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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 4-8, 2017 with a random sample of **–1,032—** 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.

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 70% cell phone respondents and 30% 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 2016 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2016 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.

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

	Jan 4-8, 2017	Dec 7-11, 2016	Nov 9-13, 2016	Oct 5-9, 2016	Sep 7-11, 2016	Aug 3-7, 2016	Jul 13-17, 2016
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	30	29	31	31	33	35	27
Economy in general	11	12	14	17	14	17	12
Unemployment/Jobs	8	9	9	6	11	8	7
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	4	4	3	4	3	5	4
Lack of money	3	1	1	1	1	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wage issues	2	1	1	*	1	2	1
Taxes	1	1	1	1	*	1	*
Corporate corruption	1	*	*	*	*	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Fuel/Oil prices	*	*	*	--	*	*	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	72	73	70	72	70	70	80
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	11	9	8	12	11	13	16
Race relations/Racism	10	12	10	10	7	7	18
Healthcare	9	4	10	4	3	5	3
Elections/Election reform	8	8	11	7	8	7	5
Terrorism	5	5	2	5	5	9	5
Immigration/Illegal aliens	4	6	5	7	6	8	6
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	4	5	3	3	5	3	6
Education	4	2	2	2	3	3	2
Lack of respect for each other	3	6	5	2	3	3	4
Crime/Violence	3	4	1	3	4	5	6
National security	3	3	3	7	5	7	6
Unifying the country	3	6	6	2	2	3	3
Environment/Pollution	2	3	3	3	1	2	2
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	2	3	2	2	3	1	2
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	1	2	1	3	2	2
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
Guns/Gun control	1	1	*	1	1	3	5
International issues, problems	1	1	*	2	1	1	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	1	1	*	*	1	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Drugs	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
Situation with Russia	*	*	*	*	--	*	--
Abortion	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	1	*	*	--
Lack of military defense	*	1	1	1	2	1	1
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	1	*	--	--	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	--	*	*	--	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	--	*	*	*	*
Situation with China	*	--	--	--	*	--	*
Overpopulation	*	*	*	*	*	--	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
School shootings	*	--	--	*	*	--	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	*	--	--	--	--
Other non-economic	4	4	3	3	3	2	3
No opinion	3	5	4	4	5	7	2
Total	126%	129%	124%	122%	122%	139%	137%