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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 7-10, 2013 with a random sample of –1,022—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 –493—national adults in Form A and –529—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error are ± 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 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]

	Mar 7-10, 2013	Feb 7-10, 2013	Jan 7-10, 2013	Dec 14-17, 2012	Nov 15-18, 2012	Oct 15-16, 2012	Sep 6-9, 2012
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	57	60	63	59	64	72	72
Economy in general	24	25	21	23	30	37	29
Unemployment/Jobs	16	19	16	17	20	26	32
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	13	13	20	13	11	12	10
Lack of money	4	4	5	6	4	5	4
Taxes	2	2	4	2	1	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
Fuel/Oil prices	1	*	1	1	*	2	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	1	*	*	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	--	*	--	--	*	*
Wage issues	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
Corporate corruption	*	1	1	*	*	1	1
Recession	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	56	55	49	48	44	44	46
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	20	16	18	14	15	9	12
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power							
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	7	9	4	6	5	7	10
Immigration/Illegal aliens	5	3	3	2	3	2	4
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	3	2	3	2	4	5
Guns/Gun control	4	6	4	4	*	*	*
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	4	4	4	5	3	4	4
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	2	3	1	1	*
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	1	2	2	2	4	*
Environment/Pollution	2	1	1	1	1	*	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Crime/Violence	2	3	2	2	1	1	*
Welfare	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
National security	1	1	1	1	1	2	*
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	1	2	1	2	2	1	*
Situation with North Korea	1	*	*	*	--	--	--
Lack of military defense	1	1	*	*	*	1	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Drugs	1	1	*	1	*	*	--
Social Security	1	*	1	1	*	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Race relations/Racism	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
Unifying the country	1	1	1	1	2	*	2
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	*	*	1	*	1
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
The media	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Situation in Iraq	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Abortion	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
International issues, problems	*	*	*	1	1	1	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Terrorism	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Situation with China	*	*	*	*	*	*	--
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
School shootings	--	*	1	1	--	--	--
Other non-economic	2	2	5	3	2	2	2
No opinion	6	3	3	5	2	6	2
Total	138%	138%	136%	134%	124%	149%	137%

5. Looking ahead, what do you think will be the most important problem facing our nation 25 years from now? [OPEN-ENDED]

	Mar 7-10, 2013	Mar 4-7, 2010	Mar 6-9, 2008	Mar 11-14, 2007	Mar 13-16, 2006	Mar 7-10, 2005	Mar 8-11, 2004
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
Federal budget deficit/federal debt	13	14	2	4	5	5	4
Economy in general	12	11	12	5	8	9	12
Environment/Pollution	8	11	14	14	8	6	8
Dissatisfaction with gov't/politicians/poor leadership	6	4	2	3	2	2	2
Unemployment/jobs	6	6	3	2	3	4	7
Lack of money	5	4	1	1	2	2	2
Social Security	4	4	5	8	10	23	10
Health care	4	8	5	8	7	6	6
Education	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Ethics/moral/family decline	4	3	4	4	6	4	4
Lack of energy sources/energy crisis	3	7	9	8	10	5	2
Fear of War/War (non-specific)	3	4	--	*	--	--	--
Immigration/illegal aliens	3	2	4	4	3	2	3
Foreign aid/focus overseas	2	1	1	*	1	1	1
Medicare/Care for the elderly	2	1	1	2	4	3	3
International issues/foreign affairs	2	2	2	3	3	2	2
Poverty/homelessness	2	3	2	2	3	3	3
Welfare	2	1	*	*	*	1	*
Guns/gun control	2	*	--	*	*	--	--
Overpopulation	1	1	1	2	2	2	3
Advancement of computers/technology	1	1	1	--	1	1	--
Taxes	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Children's behavior/way they are raised	1	1	1	1	1	3	1
Fuel/Oil Prices	1	1	4	2	4	2	2
National Security	1	2	2	2	2	3	4
Military/Defense issues	1	1	*	*	*	--	--
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
Crime/violence	1	1	1	*	1	2	1
Unifying the country	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Nation won't survive	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judicial system/courts/laws	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Racism/race relations	1	1	1	1	1	*	*
High cost of living/inflation	1	1	1	2	2	2	*
Recession	1	*	*	--	*	--	--
Lack of respect for each other	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Terrorism	*	1	3	7	3	4	4
Drugs	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Gay rights issues	*	--	--	--	*	*	1
Foreign trade/deficit	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Wage issues	*	--	*	*	*	*	--
Abortion	*	--	*	*	--	*	--
Corporate corruption	--	*	--	*	*	--	*
The situation in Iraq	--	*	5	1	1	1	--
The media	--	*	*	*	*	*	--
Natural disaster relief effort and funding	--	*	*	*	*	--	--
Cancer	--	*	*	--	*	1	1
Child abuse	--	*	--	--	*	--	--
Space program/NASA	--	--	*	*	*	--	*
AIDS	--	--	*	--	--	*	*
Other non-economic	4	4	5	5	4	2	6
No opinion	15	12	13	13	13	11	12
Total	124%	123%	117%	119%	121%	126%	119%

