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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 1-8, 2018 with a random sample of **–1,041—**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 **–490—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **–551—**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 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 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2017 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]

	Mar 1-8, 2018	Feb 1-10, 2018	Jan 2-11, 2018	Dec 4-11, 2017	Nov 2-8, 2017	Oct 5-11, 2017	Sep 6-10, 2017
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	14	20	20	17	15	17	17
Economy in general	4	6	4	3	4	5	6
Unemployment/Jobs	2	4	2	3	4	5	4
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	2	3	3	3	2	3	2
Corporate corruption	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Taxes	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lack of money	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	3	2	1	2	2
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	1	--	*	*	--	--	*
Wage issues	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Fuel/Oil prices	*	*	1	--	--	--	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	1	1	1	*	*	1
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	83	77	80	81	85	84	82
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	22	22	25	22	23	20	18
Guns/Gun control	13	*	1	1	5	4	*
Immigration/Illegal aliens	9	15	8	5	6	5	11
Race relations/Racism	7	8	7	8	10	14	12
Unifying the country	5	6	5	8	7	11	8
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	4	4	2	6	4	3	4
Healthcare	4	7	6	5	9	7	6
Lack of respect for each other	3	3	3	5	4	4	2
Environment/Pollution	3	3	2	3	2	2	3
National security	3	2	2	2	3	2	2
Education	3	3	3	2	3	1	2
Crime/Violence	3	2	3	2	4	4	3
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	1	3	3	2	1	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	2	3	4	2	3	3	2
Situation with North Korea	2	1	2	5	3	5	6
International issues, problems	2	1	4	1	1	3	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	1	*	*	*	--	*	*
Drugs	1	1	3	1	2	1	1
The media	1	1	2	1	2	2	3
Situation with Russia	1	1	*	*	*	*	--
Terrorism	1	1	2	3	5	2	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	*	1	1	*	*
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	1	*	*	*	1	--	*
School shootings	*	--	--	*	--	*	--
Abortion	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Advancement of Computers/Technology	*	--	1	1	*	--	--
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	--	--	*	*	*	--
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	*	*	--	*	--	*	*
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	--	*	--	*	--
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	--	*	1	--	--	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	*	*	*	1	4
Other non-economic	8	6	6	8	5	7	5
No opinion	4	4	3	3	4	4	4
Total	126%	122%	122%	121%	129%	132%	124%

Finally, thinking about something else,

29. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	<u>More strict</u>	<u>Less strict</u>	<u>Kept as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	67	4	28	1
2017 Oct 5-11	60	5	33	1
2016 Oct 5-9	55	10	34	1
2015 Oct 7-11	55	11	33	*
2014 Oct 12-15	47	14	38	1
2013 Oct 3-6	49	13	37	1
2013 Sep 17-18 †	49	13	37	2
2012 Dec 19-22	58	6	34	2
2011 Oct 6-9	43	11	44	2
2010 Oct 7-10	44	12	42	2
2009 Oct 1-4	44	12	43	1
2008 Oct 3-5	49	8	41	2
2007 Oct 4-7	51	8	39	2
2006 Oct 9-12	56	9	33	2
2005 Oct 13-16	57	7	35	1
2004 Oct 11-14	54	11	34	1
2004 Jan 9-11	60	6	34	*
2003 Oct 6-8	55	9	36	*
2002 Oct 14-17	51	11	36	2
2001 Oct 11-14	53	8	38	1
2000 May 5-7	62	5	31	2
2000 Apr 7-9	61	7	30	2
1999 Dec 9-12	60	10	29	1
1999 Aug 3-4	66	6	27	1
1999 Jun 25-27	62	6	31	1
1999 May 23-24	65	5	28	2
1999 Apr 26-27	66	7	25	2
1999 Feb 8-9	60	9	29	2
1995 Apr 23-24 ^	62	12	24	2
1993 Dec 17-19	67	7	25	1
1993 Mar 12-14	70	4	24	2
1991 Mar 21-24	68	5	25	2
1990 Sep 10-11	78	2	17	3

^ Asked of half sample.

† Asked on Gallup Daily tracking poll.