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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 6-10, 2017 with a random sample of –1,022— 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.

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 July-December 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.

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

	Sep 6-10, 2017	Aug 2-6, 2017	Jul 5-9, 2017	Jun 7-11, 2017	May 3-7, 2017	Apr 5-9, 2017	Mar 1-5, 2017
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	17	20	21	19	21	24	26
Economy in general	6	6	8	6	6	8	8
Unemployment/Jobs	4	7	6	6	6	5	9
Taxes	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	2	2	2	1	4	3	4
Gap between rich and poor	2	1	1	1	2	3	2
Corporate corruption	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	*	*	1	*	1	*
Fuel/Oil prices	1	--	--	--	--	*	*
Lack of money	*	1	*	1	1	*	1
Wage issues	*	1	2	*	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	--	*	1
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	82	81	79	81	78	78	75
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	18	20	19	25	18	21	18
Race relations/Racism	12	7	4	6	6	4	6
Immigration/Illegal aliens	11	7	7	4	7	8	12
Unifying the country	8	6	7	6	4	7	6
Situation with North Korea	6	4	4	*	1	1	*
Healthcare	6	17	16	7	18	9	7
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	4	--	--	--	--	--	*
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	4	3	4	4	4	4	3
Environment/Pollution	3	2	3	6	2	4	3
Crime/Violence	3	3	3	1	2	3	1
The media	3	2	*	1	*	*	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	1	1	2	2	1	4
Lack of respect for each other	2	3	2	3	2	1	3
National security	2	3	3	2	5	3	4
Education	2	3	2	3	2	3	5
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	2	3	2	3	3	2	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	1	1	3	2	*
International issues, problems	1	4	3	3	4	1	3
Drugs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Terrorism	1	3	4	8	2	5	3
Welfare	1	1	--	1	1	2	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	*	1	2	*	3	1
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	1	*	1	*
Guns/Gun control	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Lack of military defense	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	*	--	--	--	*	--	*
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Overpopulation	*	*	--	--	*	*	--
Abortion	*	*	*	*	1	*	--
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	*	*	*	*	1	*
Gay rights issues	--	*	--	*	--	*	--
Situation with Russia	--	1	1	1	*	*	--
Energy/Lack of energy sources	--	*	*	*	*	--	*
Situation in Syria	--	--	--	--	*	1	--
Other non-economic	5	4	6	5	3	5	5
No opinion	4	3	4	3	5	6	3
Total	124%	128%	119%	121%	123%	128%	124%

6. *(Asked of those who name a most important problem)* Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you think is most important -- the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

BASED ON -1,001—ADULTS WHO NAME A MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM; ±4 PCT PTS

	Repub- lican Party	Demo- cratic Party	Same/ Other/No opinion		Repub- lican Party	Demo- cratic Party	Same/ Other/No opinion
2017 Sep 6-10	34	41	25	1994 Aug 8-9	39	37	24
				1994 Jul 15-17	39	32	29
2016 Sep 7-11	42	38	20	1994 Jan	31	39	30
2015 Sep 9-13	42	37	23	1993 Sep 10-12	31	37	32
2014 Sep 4-7	40	36	25	1993 Jan 8-11	29	45	26
2014 Jul 7-10	35	35	29	1992 Mar 26-29	34	40	26
2013 Sep 5-8	34	39	27	1991 Jul 11-14	36	28	36
2012 Sep 6-9	39	49	13	1991 Mar 7-10	40	27	33
2011 Sep 8-11	44	37	19	1990 Oct	30	29	41
2010 Sep 13-16	40	38	22	1988 Sep	38	33	29
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	34	45	20	1988 May 9-11	27	40	33
2008 Sep 8-11	39	46	14	1987 Apr 10-13	29	37	34
2007 Sep 14-16	30	47	22	1986 Jan 10-13	33	28	39
2006 Sep 7-10	34	49	16	1985 Jan 25-28	39	29	32
2005 Sep 12-15	39	40	21	1984 Aug 10-13	39	37	24
2005 Jan 3-5	41	41	18	1984 Feb 10-13	30	32	38
2004 Sep 13-15	47	44	9	1983 Nov 18-21	28	35	37
2004 Jan 12-15	39	46	15	1982 Aug 13-16	26	35	39
2002 Jul 26-28	38	36	26	1981 Jan 8-11	39	20	41
2001 Jan 10-14	39	39	22	1980 Mar 28-31	28	32	40
1999 Jan 15-17	33	43	24	1979 Oct 12-15	25	33	42
1998 Apr 17-19	40	42	18	1976 Apr 23-26	18	39	43
1997 Jan 10-13	33	43	24	1975 Oct 17-20	15	42	43
1996 Jul 25-28	37	41	22	1972 Aug	28	34	38
1996 May 9-12	40	44	16	1968 May	30	28	42
1995 Jan 16-18	42	32	26	1964 Apr 24-29	16	40	44
1994 Oct 22-25	41	37	22	1960 Feb 4-9	24	32	44
1994 Aug 15-16	38	37	25	1956 Sep 20-25	55	45	--