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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 4-7, 2013 with a random sample of ~1,005—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 ~502—national adults in Form A and ~503—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~499—adults employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~618—stock owners, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~318—retirees, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±7 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~687—non-retirees, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~693—homeowners, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~247—renters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ±8 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]

	Apr 4-7, 2013	Mar 7-10, 2013	Feb 7-10, 2013	Jan 7-10, 2013	Dec 14-17, 2012	Nov 15-18, 2012	Oct 15-16, 2012
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	56	57	60	63	59	64	72
Economy in general	24	24	25	21	23	30	37
Unemployment/Jobs	18	16	19	16	17	20	26
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	11	13	13	20	13	11	12
Lack of money	3	4	4	5	6	4	5
Taxes	2	2	2	4	2	1	2
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	1	1	*	*	1
Fuel/Oil prices	1	1	*	1	1	*	2
Wage issues	1	*	1	1	1	*	1
Corporate corruption	*	*	1	1	*	*	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	--	*	--	--	*
Recession	--	*	*	*	*	*	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	54	56	55	49	48	44	44
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	16	20	16	18	14	15	9
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	6	7	9	4	6	5	7
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	5	4	4	4	5	3	4
Immigration/Illegal aliens	4	5	3	3	2	3	2
Guns/Gun control	4	4	6	4	4	*	*
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	4	3	2	3	2	4
Situation with North Korea	4	1	*	*	*	--	--
Welfare	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	2	1	2	2	2	4
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	2	2	3	1	1
Gay rights issues	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
Crime/Violence	1	2	3	2	2	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	*	*	*	1
Social Security	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Advancement of Computers/Technology	1	*	*	--	--	--	--
Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	*	*	*	*	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	*	1	*	*	1	*
Environment/Pollution	1	2	1	1	1	1	*
Drugs	1	1	1	*	1	*	*
Unifying the country	1	1	1	1	1	2	*
International issues, problems	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Abortion	*	*	1	1	1	*	1
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
National security	*	1	1	1	1	1	2
The media	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Race relations/Racism	*	1	*	*	1	1	*
Situation in Iraq	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
School shootings	*	--	*	1	1	--	--
Terrorism	--	*	*	1	*	*	*
Other non-economic	3	2	2	5	3	2	2
No opinion	3	6	3	3	5	2	6
Total	135%	138%	138%	136%	134%	124%	149%