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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted June 2-7, 2015 with a random sample of –1,527—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 ± 3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –771—national adults in Form A, 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 2014 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2014 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]

	Jun 2-7, 2015	May 6-10, 2015	Apr 9-12, 2015	Mar 5-8, 2015	Feb 8-11, 2015	Jan 5-8, 2015	Dec 8-11, 2014
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	33	33	34	33	38	34	31
Economy in general	13	12	11	11	16	14	13
Unemployment/Jobs	9	10	10	10	9	7	8
Gap between rich and poor	4	4	3	2	3	2	2
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	3	3	5	5	5	7	5
Wage issues	1	1	1	2	3	1	1
Lack of money	1	2	2	2	3	2	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	*	1	*	1	*	*
Corporate corruption	1	1	*	*	1	1	1
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fuel/Oil prices	1	*	*	1	1	1	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	--	*	--
Recession	--	--	--	--	--	*	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	70	71	72	75	73	67	71
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	14	14	19	18	17	17	15
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	6	5	6	7	10	5	6
Immigration/Illegal aliens	6	6	8	7	6	8	7
Education/Poor education/Access to education	5	4	5	6	7	5	3
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	5	6	5	5	6	6	6
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	5	3	3	4	4	3	4
Terrorism	5	5	3	6	8	2	2
National security	4	4	2	4	4	2	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	2	4	4	3	2	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	3	2	2	4	4	1	1
Environment/Pollution	3	2	2	2	1	2	1
Crime/Violence	3	2	1	2	3	3	2
Race relations/Racism	3	8	6	4	3	5	13
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Lack of respect for each other	2	3	2	2	2	3	2
Unifying the country	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
International issues, problems	2	1	2	3	2	1	*
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	2	3	2	2	1
Guns/Gun control	1	*	1	1	*	1	1
Welfare	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elections/Election reform	1	2	1	1	*	1	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	1	1	1	*	*	*
Drugs	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	1	*	*	*	*
Abortion	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
The media	*	--	*	*	*	1	1
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	*	1	1	1	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	1	--	*	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	--	*	1	*
Situation with Russia	--	*	*	--	*	*	*
Ebola virus/Diseases	--	--	*	--	--	--	*
Other non-economic	3	3	2	3	1	3	5
No opinion	4	4	4	4	4	6	2
Total	129%	124%	128%	136%	139%	128%	117%