

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**  
**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:**  
**ECONOMY AND PERSONAL FINANCE**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 1-9, 2019 with a random sample of –1,012—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**For results based on the sample of –497-- adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –630-- stock owners, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –351-- retirees, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 7$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –661-- non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –692-- homeowners, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  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 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).**

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

	Apr 1-9, 2019	Mar 1-13, 2019	Feb 1-10, 2019	Jan 2-10, 2019	Dec 3-12, 2018	Nov 1-11, 2018	Oct 1-10, 2018
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
Economy in general	5	4	3	3	3	4	3
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	2	4	3	2	2	2	2
Unemployment/Jobs	2	3	3	1	3	3	3
Gap between rich and poor	2	*	1	2	2	1	1
Lack of money	1	--	1	1	1	*	*
Taxes	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wage issues	*	2	1	1	1	*	1
Fuel/Oil prices	*	--	--	--	*	*	*
Corporate corruption	--	1	*	1	1	*	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	--	*	*	*	1	*	1
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>
The government/Poor leadership	23	29	35	29	19	18	27
Immigration	21	16	19	21	16	21	13
Healthcare	7	7	6	7	5	11	6
Race relations/Racism	6	7	5	8	7	9	6
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	5	3	4	3	6	2	2
Unifying the country	5	3	4	5	8	9	6
Lack of respect for each other	4	3	2	3	5	6	5
Environment/Pollution/Climate change	3	4	3	3	5	2	3
Education	3	3	2	2	2	3	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	3	5	3	2	3	4	3
Crime/Violence	2	2	1	2	4	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
Drugs	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
National security	1	2	1	*	1	1	1
Abortion	1	1	1	1	*	*	2
Elections/Election reform	1	*	1	1	*	*	*
Lack of military defense	1	1	*	--	*	--	--
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	1	3	2	1
The media	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
International issues, problems	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	1	1	2	*	1	1
Situation with Russia	*	--	1	*	*	--	--
Terrorism	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
School shootings	*	--	*	--	1	1	1
Welfare	*	1	1	*	--	2	*
Gay/Lesbian rights	*	--	--	*	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	*	1	*	1	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	*	--	*	--	*	--	--
Advancement of Computers/Technology	--	*	*	--	*	*	*
Situation with North Korea	--	*	--	--	*	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	--	*	*	*	*	--
Natural disaster response	--	--	--	--	*	--	--
Other non-economic	7	6	4	7	6	4	7
No opinion	3	2	3	4	3	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>119%</b>	<b>120%</b>	<b>119%</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>120%</b>	<b>125%</b>	<b>117%</b>

		Total	Gender		Race		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
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NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		133	78	55	71	61	35	60	35	47	37	50	23	75	32	34	65	32
		13%	16%	11%	11%	19%	13%	18%	9%	15%	13%	13%	8%	17%	12%	10%	18%	13%
Economy (General)		46	27	19	26	20	7	27	12	19	2	25	12	29	5	13	27	6
		5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	8%	3%	6%	1%	7%	4%	6%	2%	4%	8%	2%
Federal Budget Deficit-Debt		23	18	5	15	7	7	9	3	7	8	8	8	10	4	10	11	2
		2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%
Unemployment-Jobs		18	10	9	7	12	-	7	11	4	2	12	-	13	5	9	7	2
		2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	-	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	-	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Gap Between the Rich and Poor		16	13	3	10	6	5	8	3	7	7	2	-	7	9	-	8	8
		2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	2%	3%	-	2%	3%
Lack of money		10	3	7	4	6	3	6	0	1	9	-	-	6	2	-	4	4
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	2%
Taxes		9	6	2	6	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	1	5	2	2	2	4
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Other Economic		7	1	6	3	4	6	-	1	4	3	-	-	5	2	1	3	3
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Cost of Living-Inflation		6	2	4	0	4	3	1	2	2	2	1	-	3	3	0	3	2
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Wage Issues		4	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	-	1	2	1	1	2	1
		0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Fuel/Oil Prices		3	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	2	-	3	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-
NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		840	402	438	566	251	217	264	347	284	248	302	242	352	224	310	295	203
		83%	81%	85%	85%	79%	80%	78%	89%	88%	85%	78%	88%	79%	85%	87%	81%	83%
The Government		235	116	119	170	57	43	56	133	90	74	71	53	95	84	70	89	67
		23%	23%	23%	26%	18%	16%	17%	34%	28%	25%	18%	19%	21%	32%	20%	24%	27%
Immigration-Illegal Aliens		211	105	106	167	40	36	74	98	69	60	80	114	81	12	124	53	26
		21%	21%	21%	25%	13%	13%	22%	25%	21%	21%	21%	41%	18%	5%	35%	15%	11%
Healthcare/Insurance		74	36	39	54	19	11	31	32	36	14	23	8	30	37	16	27	31
		7%	7%	8%	8%	6%	4%	9%	8%	11%	5%	6%	3%	7%	14%	5%	7%	12%
Race Relations		61	31	29	20	38	19	28	14	10	17	33	5	30	23	19	18	22
		6%	6%	6%	3%	12%	7%	8%	3%	3%	6%	9%	2%	7%	9%	5%	5%	9%
Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness		51	21	30	18	29	22	12	15	6	13	30	8	23	13	15	18	11
		5%	4%	6%	3%	9%	8%	4%	4%	2%	5%	8%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Unifying the Country		46	25	21	32	13	18	10	16	18	14	13	16	14	14	14	23	7
		5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	3%	4%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%	6%	3%
Lack of respect for each other		37	16	21	25	11	9	12	15	12	6	19	9	22	6	13	11	13
		4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	5%
Environment-Pollution		34	16	18	26	7	10	15	10	24	8	1	2	12	20	4	12	18
		3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	8%	3%	0%	1%	3%	8%	1%	3%	7%
Education		26	7	19	18	8	10	11	5	15	10	1	0	11	14	1	13	11
		3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	3%	5%	0%	4%	5%

