 Lack of military defense	*	1	*	1	1	*	*
26 Situation/War in Iraq	*	1	1	1	1	1	3
27 Guns/gun control	*	*	1	*	--	--	--
28 Abortion	*	*	1	1	*	*	--
29 Drugs	*	1	1	*	*	*	1
30 Elections/Election reform	*	--	1	*	*	*	*
31 War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	--	*	*	1	*
Natural disaster response/relief	--	--	*	--	*	3	7
The media	--	--	*	*	*	*	1
Situation in China	--	1	*	*	--	--	*
Other non-economic	3	3	3	2	3	4	2
No opinion	1	1	2	3	1	2	3
Total	147%	143%	155%	144%	132%	141%	144%

