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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 2-5, 2011 with a random sample of 1,015—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.**

**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]

	Feb 2-5, 2011	Jan 7-9, 2011	Dec 10-12, 2010	Nov 4-7, 2010	Oct 7-10, 2010	Sep 13-16, 2010	Aug 5-8, 2010
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>
1 Unemployment/jobs	35	29	24	33	28	28	28
2 Economy in general	29	26	30	31	35	33	30
3 Federal budget deficit/federal debt	11	12	10	9	5	7	7
4 Lack of money	4	4	3	3	4	3	2
5 Taxes	2	2	4	2	2	1	2
6 High cost of living/inflation	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
7 Corporate corruption	1	1	*	1	1	*	2
8 Fuel/Oil Prices	1	3	1	*	*	*	*
9 Recession	1	*	1	*	1	1	*
10 Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
11 Wage issues	1	*	*	*	--	*	--
12 Foreign trade/trade deficit	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>
1 Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care	16	13	8	15	10	6	7
2 Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power	12	11	13	14	11	11	12
3 Education/poor education/access to education	6	3	6	5	5	3	3
4 Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty	4	3	5	2	3	3	5
5 Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war	4	5	5	3	5	3	4
6 Lack of respect for each other	4	2	2	3	2	1	3
7 Immigration/illegal aliens	4	6	4	4	4	5	7
8 Foreign aid/focus overseas	3	2	1	1	1	2	1
9 International issues/ problems	2	*	1	1	1	1	1
10 Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness	2	2	3	2	2	2	1
11 Terrorism	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
12 Unifying the country	1	*	2	*	*	1	*
13 Social Security	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
14 Lack of military defense	1	*	1	*	1	1	*
15 Environment/ pollution	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16 National security	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17 Judicial system/courts/laws	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
18 Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	1	*	1	1	*	2
19 Situation/War in Iraq	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
20 Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	*	*	1	1	*
21 War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	*	*	--	*	*	1
22 Welfare	1	1	*	1	*	*	*
23 Crime/violence	1	1	*	*	1	1	1
24 Advancement of Computers/Technology	1	*	*	--	*	--	*
25 Abortion	*	*	*	1	1	*	*
26 Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	*	*	1	1	1
27 Race relations/ racism	*	1	*	1	*	1	*
28 Guns/gun control	*	*	*	1	*	--	--
29 The media	*	--	--	*	*	*	*
30 Drugs	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
31 Situation in China	*	--	1	*	*	--	--
32 Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
33 Elections/Election reform	*	*	--	1	*	*	*
Children's behavior/way they are raised	--	1	*	*	--	--	--
Other non-economic	3	3	3	3	2	3	4
No opinion	2	1	1	2	3	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>168%</b>	<b>147%</b>	<b>143%</b>	<b>155%</b>	<b>144%</b>	<b>132%</b>	<b>141%</b>

