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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 2-6, 2017 with a random sample of –1,017—adults, ages 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 –538—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –479—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –514—adults who are employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –233—parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 8 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 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within 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.

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

	Aug 2-6, 2017	Jul 5-9, 2017	Jun 7-11, 2017	May 3-7, 2017	Apr 5-9, 2017	Mar 1-5, 2017	Feb 1-5, 2017
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	20	21	19	21	24	26	20
Unemployment/Jobs	7	6	6	6	5	9	6
Economy in general	6	8	6	6	8	8	9
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	2	2	1	4	3	4	2
Taxes	2	1	1	1	2	1	*
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Wage issues	1	2	*	1	1	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	2	3	2	1
Lack of money	1	*	1	1	*	1	--
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	*	1	*
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	1	*	1	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	--	--	--	--	*	*	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	81	79	81	78	78	75	78
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	20	19	25	18	21	18	19
Healthcare	17	16	7	18	9	7	5
Immigration/Illegal aliens	7	7	4	7	8	12	13
Race relations/Racism	7	4	6	6	4	6	7
Unifying the country	6	7	6	4	7	6	10
Situation with North Korea	4	4	*	1	1	*	--
International issues, problems	4	3	3	4	1	3	2
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	3	2	3	3	2	2	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	3	4	4	4	4	3	2
Education	3	2	3	2	3	5	3
Lack of respect for each other	3	2	3	2	1	3	2
National security	3	3	2	5	3	4	5
Crime/Violence	3	3	1	2	3	1	1
Terrorism	3	4	8	2	5	3	5
Environment/Pollution	2	3	6	2	4	3	2
The media	2	*	1	*	*	2	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	1	2	2	1	4	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	1	3	2	*	1
Welfare	1	--	1	1	2	1	*
Drugs	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Lack of military defense	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Situation with Russia	1	1	1	*	*	--	--
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	1	2	*	3	1	1
Guns/Gun control	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Elections/Election reform	*	*	1	*	1	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	--	*	--	*	--	--
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Abortion	*	*	*	1	*	--	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	*	--	*	*
Overpopulation	*	--	--	*	*	--	--
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	--	--	--	*	--	*	*
Situation in Syria	--	--	--	*	1	--	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	--	--	--	*	--
Other non-economic	4	6	5	3	5	5	6
No opinion	3	4	3	5	6	3	4
Total	128%	119%	121%	123%	128%	124%	117%