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Moral/Ethical/Family Decline		26	12	14	20	5	10	8	8	5	10	11	15	8	2	15	4	6
		3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Crime-Violence		21	7	14	4	17	8	9	5	1	5	15	7	6	8	6	8	7
		2%	1%	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	1%	0%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Judicial System/Courts/Laws		19	6	13	9	10	5	7	7	6	8	5	2	13	4	5	6	8
		2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Drugs		13	3	9	12	1	1	10	2	3	4	6	3	9		4	4	4
		1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%		1%	1%	2%
National Security		11	6	5	4	8	5	5	2	2	2	7	3	4	4	3	7	
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	
Abortion Issues		9	2	6	7	1	3	1	3	3	4	2	4	3	2	7	2	
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	
Election/Election Reform		8	6	2	6	2	4	2	2	3	2	3	4	1	3		3	3
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%		1%	1%
Lack of a Military/Defense		8	1	7	5		3	3	1	0	2	6	2		3	3	1	0
		1%	0%	1%	1%		1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%		1%	1%	0%	0%
Gun control/Guns		7	2	6	2	6		5	2	3		4		7	1	1	4	2
		1%	0%	1%	0%	2%		2%	1%	1%		1%		1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
The media		6	6		6	0	4	2	1	1	5		1	5	1	4	1	1
		1%	1%		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%		0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
International Problems-Foreign A		6	3	3	4	2	3	2	2	4	3		0	4	1	1	4	0
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%		0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Situation with China		4	3	1	4		2		1	2	1		1	3	0	1	2	0
		0%	1%	0%	1%		1%		0%	1%	1%		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas		4		4	2	1	2		1	2		1		3	1	1	1	1
		0%		1%	0%	0%	1%		0%	1%		0%		1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Situation with Russia		2		2	2			0	2	2	0		0	0	1	0	0	1
		0%		0%	0%			0%	0%	1%	0%		0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Terrorism		2	2	1	2	1		2	0	2	0			1	1	2		1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		1%	0%	1%	0%			0%	0%	0%		0%
Police brutality		2	2		2	1	2			2				1	2		1	2
		0%	0%		1%	0%	0%			1%				0%	1%		0%	1%
School Shootings		2		2	2		2					2		2				2
		0%		0%	1%		1%					1%		0%				1%
Welfare		2	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	
Gay marriage/Homosexual rights		2	1	1	1	1			2			2	1			2		
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			0%			0%	0%			0%		
Social Security Issues		2		2	2						2			2		2		2
		0%		0%	0%						1%			1%		0%		0%

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Care for the Elderly		1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Fear of War		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-
Iraq		1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-
Medicare Increases-Senior Citizen		1	0	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	0	-	1	0	-	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%
Childrens Needs		1	0	1	1	-	-	-	1	0	1	-	0	1	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-
Feeling of Fear in this Country		1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lack of energy Sources		1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-
NET OTHER		87	41	46	60	27	29	35	23	17	16	53	18	46	24	23	26	28
		9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	11%	10%	6%	5%	6%	14%	6%	10%	9%	6%	7%	12%
Other		57	24	33	44	13	14	24	19	16	10	31	15	30	12	14	15	21
		6%	5%	6%	7%	4%	5%	7%	5%	5%	3%	8%	5%	7%	5%	4%	4%	9%
None		5	2	3	5	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	0	3	2	3	2	1
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
REF		25	15	9	11	14	15	10	1	1	4	20	2	13	10	6	10	6
		2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	0%	0%	1%	5%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%