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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 7-10, 2014 with a random sample of –1,032—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –515—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –474—adults who are employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –221—parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 9$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –545—men, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –487—women, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  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 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 July-December 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.

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6. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

	Aug 7-10, 2014	Jul 7-10, 2014	Jun 5-8, 2014	May 8-11, 2014	Apr 3-6, 2014	Mar 6-9, 2014	Feb 6-9, 2014
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>
Economy in general	14	15	20	17	16	17	20
Unemployment/Jobs	12	14	16	20	14	19	23
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	3	6	5	8	9	8	8
Gap between rich and poor	3	1	3	3	3	3	2
Lack of money	2	2	2	2	5	3	3
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	1	*	*	1	1
Taxes	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	*	1	1	1	1	*
Wage issues	1	2	1	1	1	2	2
Fuel/Oil prices	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	--	*	*	*	*	*	*
Recession	--	*	--	1	*	--	--
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	18	16	19	19	20	18	18
Immigration/Illegal aliens	15	17	5	3	4	4	6
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	9	8	10	11	15	11	15
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	7	3	3	4	4	4	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	6	4	7	6	5	4	5
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	5	3	2	4	5	4	3
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	5	4	5	6	5	4
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	3	1	2	2	1	2	1
Crime/Violence	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Unifying the country	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
National security	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
International issues, problems	1	1	1	2	1	2	*
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
Guns/Gun control	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Welfare	1	1	3	1	1	1	2
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Situation with Russia	1	--	--	1	--	1	--
Race relations/Racism	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
Environment/Pollution	1	1	2	3	1	1	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Situation in Iraq	1	*	1	--	*	--	*
Drugs	1	*	*	*	1	*	*
Social Security	1	*	*	*	1	--	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	*	1	1	1	*
Terrorism	*	1	1	1	1	*	2
Elections/Election reform	*	1	1	1	1	*	*
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	1	1	1	*	*	*
Abortion	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Situation in Syria	*	*	*	--	*	*	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	*	1	*	--	1	*
Other non-economic	4	4	4	5	5	4	4
No opinion	3	5	4	4	4	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>137%</b>	<b>138%</b>	<b>141%</b>	<b>146%</b>	<b>144%</b>	<b>138%</b>	<b>143%</b>

