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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 3-12, 2018 with a random sample of –1,025— 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 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 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.

12. Next, how important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- is it -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2018 Dec 3-12</i> <i>(sorted by "extremely important")</i>	Extremely important	Extremely/Very important
Education	42	87
Healthcare policy	39	85
The economy	34	85
Gun policy	34	66
Social Security	33	80
Immigration	33	75
The federal budget deficit	32	76
Drug abuse	31	75
Climate change	31	62
The nation's infrastructure	27	72
U.S. trade and tariff policies	25	71
The distribution of income and wealth	25	62

ISSUE IMPORTANCE TRENDS

A. The economy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	34	51	13	1	*
2014 Jan 5-8	31	58	9	1	*
2011 Jan 7-9	52	41	7	1	*
2007 Jan 5-7	42	39	16	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22	46	41	11	1	*
2005 Dec 9-11	47	34	17	2	*
2005 Apr 1-2	41	46	11	1	1
2005 Feb 4-6	44	44	11	1	*
2004 Dec 17-19	40	46	13	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5	49	42	8	1	*
2002 May 28-29 ^	38	45	14	2	1
2002 Jan 11-14	44	43	11	1	1
2001 Oct 5-6	54	36	10	*	*
2001 Jan 10-14	34	51	12	2	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

B. Education

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	42	45	10	3	*
2014 Jan 5-8	26	55	15	3	*
2011 Jan 7-9	40	39	17	4	1
2005 Feb 4-6	45	40	12	2	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	44	42	13	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	44	39	14	3	0
2002 May 28-29 ^	44	42	10	4	*
2002 Jan 11-14	46	38	14	2	*
2001 Oct 5-6	46	37	14	3	*
2001 Jun 8-10	61	32	6	1	*

^ Asked of a half sample.

C. Climate change

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	31	31	19	18	1

D. Gun policy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	34	32	19	14	*
2014 Jan 5-8	17	37	28	17	1
2002 May 28-29 ^	27	28	26	15	4
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	27	36	23	13	1

^ WORDING: Guns

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

E. Health care policy

	Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Moderately <u>important</u>	Not that <u>important</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	39	46	13	3	*
2014 Jan 5-8	26	51	16	6	1
2011 Jan 7-9	40	38	15	6	1
2007 Jan 5-7 ‡	50	36	11	2	1
2006 Jan 20-22 ^	47	39	12	2	*
2005 Dec 9-11 †	48	31	17	3	1
2005 Apr 1-2 †	46	42	9	2	1
2005 Feb 4-6 †	49	39	11	1	*
2004 Dec 17-19 † ‡	42	45	12	1	*
2003 Jan 3-5 † ‡	45	36	17	1	1

^ WORDING: Health care policy

† WORDING: Health care costs

‡ Asked of a half sample.

F. Immigration

	Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Moderately <u>important</u>	Not that <u>important</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	33	42	19	6	1
2014 Jan 5-8	14	36	40	8	1
2011 Jan 7-9	30	34	26	9	1
2007 Jan 5-7 ^	38	31	25	6	1
2006 Jan 20-22 ^	31	33	30	4	1
2005 Dec 9-11 ^	27	30	37	5	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^ †	27	38	26	8	1
2002 Jan 11-14 ^	30	33	29	7	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	17	29	39	12	3
2001 Jan 10-14	17	29	39	12	3

^ WORDING: Illegal immigration

† Asked of a half sample.

G. The distribution of income and wealth

	Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Moderately <u>important</u>	Not that <u>important</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	25	37	19	17	3
2014 Jan 5-8	17	40	23	16	3

Q.12 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

H. The federal budget deficit

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	32	44	18	5	1
2011 Jan 7-9	44	40	12	3	2
2007 Jan 5-7	42	34	19	3	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	35	42	18	3	2
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	32	36	25	5	2
2002 May 28-29 ^	25	37	28	8	2
2002 Jan 11-14	30	35	28	5	2

^ Asked of a half sample.

I. Social Security

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	33	47	18	2	*
2011 Jan 7-9	36	42	19	3	1
2007 Jan 5-7	45	35	17	2	1
2005 Dec 9-11	44	32	19	4	1
2005 Apr 1-2	37	42	15	5	1
2005 Feb 4-6	41	38	15	5	1
2004 Dec 17-19 ^	40	42	14	4	*
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	41	36	20	3	*
2002 May 28-29 ^	41	39	16	3	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

J. U.S. trade and tariff policies

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	25	46	24	3	3

K. The nation's infrastructure

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	27	45	25	2	2

L. Drug abuse

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Dec 3-12	31	44	20	5	*