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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 6-10, 2016 with a random sample of **-1,015—**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 **-525--** adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-617--** stock owners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-337--** retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±7** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-678--** non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-687--** homeowners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** 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 has the next 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 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 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]

	Apr 6-10, 2016	Mar 2-6, 2016	Feb 3-7, 2016	Jan 6-10, 2016	Dec 2-6, 2015	Nov 4-8, 2015	Oct 7-11, 2015
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	40	39	39	27	21	39	33
Economy in general	17	17	17	13	9	17	13
Unemployment/Jobs	9	11	10	5	6	7	8
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	5	5	6	5	2	5	5
Gap between rich and poor	3	3	2	1	2	4	3
Wage issues	3	1	2	1	1	1	2
Lack of money	2	2	3	1	1	2	1
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	*	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	*	--	*	*	--	--	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	69	72	70	76	83	70	74
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians;	13	15	13	16	13	15	16
Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power							
Immigration/Illegal aliens	8	8	10	8	5	9	8
Race relations/Racism	7	6	5	6	4	3	4
Terrorism	6	6	7	9	16	3	3
National security	5	3	7	3	5	3	2
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	5	8	6	4	3	6	6
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	5	4	2	4	6	5	5
Elections/Election reform	4	5	*	2	*	1	2
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	4	5	3	3	3	4
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	4	3	3	4	4	3	3
Lack of respect for each other	3	2	3	1	1	2	3
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	3	2	2	3	2	3
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	2	2	3	3	6	1	2
Environment/Pollution	2	2	1	2	3	3	1
Crime/Violence	2	2	4	2	6	2	5
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	2	1	2	3	2
Guns/Gun control	1	1	2	7	7	3	7
Unifying the country	1	3	2	*	1	1	2
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
International issues, problems	1	1	1	2	1	3	2
Abortion	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
Drugs	1	1	*	1	*	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	*	*	--	*	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Social Security	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	--	*	--	*	1
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	*	*	--	--	--	--	--
The media	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	1	*	2
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	--	*	--	*	*
Overpopulation	--	*	*	--	*	--	1
School shootings	--	*	*	--	2	--	1
Situation with China	--	*	*	*	--	--	--
Situation/War in Afghanistan	--	--	--	*	--	--	--
Other non-economic	3	2	4	2	2	2	3
No opinion	5	3	5	3	1	3	4
Total	135%	137%	138%	119%	127%	125%	138%

