

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:  
VALUES AND BELIEFS**

**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 4-8, 2016 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.

For results based on the sample of –521—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –504—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –910—registered voters, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  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 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.

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

	May 4-8, 2016	Apr 6-10, 2016	Mar 2-6, 2016	Feb 3-7, 2016	Jan 6-10, 2016	Dec 2-6, 2015	Nov 4-8, 2015
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>
Economy in general	18	17	17	17	13	9	17
Unemployment/Jobs	9	9	11	10	5	6	7
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	5	5	5	6	5	2	5
Gap between rich and poor	4	3	3	2	1	2	4
Lack of money	2	2	2	3	1	1	2
Corporate corruption	2	1	1	1	*	1	1
Wage issues	1	3	1	2	1	1	1
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	--	*	*
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	1	*	1	1	1
Fuel/Oil prices	--	*	--	*	*	--	--
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	13	13	15	13	16	13	15
Immigration/Illegal aliens	7	8	8	10	8	5	9
Race relations/Racism	5	7	6	5	6	4	3
Elections/Election reform	5	4	5	*	2	*	1
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	4	4	3	3	4	4	3
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	4	5	8	6	4	3	6
Terrorism	4	6	6	7	9	16	3
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	4	4	5	3	3	3
National security	4	5	3	7	3	5	3
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	3	5	4	2	4	6	5
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	2	2	1	2	3
Lack of respect for each other	2	3	2	3	1	1	2
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	2	3	2	2	3	2
Environment/Pollution	2	2	2	1	2	3	3
Unifying the country	2	1	3	2	*	1	1
Crime/Violence	2	2	2	4	2	6	2
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	2	2	2	3	3	6	1
Drugs	1	1	1	*	1	*	1
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	2	7	7	3
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	1	1	*	*	--	*
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Gay rights issues	1	*	*	--	*	--	*
International issues, problems	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	1	1	1	1	2	1
Social Security	*	*	1	1	*	1	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	--	*	--	*
Welfare	*	1	1	1	1	2	1
Abortion	*	1	1	*	*	*	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	--	--	--	*	--	--
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Situation with China	*	--	*	*	*	--	--
Overpopulation	*	--	*	*	--	*	--
School shootings	*	--	*	*	--	2	--
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	*	*	--	--	--	--
Other non-economic	2	3	2	4	2	2	2
No opinion	5	5	3	5	3	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>126%</b>	<b>135%</b>	<b>137%</b>	<b>138%</b>	<b>119%</b>	<b>127%</b>	<b>125%</b>

