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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 6-9, 2014 with a random sample of –828— 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 –430— men, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –398— women, the margin of sampling error is ± 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.

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

	Nov 6-9, 2014	Oct 12-15, 2014	Sep 4-7, 2014	Aug 7-10, 2014	Jul 7-10, 2014	Jun 5-8, 2014	May 8-11, 2014
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	41	38	41	38	41	44	50
Economy in general	20	17	17	14	15	20	17
Unemployment/Jobs	12	10	12	12	14	16	20
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	5	5	6	3	6	5	8
Wage issues	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
Lack of money	2	3	1	2	2	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	2	2	3	3	1	3	3
Taxes	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Corporate corruption	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
Fuel/Oil prices	*	*	1	*	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	1	1	1	1	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	*	*	*
Recession	--	*	*	--	*	--	1
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	68	71	71	71	67	65	64
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	19	16	18	18	16	19	19
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power							
Immigration/Illegal aliens	13	7	12	15	17	5	3
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	7	8	5	9	8	10	11
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	5	3	4	5	4	5
Terrorism	4	3	4	*	1	1	1
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	4	3	3	5	3	2	4
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	3	5	5	6	4	7	6
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	3	6	7	3	3	4
National security	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	3	5	3	1	*	1	--
Ebola virus/Diseases	2	5	--	--	--	--	--
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
Welfare	2	1	1	1	1	3	1
Crime/Violence	1	3	2	2	2	3	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	2	3	3	1	2	2
Race relations/Racism	1	3	3	1	2	1	3
Gay rights issues	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
Environment/Pollution	1	2	1	1	1	2	3
International issues, problems	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	3	1	3	2	2
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	1	1	1	1	*	*
Elections/Election reform	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unifying the country	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	*	*	1	*	1
Abortion	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Social Security	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
Situation with Russia	*	--	1	1	--	--	1
Drugs	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	*	1	1	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	--	*	*	1	1	*	*
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	1	--	*	1	*
Other non-economic	4	3	4	4	4	4	5
No opinion	5	4	2	3	5	4	4
Total	137%	140%	141%	137%	138%	141%	146%

