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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 3-6, 2013 with a random sample of **-1,028—** adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the samples of **-523—**national adults in Form A and **--505--** national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-309—**gun owners, the margin of sampling error is **±7** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-887—**Internet users, the margin of sampling 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 and cell phone telephone 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 and cell phone mostly). 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]

	Oct 3-6, 2013	Sep 5-8, 2013	Aug 7-11, 2013	Jul 10-14, 2013	Jun 1-4, 2013	May 2-7, 2013	Apr 4-7, 2013
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	47	48	53	52	53	52	56
Economy in general	19	21	25	23	25	24	24
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	12	5	6	8	7	7	11
Unemployment/Jobs	12	17	19	19	18	19	18
Lack of money	5	3	3	3	3	4	3
Taxes	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Wage issues	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	*	1	1	1	*	*	*
Recession	*	*	--	*	--	*	--
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	*	1	*	1	1	*	1
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	67	65	57	61	61	63	54
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	33	16	17	16	17	15	16
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	12	10	9	11	9	9	6
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	4	5	6	7	7	5	5
Immigration/Illegal aliens	3	3	4	6	6	5	4
Education/Poor education/Access to education	3	4	5	5	5	4	4
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	3	3	1	2	2	1	1
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	3	3	2	2	3	3	2
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	5	3	2	2	3	2
Lack of respect for each other	3	3	3	2	1	2	2
Welfare	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Unifying the country	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
National security	1	1	2	1	2	4	*
Race relations/Racism	1	1	2	1	1	1	*
Crime/Violence	1	1	2	2	3	4	1
Social Security	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	2	3	7	4
International issues, problems	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	3	2	2	1	2	1
Terrorism	1	1	1	1	1	2	--
Situation in Syria	1	8	--	--	--	--	--
Elections/Election reform	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Lack of military defense	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Environment/Pollution	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Gay rights issues	*	*	*	1	*	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	1	*	1	*	1
Drugs	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
The media	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Abortion	*	1	*	1	*	2	*
Situation with North Korea	*	--	--	--	*	*	4
Situation in Iraq	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
School shootings	--	--	*	*	*	1	*
Other non-economic	2	2	3	2	4	3	3
No opinion	3	3	5	4	2	2	3
Total	142%	139%	137%	140%	142%	149%	135%

