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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 7-11, 2016 with a random sample of ~~1,028~~—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. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).**

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

	Dec 7-11, 2016	Nov 9-13, 2016	Oct 5-9, 2016	Sep 7-11, 2016	Aug 3-7, 2016	Jul 13-17, 2016	Jun 1-5, 2016
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>
Economy in general	12	14	17	14	17	12	18
Unemployment/Jobs	9	9	6	11	8	7	8
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	4	3	4	3	5	4	5
Gap between rich and poor	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lack of money	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Wage issues	1	1	*	1	2	1	1
Taxes	1	1	1	*	1	*	1
Fuel/Oil prices	*	*	--	*	*	--	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Corporate corruption	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>71</b>
Race relations/Racism	12	10	10	7	7	18	5
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	9	8	12	11	13	16	13
Elections/Election reform	8	11	7	8	7	5	6
Lack of respect for each other	6	5	2	3	3	4	3
Immigration/Illegal aliens	6	5	7	6	8	6	7
Unifying the country	6	6	2	2	3	3	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	5	3	3	5	3	6	5
Terrorism	5	2	5	5	9	5	4
Healthcare	4	10	4	3	5	3	4
Crime/Violence	4	1	3	4	5	6	3
National security	3	3	7	5	7	6	5
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	3	2	2	3	1	2	3
Environment/Pollution	3	3	3	1	2	2	2
Education	2	2	2	3	3	2	5
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	2	2	1	1	1	3
Guns/Gun control	1	*	1	1	3	5	1
Drugs	1	1	*	1	1	1	*
International issues, problems	1	*	2	1	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	1	3	2	2	2
Welfare	1	1	1	*	1	1	2
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Abortion	*	1	*	*	*	*	--
The media	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	--	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	--	*	*	--	*	*
Social Security	*	*	1	*	*	--	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	*	--	--	*	--
Overpopulation	*	*	*	*	--	*	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	*	--	--	--	--	*
School shootings	--	--	*	*	--	--	*
Situation/War in Afghanistan	--	--	*	--	--	--	*
Situation with China	--	--	--	*	--	*	--
Other non-economic	4	3	3	3	2	3	2
No opinion	5	4	4	5	7	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>139%</b>	<b>137%</b>	<b>130%</b>