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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 ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 805—homeowners, one can say, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±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.

12. Next, how important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- is it -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

2011 Jan 7-9 (sorted by "extremely important")	Extremely important	Extremely/Very important
The economy	52	93
Unemployment	47	89
The federal budget deficit	44	84
Corruption in government	44	83
Education	40	79
Health care	40	78
Terrorism	40	76
Social Security	36	78
Medicare	32	71
The situation in Afghanistan	32	71
Gas and home heating prices	31	68
Illegal immigration	30	64
Taxes	27	66
The situation in Iraq	27	62
The environment	24	59

Issue Importance Trends

A. The economy

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	52	41	7	1	*
2007 Jan 5-7	42	39	16	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22	46	41	11	1	*
2005 Dec 9-11	47	34	17	2	*
2005 Apr 1-2	41	46	11	1	1
2005 Feb 4-6	44	44	11	1	*
2004 Dec 17-19	40	46	13	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5	49	42	8	1	*
2002 May 28-29 ^	38	45	14	2	1
2002 Jan 11-14	44	43	11	1	1
2001 Oct 5-6	54	36	10	*	*
2001 Jan 10-14	34	51	12	2	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

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B. Health care

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	40	38	15	6	1
2007 Jan 5-7 ‡	50	36	11	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22 ^	47	39	12	2	*
2005 Dec 9-11 †	48	31	17	3	1
2005 Apr 1-2 †	46	42	9	2	1
2005 Feb 4-6 †	49	39	11	1	*
2004 Dec 17-19 †‡	42	45	12	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5 †‡	45	36	17	1	1

^ WORDING: Health care policy

† WORDING: Health care costs

‡ Asked of a half sample.

C. Illegal Immigration

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	30	34	26	9	1
2007 Jan 5-7 ^	38	31	25	6	1
2006 Jan 20-22 ^	31	33	30	4	1
2005 Dec 9-11 ^	27	30	37	5	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^†	27	38	26	8	1
2002 Jan 11-14 ^	30	33	29	7	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	17	29	39	12	3

^ WORDING: Immigration

† Asked of a half sample.

D. Social Security

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	36	42	19	3	1
2007 Jan 5-7	45	35	17	2	1
2005 Dec 9-11	44	32	19	4	1
2005 Apr 1-2	37	42	15	5	1
2005 Feb 4-6	41	38	15	5	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	40	42	14	4	*
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	41	36	20	3	*
2002 May 28-29 ^	41	39	16	3	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

E. Medicare

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	32	39	23	5	1
2007 Jan 5-7	43	37	17	2	1
2003 Jan 3-5	36	43	18	3	*

F. The situation in Afghanistan

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	32	39	21	6	2

G. The situation in Iraq

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	27	35	26	9	2
2007 Jan 5-7^	62	28	7	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22	58	34	6	1	1
2005 Dec 9-11	59	32	7	2	*
2005 Feb 4-6	53	36	7	3	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	51	39	7	1	2
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	46	35	15	3	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

H. Terrorism

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	40	36	17	5	1
2007 Jan 5-7	55	31	12	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22	57	32	9	1	1
2005 Dec 9-11	58	30	10	2	*
2005 Apr 1-2	47	41	10	2	*
2005 Feb 4-6	54	35	10	1	*
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	49	38	10	3	*
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	59	31	8	2	0
2002 May 28-29 ^	53	35	9	2	1
2002 Jan 11-14	62	31	5	1	1
2001 Oct 5-6	70	25	4	1	*

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

I. Unemployment

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	47	42	9	2	*
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	35	42	17	5	1
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	39	41	18	2	*

^ Asked of a half sample.

J. Corruption in government

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	44	39	13	3	*
2007 Jan 5-7	52	31	14	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22	45	37	15	2	1

K. The federal budget deficit

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	44	40	12	3	2
2007 Jan 5-7	42	34	19	3	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	35	42	18	3	2
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	32	36	25	5	2
2002 May 28-29 ^	25	37	28	8	2
2002 Jan 11-14	30	35	28	5	2

^ Asked of a half sample.

L. Education

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	40	39	17	4	1
2005 Feb 4-6	45	40	12	2	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	44	42	13	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	44	39	14	3	0
2002 May 28-29 ^	44	42	10	4	*
2002 Jan 11-14	46	38	14	2	*
2001 Oct 5-6	46	37	14	3	*
2001 Jun 8-10	61	32	6	1	*

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

M. The environment

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	24	35	29	11	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	24	38	30	7	1
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	25	38	30	6	1
2002 May 28-29 ^	24	41	29	5	1
2001 Jan 10-14	26	43	25	5	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

N. Gas and home heating prices

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	31	37	25	7	*
2005 Dec 9-11	41	32	23	3	1
2005 Apr 1-2 ^	44	35	17	4	*

^ Wording: Gas prices

O. Taxes

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Not that important	No opinion
2011 Jan 7-9	27	39	28	4	1
2005 Feb 4-6	31	40	24	4	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	26	40	28	5	1
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	28	37	29	5	1
2002 May 28-29 ^	26	39	27	5	3
2002 Jan 11-14	30	38	27	4	1
2001 Jan 10-14	31	42	21	4	2

^ Asked of a half sample.