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**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 9-13, 2015 with a random sample of –1,025— 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.**

**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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% 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 July-December 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.**

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

	Sep 9-13, 2015	Aug 5-9, 2015	Jul 8-12, 2015	Jun 2-7, 2015	May 6-10, 2015	Apr 9-12, 2015	Mar 5-8, 2015
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>
Economy in general	15	14	13	13	12	11	11
Unemployment/Jobs	8	11	6	9	10	10	10
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	5	5	5	3	3	5	5
Lack of money	3	3	2	1	2	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	3	3	3	4	4	3	2
Wage issues	1	*	1	1	1	1	2
Corporate corruption	1	1	2	1	1	*	*
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	*	1	*	1	*
Fuel/Oil prices	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	--	--	*	*	*	--
Recession	--	--	*	--	--	--	--
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	17	13	13	14	14	19	18
Immigration/Illegal aliens	12	8	7	6	6	8	7
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	7	3	6	5	6	5	5
Race relations/Racism	7	6	9	3	8	6	4
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	6	5	4	6	5	6	7
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	4	3	3	1	2	2	3
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	5	4	5	4	5	6
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	4	3	3	2	4	4
International issues, problems	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
National security	3	3	2	4	4	2	4
Crime/Violence	3	2	4	3	2	1	2
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	3	2	4	5	3	3	4
Terrorism	2	4	3	5	5	3	6
Environment/Pollution	2	3	3	3	2	2	2
Gay rights issues	2	1	1	*	*	*	1
Guns/Gun control	2	2	1	1	*	1	1
Lack of respect for each other	1	2	3	2	3	2	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
Drugs	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	1	3	2	3	2	2	4
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Unifying the country	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Elections/Election reform	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Abortion	1	1	*	1	*	*	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	*	1	*	1	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	--	*	*	1	*	1
Lack of military defense	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
The media	*	*	*	*	--	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	--	--	*	*	*	--
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Situation with China	--	*	1	--	*	--	*
Situation with Russia	--	*	*	--	*	*	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	1	*	--	--	--
Other non-economic	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
No opinion	7	3	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>140%</b>	<b>126%</b>	<b>125%</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>128%</b>	<b>136%</b>

7. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you think is most important -- the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

**BASED ON --996-- WHO NAME A MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM; ±4 PCT PTS**

	Repub- lican Party	Demo- cratic Party	Same/ Other/No opinion		Repub- lican Party	Demo- cratic Party	Same/ Other/No opinion
2015 Sep 9-13	42	37	23	1994 Jul 15-17	39	32	29
				1994 Jan	31	39	30
2014 Sep 4-7	40	36	25	1993 Sep 10-12	31	37	32
2014 Jul 7-10	35	35	29	1993 Jan 8-11	29	45	26
2013 Sep 5-8	34	39	27	1992 Mar 26-29	34	40	26
2012 Sep 6-9	39	49	13	1991 Jul 11-14	36	28	36
2011 Sep 8-11	44	37	19	1991 Mar 7-10	40	27	33
2010 Sep 13-16	40	38	22	1990 Oct	30	29	41
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	34	45	20	1988 Sep	38	33	29
2008 Sep 8-11	39	46	14	1988 May 9-11	27	40	33
2007 Sep 14-16	30	47	22	1987 Apr 10-13	29	37	34
2006 Sep 7-10	34	49	16	1986 Jan 10-13	33	28	39
2005 Sep 12-15	39	40	21	1985 Jan 25-28	39	29	32
2005 Jan 3-5	41	41	18	1984 Aug 10-13	39	37	24
2004 Sep 13-15	46	43	11	1984 Feb 10-13	30	32	38
2004 Jan 12-15	39	46	15	1983 Nov 18-21	28	35	37
2002 Jul 26-28	38	36	26	1982 Aug 13-16	26	35	39
2001 Jan 10-14	39	39	22	1981 Jan 8-11	39	20	41
1999 Jan 15-17	33	43	24	1980 Mar 28-31	28	32	40
1998 Apr 17-19	40	42	18	1979 Oct 12-15	25	33	42
1997 Jan 10-13	33	43	24	1976 Apr 23-26	18	39	43
1996 Jul 25-28	37	41	22	1975 Oct 17-20	15	42	43
1996 May 9-12	40	44	16	1972 Aug	28	34	38
1995 Jan 16-18	42	32	26	1968 May	30	28	42
1994 Oct 22-25	41	37	22	1964 Apr 24-29	16	40	44
1994 Aug 15-16	38	37	25	1960 Feb 4-9	24	32	44
1994 Aug 8-9	39	37	24	1956 Sep 20-25	55	45	--