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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 4-7, 2014 with a random sample of **–1,017—** 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.

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.

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

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

