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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 7-10, 2013 with a random sample of –1,015— 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline telephone numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers. Cell phones 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly, and having an unlisted landline number). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. 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.

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

	Feb 7-10, 2013	Jan 7-10, 2013	Dec 14-17, 2012	Nov 15-18, 2012	Oct 15-16, 2012	Sep 6-9, 2012	Aug 9-12, 2012
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	60	63	59	64	72	72	65
Economy in general	25	21	23	30	37	29	31
Unemployment/Jobs	19	16	17	20	26	32	23
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	13	20	13	11	12	10	7
Lack of money	4	5	6	4	5	4	3
Taxes	2	4	2	1	2	2	1
Wage issues	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	*	*	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	*	*	1	1	2
Fuel/Oil prices	*	1	1	*	2	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recession	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	--	*	--	--	*	*	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	55	49	48	44	44	46	45
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	16	18	14	15	9	12	15
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power							
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	9	4	6	5	7	10	8
Guns/Gun control	6	4	4	*	*	*	*
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	4	4	5	3	4	4	5
Education/Poor education/Access to education	3	2	3	2	4	5	4
Immigration/Illegal aliens	3	3	2	3	2	4	4
Crime/Violence	3	2	2	1	1	*	1
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	2	1	2	2	1	*	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	3	1	1	*	1
Lack of military defense	1	*	*	*	1	*	*
National security	1	1	1	1	2	*	1
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	1	2	2	2	4	*	1
Environment/Pollution	1	1	1	1	*	2	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	1	2	1	*
Drugs	1	*	1	*	*	--	--
Welfare	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	*	*	1	*	1	1
Abortion	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Unifying the country	1	1	1	2	*	2	*
Social Security	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
School shootings	*	1	1	--	--	--	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	*	1	*	--
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	1	1	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	1	1	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	1	1	1	*
Race relations/Racism	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Terrorism	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
The media	*	*	1	*	*	*	--
Situation in Iraq	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
International issues, problems	*	*	1	1	1	*	1
Situation with China	*	*	*	*	*	--	--
Overpopulation	*	--	*	--	--	--	--
Other non-economic	2	5	3	2	2	2	3
No opinion	3	3	5	2	6	2	3
Total	138%	136%	134%	124%	149%	137%	130%

