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**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
VALUES AND BELIEFS**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 8-11, 2014 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, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **-518—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-510—**national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 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 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2013 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]

	May 8-11, 2014	Apr 3-6, 2014	Mar 6-9, 2014	Feb 6-9, 2014	Jan 5-8, 2014	Dec 5-8, 2013	Nov 7-10, 2013
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	50	47	51	53	50	47	46
Unemployment/Jobs	20	14	19	23	16	12	13
Economy in general	17	16	17	20	18	19	16
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	8	9	8	8	8	9	12
Gap between rich and poor	3	3	3	2	4	2	1
Lack of money	2	5	3	3	4	3	2
Wage issues	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	*	*	1	*
Fuel/Oil prices	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recession	1	*	--	--	--	*	*
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	64	66	58	61	62	66	64
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	19	20	18	18	21	21	26
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	11	15	11	15	16	17	19
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	6	5	4	5	5	7	6
Education/Poor education/Access to education	5	6	5	4	4	4	3
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	4	5	4	3	4	5	2
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	4	4	4	2	3	1	2
Immigration/Illegal aliens	3	4	4	6	3	3	2
Environment/Pollution	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Race relations/Racism	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	2	1	1	2	1
Crime/Violence	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
International issues, problems	2	1	2	*	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	2	2	1	3	1
Lack of military defense	2	1	1	1	1	*	1
Welfare	1	1	1	2	2	1	3
Lack of respect for each other	1	2	2	1	2	2	3
National security	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	1	1	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Elections/Election reform	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Situation in Syria	1	*	*	--	*	*	--
Unifying the country	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Terrorism	1	1	*	2	*	*	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Social Security	*	1	--	1	1	*	1
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Abortion	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Drugs	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	*	--	1	*	1	--	--
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	--	*	*
Situation with Russia	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Situation in Iraq	--	*	--	*	*	*	--
Other non-economic	5	5	4	4	2	3	5
No opinion	4	4	4	3	5	1	3
Total	146%	144%	138%	143%	137%	132%	137%

