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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 5-9, 2016 with a random sample of –1,017— 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 –520—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –497—national adults in Form B, the margins 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 July-December 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]

	Oct 5-9, 2016	Sep 7-11, 2016	Aug 3-7, 2016	Jul 13-17, 2016	Jun 1-5, 2016	May 4-8, 2016	Apr 6-10, 2016
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	31	33	35	27	38	38	40
Economy in general	17	14	17	12	18	18	17
Unemployment/Jobs	6	11	8	7	8	9	9
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	4	3	5	4	5	5	5
Gap between rich and poor	2	2	2	2	2	4	3
Taxes	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
Lack of money	1	1	2	2	3	2	2
Wage issues	*	1	2	1	1	1	3
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Corporate corruption	*	*	1	1	*	2	1
Fuel/Oil prices	--	*	*	--	1	--	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	72	70	70	80	71	66	69
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	12	11	13	16	13	13	13
Race relations/Racism	10	7	7	18	5	5	7
Immigration/Illegal aliens	7	6	8	6	7	7	8
Elections/Election reform	7	8	7	5	6	5	4
National security	7	5	7	6	5	4	5
Terrorism	5	5	9	5	4	4	6
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	4	3	5	3	4	4	5
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	3	5	3	6	5	3	5
Crime/Violence	3	4	5	6	3	2	2
Environment/Pollution	3	1	2	2	2	2	2
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	1	1	1	3	2	2
Education/Poor education/Access to education	2	3	3	2	5	4	4
Lack of respect for each other	2	3	3	4	3	2	3
Unifying the country	2	2	3	3	2	2	1
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	2	3	1	2	3	4	4
International issues, problems	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Guns/Gun control	1	1	3	5	1	1	1
Welfare	1	*	1	1	2	*	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
Lack of military defense	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
Social Security	1	*	*	--	1	*	*
Abortion	*	*	*	*	--	*	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	--	*	*	1	*
Drugs	*	1	1	1	*	1	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	*	*	1	2	*	1
The media	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
School shootings	*	*	--	--	*	*	--
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	--	--	*	--	*	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	--	--	--	*	*	--
Overpopulation	*	*	--	*	--	*	--
Situation with China	--	*	--	*	--	*	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	--	--	*	--	*
Other non-economic	3	3	2	3	2	2	3
No opinion	4	5	7	2	4	5	5
Total	122%	122%	139%	137%	130%	126%	135%