

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

ISSUE PRIORITIES

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,021– national adults, aged 18+, conducted May 4-5, 2013. 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.

1. As you know, there are many different issues on which Congress and the president can focus their time and attention. Please tell me if you think, *at this time*, Congress and the president should make each of the following a top priority, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority at all. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

2013 May 4-5
Sorted by “top/high priority”

	Top Priority	High Priority	Top/High Priority
Creating more jobs	38	48	86
Helping the economy grow	38	48	86
Making government work more efficiently	38	43	81
Improving the quality of education received by American school children	36	45	81
Addressing the financial problems with Social Security and Medicare	30	47	77
Reducing the costs of healthcare	29	41	70
Reducing the federal deficit	30	39	69
Improving access to healthcare	28	40	68
Reducing poverty and inequality	28	37	65
Reforming the tax code	22	37	59
Reducing gun violence	26	29	55
Reforming immigration	22	28	50

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Q.1 (ISSUE PRIORITIES) CONTINUED

FULL RESULTS:

A. Reforming immigration

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	22	28	32	13	5	1

B. Reducing gun violence

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	26	29	20	17	7	1

C. Creating more jobs

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	38	48	9	3	1	*

D. Helping the economy grow

	Top	High	Medium	Low	Not a	No

	<u>priority</u>	<u>priority</u>	<u>priority</u>	<u>priority</u>	<u>priority</u>	<u>opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	38	48	10	3	1	1

E. Reducing the federal deficit

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	30	39	22	5	1	3

F. Making government work more efficiently

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	38	43	15	2	1	1

G. Improving access to healthcare

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	28	40	23	6	2	1

Q.1 (ISSUE PRIORITIES) CONTINUED

H. Reducing the costs of healthcare

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	29	41	21	7	2	1

I. Improving the quality of education received by American school children

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	36	45	14	3	1	1

J. Reducing poverty and inequality

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	28	37	21	10	3	1

K. Reforming the tax code

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	22	37	30	6	2	3

L. Addressing the financial problems with Social Security and Medicare

	<u>Top priority</u>	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 4-5	30	47	18	4	1	1