

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: MOOD OF THE NATION**

-- 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –744—homeowners, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –479—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  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.**

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19. Please tell me whether you are worried or not worried about each of the following happening. How about that -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**2012 Jan 5-8**

*(sorted by "worried")*

	Worried	Not worried
The economy will get worse rather than better in the next twelve months	72	26
You will outlive your money after you retire	57	42
You will not be able to maintain your standard of living	51	48
The value of your house will not increase	51	46
You will not be able to pay medical or health costs over the next twelve months	43	56
You or your spouse will lose a job within the next twelve months	34	63

**FULL TREND RESULTS:**

**A. You or your spouse will lose a job within the next twelve months**

	Worried	Not worried	No opinion
2012 Jan 5-8	34	63	3
2011 Jan 7-9	30	68	1
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2 †	23	74	3
2004 Jan 2-5	21	78	1
2002 Dec 16-17	24	73	3
2002 Oct 3-6	27	70	3
2002 Jul 29-31	22	73	5
2002 Jul 26-28 ^	27	70	3
2001 Oct 5-6 ^	29	70	1
1992 Oct 23-25 ^	29	67	4
1992 Jan 3-6 ^	36	62	2
1991 Nov ^	31	65	4

^ WORDING: Please tell me whether you are worried or not worried about each of the following happening in the next 12 months. How about (that you or your spouse will lose a job)?

† Asked of a half sample

**Q.19 (FINANCIAL WORRIES) CONTINUED**

**B. You will not be able to maintain your standard of living**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	51	48	*
2011 Jan 7-9	53	46	*
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2 †	50	50	*
2004 Jan 2-5	34	66	*
2002 Dec 16-17	36	63	1
2002 Oct 3-6	44	55	1
2002 Jul 29-31	38	61	1
2002 Jul 26-28 ^	40	59	1
2001 Oct 5-6 ^	36	64	*
1992 Oct 23-25 ^	46	54	*
1992 Jan 3-6 ^	48	52	*
1991 Nov ^	44	56	*

^ WORDING: Please tell me whether you are worried or not worried about each of the following happening in the next 12 months. How about (that you will not be able to maintain your standard of living)?

† Asked of a half sample

**C. You will not be able to pay medical or health costs over the next twelve months**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	43	56	1
2011 Jan 7-9	43	56	*
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2 †	33	66	1
2004 Jan 2-5	32	68	*
2002 Dec 16-17	33	67	*
2002 Oct 3-6	35	64	1
2002 Jul 29-31	32	68	*
2001 Oct 5-6 ^	36	64	*
1992 Oct 23-25 ^	46	54	*
1992 Jan 3-6 ^	48	52	*
1991 Nov ^	45	54	1

^ WORDING: Please tell me whether you are worried or not worried about each of the following happening in the next 12 months. How about (that you will not be able to pay medical or health costs)?

† Asked of a half sample

**D. The value of your house will not increase**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u></b>			
2012 Jan 5-8	51	46	3
<b><u>HOMEOWNERS</u></b>			
2012 Jan 5-8	57	43	*

**Q.19 (FINANCIAL WORRIES) CONTINUED**

**E. You will outlive your money after you retire**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	57	42	1
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2 †	47	52	1

† Asked of a half sample

**F. The economy will get worse rather than better over the next twelve months**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Jan 5-8	72	26	1