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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 7-10, 2013 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.

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 500 cell phone respondents and 500 landline respondents per 1,000 respondents, with additional minimum quotas 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, population density 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 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

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

	Jan 7-10, 2013	Dec 14-17, 2012	Nov 15-18, 2012	Oct 15-16, 2012	Sep 6-9, 2012	Aug 9-12, 2012	Jul 9-12, 2012
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	63	59	64	72	72	65	65
Economy in general	21	23	30	37	29	31	29
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	20	13	11	12	10	7	7
Unemployment/Jobs	16	17	20	26	32	23	28
Lack of money	5	6	4	5	4	3	3
Taxes	4	2	1	2	2	1	1
Fuel/Oil prices	1	1	*	2	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	*	*	1	1	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	*	*	1	1	2	1
Wage issues	1	1	*	1	1	1	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	--	--	*	*	--	--
Recession	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	49	48	44	44	46	45	43
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	18	14	15	9	12	15	13
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	4	4	*	*	*	*	*
Guns/Gun control	4	5	3	4	4	5	4
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	4	6	5	7	10	8	7
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	3	2	3	2	4	4	3
Immigration/Illegal aliens	2	3	2	4	5	4	4
Education/Poor education/Access to education	2	1	2	2	2	1	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	1	1	*	1	1
Crime/Violence	2	2	2	4	*	1	1
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	3	1	1	*	1	2
Lack of respect for each other	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Welfare	1	1	--	--	--	*	--
School shootings	1	1	*	1	1	*	*
Abortion	1	1	*	1	1	*	*
Social Security	1	1	1	2	1	*	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	2	2	1	*	1	2
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Terrorism	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Situation in Iraq	1	1	2	*	2	*	1
Unifying the country	1	1	1	*	2	1	*
Environment/Pollution	1	1	1	2	*	1	*
National security	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	1	*	*	1	*	--	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Lack of military defense	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	1	*	*	--	--	*
Drugs	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Race relations/Racism	*	1	1	1	1	*	*
Elections/Election reform	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
International issues, problems	*	1	*	*	--	--	*
The media	*	*	*	*	--	--	1
Situation with China	--	*	--	--	--	--	*
Overpopulation	5	3	2	2	2	3	4
Other non-economic	3	5	2	6	2	3	3
No opinion	136%	134%	124%	149%	137%	130%	130%
Total							

