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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 1-14, 2020 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.

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 Dynata. 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.

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

	Apr 1-14, 2020	Mar 2-15, 2020	Feb 3-16, 2020	Jan 2-15, 2020	Dec 2-15, 2019	Nov 1-14, 2019	Oct 1-13, 2019
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	13	13	11	10	11	13	11
Economy in general	6	5	4	2	2	4	3
Unemployment/Jobs	3	2	1	1	2	2	2
Gap between rich and poor	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	1	2	3	1	2	2	2
Lack of money	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Taxes	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Wage issues	*	1	*	1	*	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	--	*	*	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corporate corruption	*	--	*	*	*	--	*
Fuel/Oil prices	--	--	--	--	*	--	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	87	84	86	82	82	85	86
Coronavirus/Diseases	45	13	*	--	--	--	--
The government/Poor leadership	20	27	32	28	25	33	34
Healthcare	6	11	10	6	5	6	5
Unifying the country	3	6	6	5	4	5	5
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	2	2	3	5	3	3	3
Immigration	2	8	11	6	10	11	13
The media	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Environment/Pollution/Climate change	2	5	5	4	5	3	4
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	3	4	4	3	3
Education	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
Race relations/Racism	1	3	4	3	6	5	6
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	1	3	2	5	6	4	3
International issues, problems	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elections/Election reform	*	*	1	1	2	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	*	*	3	1	1	1	2
Lack of military defense	*	*	1	1	1	1	*
Situation with China	*	*	*	--	*	1	*
National security	*	1	1	1	2	1	*
Crime/Violence	*	*	1	1	2	2	2
Abortion	*	1	*	1	*	2	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	*	1	2	1	1	1
Drugs	*	*	1	1	2	2	2
Advancement of Computers/Technology	*	*	--	*	*	*	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	--	--	2	*	1	1
Guns/Gun control	*	*	2	2	1	2	2
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	--	*	1	*	*
Social Security	*	*	--	--	*	1	*
Situation with Russia	*	--	--	*	*	*	*
Welfare	--	1	1	1	1	*	*
Terrorism	--	*	1	1	*	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	--	*	1	*	*	*	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	*	1	1	--	--	*
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	--	--	*	2	--	*	*
Gay/Lesbian rights	--	--	--	*	*	*	*
School shootings	--	--	--	--	1	*	*
Situation with North Korea	--	--	--	--	*	--	*
Other non-economic	3	5	4	6	1	5	5
No opinion	2	4	4	7	4	3	3
Total	109%	113%	116%	112%	108%	119%	117%

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NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		135	73	61	90	41	36	52	45	48	48	37	43	53	33	43	62	27
		13%	15%	12%	14%	12%	13%	17%	11%	14%	16%	10%	16%	13%	10%	13%	17%	10%
Economy (General)		61	28	33	46	13	8	29	24	20	21	18	23	27	11	27	25	8
		6%	6%	6%	7%	4%	3%	9%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%	3%	8%	7%	3%
Unemployment-Jobs		33	19	14	15	17	5	13	15	9	16	8	13	8	8	10	15	8
		3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	4%	3%	6%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Gap Between the Rich and Poor		16	8	8	10	6	8	6	2	11	4	1	0	6	9	0	8	7
		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%
Other Economic		11	10	1	9	2	4	5	3	5	5	1	3	7	1	5	5	1
		1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Federal Budget Deficit-Debt		6	4	3	6	-	4	1	2	2	1	3	3	4	-	3	4	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-
Lack of money		3	-	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
		0%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%
Taxes		3	2	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	2	1
		0%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	-	-	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	-	1%	0%
Wage Issues		3	3	-	3	-	3	-	-	1	0	2	-	2	1	-	1	2
		0%	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	-	0%	1%
Foreign Trade-Trade Deficit		2	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	-
Cost of Living-Inflation		1	0	1	1	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	0	1	0	-	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%
Corporate Corruption		0	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-

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NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		881	424	458	569	293	237	277	361	298	248	330	228	335	294	292	315	235
		87%	84%	89%	88%	86%	83%	87%	90%	88%	86%	87%	85%	84%	92%	86%	85%	91%
Coronavirus/Diseases		455	209	246	295	150	138	137	177	154	122	175	126	168	147	148	173	114
		45%	42%	48%	46%	44%	48%	43%	44%	45%	42%	46%	47%	42%	46%	44%	47%	44%
The Government		208	117	91	146	58	30	63	113	72	66	68	58	73	75	71	83	44
		20%	23%	18%	22%	17%	10%	20%	28%	21%	23%	18%	22%	18%	24%	21%	22%	17%
Healthcare/Insurance		66	36	30	45	20	23	29	14	34	13	18	9	25	31	14	24	27
		6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	8%	9%	3%	10%	4%	5%	3%	6%	10%	4%	6%	10%
Unifying the Country		26	11	16	17	9	5	10	12	10	9	7	3	15	9	6	12	6
		3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Moral/Ethical/Family Decline		25	16	10	11	11	7	4	13	5	7	13	3	12	11	7	11	4
		2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Immigration-Illegal Aliens		25	8	16	18	6	7	10	8	9	5	11	15	10	-	21	1	3
		2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	-	6%	0%	1%
The media		23	12	11	14	8	9	5	9	2	6	15	12	9	2	13	4	5
		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Environment-Pollution		20	6	15	11	10	10	6	4	10	7	3	-	3	11	-	9	11
		2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	-	1%	4%	-	2%	4%
Lack of respect for each other		19	8	11	9	10	2	8	9	9	2	8	3	13	2	5	0	13
		2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	5%
Education		12	7	5	7	5	7	3	2	4	5	3	1	8	2	2	5	4
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Race Relations		12	4	8	2	9	3	1	7	2	4	5	-	3	8	4	2	6
		1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%

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Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness		7	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	0	5	2	1	4	2	3	2	2
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
International Problems-Foreign Affairs		5	1	4	4	1	-	1	3	1	1	3	-	1	4	1	3	1
		0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Election/Election Reform		4	4	0	4	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	3
		0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Judicial System/Courts/Laws		4	1	3	4	-	-	3	1	3	1	-	2	2	0	2	1	1
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Lack of a Military/Defense		4	3	1	2	2	2	2	-	-	2	2	1	3	-	1	3	-
		0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	-
Situation with China		4	-	4	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-
		0%	-	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-
National Security		3	3	-	2	2	2	-	2	0	-	3	3	0	-	1	-	0
		0%	1%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Crime-Violence		3	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	3
		0%	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%
Abortion Issues		3	2	0	1	2	2	1	0	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	-	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	-	0%
Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas		3	1	2	3	-	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	-
Drugs		2	1	2	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	-	0%	-	0%
Advancement of computers/technology		2	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%
Fear of War		2	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1
		0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%

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Gun control/Guns		1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Childrens Needs		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Social Security Issues		1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
		0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
Situation with Russia		0	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
NET OTHER		49	26	23	23	25	27	13	8	12	13	24	10	32	6	17	14	14
		5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	10%	4%	2%	4%	5%	6%	4%	8%	2%	5%	4%	5%
Other		24	12	12	17	8	15	6	4	9	9	7	4	17	3	6	10	9
		2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%
None		5	4	1	1	4	3	2	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	1	1	0
		0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
REF		20	10	9	6	13	10	6	4	2	4	15	5	11	3	10	3	5
		2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%