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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 4-8, 2015 with a random sample of –1,021— 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 –568— men, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –453— 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 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.

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

	Nov 4-8, 2015	Oct 7-11, 2015	Sep 9-13, 2015	Aug 5-9, 2015	Jul 8-12, 2015	Jun 2-7, 2015	May 6-10, 2015
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	39	33	35	37	32	33	33
Economy in general	17	13	15	14	13	13	12
Unemployment/Jobs	7	8	8	11	6	9	10
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	5	5	5	5	5	3	3
Gap between rich and poor	4	3	3	3	3	4	4
Lack of money	2	1	3	3	2	1	2
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	*	1	*	1	*
Wage issues	1	2	1	*	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	--	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	--	*	*	*	*	1	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	70	74	73	68	73	70	71
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	15	16	17	13	13	14	14
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power							
Immigration/Illegal aliens	9	8	12	8	7	6	6
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	6	6	6	5	4	6	5
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	5	5	7	3	6	5	6
Education/Poor education/Access to education	3	4	4	5	4	5	4
Guns/Gun control	3	7	2	2	1	1	*
Race relations/Racism	3	4	7	6	9	3	8
National security	3	2	3	3	2	4	4
International issues, problems	3	2	3	1	1	2	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	3	2	4	3	3	1	2
Environment/Pollution	3	1	2	3	3	3	2
Terrorism	3	3	2	4	3	5	5
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	3	3	3	2	4	5	3
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	3	3	4	3	3	2
Lack of military defense	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
Lack of respect for each other	2	3	1	2	3	2	3
Crime/Violence	2	5	3	2	4	3	2
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	1	2	1	3	2	3	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	2	1	2	2	2	1
Elections/Election reform	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
Unifying the country	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Welfare	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	1	1	*	--	*	*	1
Abortion	1	1	1	1	*	1	*
Drugs	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
The media	1	1	*	*	*	*	--
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	1	*	*	1	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	2	1	1	*	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	1	2	1	1	*	*
Overpopulation	--	1	*	*	*	*	*
School shootings	--	1	*	--	--	--	--
Situation/War in Afghanistan	--	--	*	--	--	*	*
Situation with China	--	--	--	*	1	--	*
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	--	--	1	*	--
Other non-economic	2	3	2	2	2	3	3
No opinion	3	4	7	3	4	4	4
Total	125%	138%	140%	126%	125%	129%	124%

5. *(Asked of those who name a most important problem)* Based on what you have seen or read, do you think that any of the presidential candidates have come up with good ideas for solving the problem you think is most important, or not?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.4/5): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Yes, have come up <u>with good ideas</u>	No, <u>have not</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2015 Nov 4-8	47	45	8