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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 5-8, 2012 with a random sample of –1,011— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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 –744—homeowners, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –479—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

8. Now thinking more broadly, what would you say worries you most about the national economy at this time?
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Jobs/unemployment	26
National debt/Federal budget deficit	16
Continuing economic decline/Economic instability	10
Outsourcing of jobs overseas/Create jobs here in U.S.	6
Obama not doing a good job/No plan/Lack of leadership	5
Political bickering/Congress	4
Healthcare/Medicaid	3
Corporate corruption/Corporations run the government	3
Housing crisis	3
The future for our children	2
Gas/Oil prices	2
Low wages/No raises	2
Education/Affordability of education	2
Taxes	2
Recession	2
Government regulation	2
Social Security	2
Divide between rich and poor	2
Foreign aid	1
Trade imbalance	1
Stock market	1
Welfare/Food stamps	1
Lack of support for small businesses	1
Borrowing/Dependence on China	1
Interest rates	1
Energy	1
Other	5
None/Nothing	4
No opinion	4

Responses total more than 100% due to multiple mentions