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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 3-6, 2011 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 –494—national adults in Form A and –527—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 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.

4. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

	Mar 3-6, 2011	Feb 2-5, 2011	Jan 7-9, 2011	Dec 10-12, 2010	Nov 4-7, 2010	Oct 7-10, 2010	Sep 13-16, 2010
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	72	70	68	66	69	69	69
Economy in general	28	29	26	30	31	35	33
Unemployment/jobs	26	35	29	24	33	28	28
Federal budget deficit/federal debt	13	11	12	10	9	5	7
Fuel/Oil Prices	6	1	3	1	*	*	*
Lack of money	4	4	4	3	3	4	3
High cost of living/inflation	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Taxes	1	2	2	4	2	2	1
Foreign trade/trade deficit	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Recession	*	1	*	1	*	1	1
Wage issues	*	1	*	*	*	--	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	47	56	50	52	51	46	44
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	11	12	11	13	14	11	11
Poor leadership; corruption; abuse of power							
Poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care	9	16	13	8	15	10	6
Wars/War (non-specific)/Fear of war	5	4	5	5	3	5	3
Education/poor education/access to education	4	6	3	6	5	5	3
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; dishonesty	3	4	3	5	2	3	3
Immigration/illegal aliens	2	4	6	4	4	4	5
Foreign aid/focus overseas	2	3	2	1	1	1	2
Terrorism	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	*	1	*	*	1	1
Lack of respect for each other	1	4	2	2	3	2	1
International issues/ problems	1	2	*	1	1	1	1
National security	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	*	*	1	1
Unifying the country	1	1	*	2	*	*	1
Environment/ pollution	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poverty/ hunger/ homelessness	1	2	2	3	2	2	2
Judicial system/courts/laws	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Welfare	1	1	1	*	1	*	*
Social Security	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	*	1	*	1	1
Race relations/ racism	1	*	1	*	1	*	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	1	*	*	--	*	*
Situation/War in Iraq	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Crime/violence	1	1	1	*	*	1	1
Drugs	1	*	*	1	1	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Advancement of Computers/Technology	*	1	*	*	--	*	--
Situation with China	*	*	--	1	*	*	--
Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children's behavior/way they are raised	*	--	1	*	*	--	--
Abortion	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Guns/gun control	*	*	*	*	1	*	--
The media	--	*	--	--	*	*	*
Elections/Election reform	--	*	*	--	1	*	*
Other non-economic	4	3	3	3	3	2	3
No opinion	1	2	1	1	2	3	1
Total	146%	168%	147%	143%	155%	144%	132%

