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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 4-15, 2021 with a random sample of –1,023—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 samples of –515—adults in Form A and –508—adults in Form B, the maximum margin 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 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 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 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.

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

	Jan 4-15, 2021	Dec 1-17, 2020	Nov 5-19, 2020	Sep 30- Oct 13, 2020	Aug 31- Sep 13, 2020	Jul 30- Aug 12, 2020	Jul 1-23, 2020
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	9	10	10	14	9	12	9
Unemployment/Jobs	3	3	2	3	2	3	2
Economy in general	2	4	6	9	5	7	4
Lack of money	2	*	1	1	*	*	*
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	1	1	1	*	1	*	*
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Taxes	*	*	*	*	1	--	*
Wage issues	*	*	--	*	--	*	*
High cost of living/Inflation	*	--	--	*	--	*	*
Corporate corruption	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Recession	--	*	--	--	--	--	--
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	--	*	--	--	--	--	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	91	92	87	87	91	89	89
The government/Poor leadership	29	20	22	23	25	22	23
Coronavirus/Diseases	22	33	28	30	25	35	30
Unifying the country	12	5	6	5	6	4	6
Race relations/Racism	10	8	10	10	13	10	16
Elections/Election reform	4	5	4	2	1	1	1
Lack of respect for each other	4	5	2	1	2	2	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	4	4	3	2	3	3	2
Healthcare	2	4	3	4	3	3	2
Crime/Violence	2	1	1	5	8	4	5
The media	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Environment/Pollution/Climate change	2	2	3	3	2	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Advancement of Computers/Technology	1	*	*	--	--	*	*
Education	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Immigration	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	*	*	*	--	--	*
Situation with China	*	1	*	1	1	*	*
Abortion	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	--	*	--	--	*	--
Guns/Gun control	*	*	*	*	*	--	*
Police brutality	*	*	--	1	1	1	*
International issues, problems	*	1	1	*	--	*	--
Situation with Russia	*	--	--	--	--	*	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	*	*	--	*	*	--	*
Drugs	--	*	*	*	*	*	--
Welfare	--	*	*	*	*	1	*
National security	--	*	*	*	*	*	1
Child abuse	--	*	*	*	1	*	--
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	*	--	--	--	--	--
Care for the elderly/Medicare	--	*	--	*	*	--	*
Social Security	--	*	*	*	*	*	--
Terrorism	--	--	--	*	1	*	--
Natural disaster relief/response	--	--	--	*	1	--	--
Lack of military defense	--	--	--	--	*	*	*
Gay/Lesbian rights	--	--	--	--	--	*	*
Other non-economic	2	1	4	3	2	2	4
No opinion	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Total	113%	112%	110%	116%	115%	115%	112%

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NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		88	52	36	44	44	23	40	24	31	23	34	17	43	21	31	36	19
		9%	10%	7%	6%	13%	8%	12%	6%	9%	8%	9%	7%	10%	7%	9%	10%	7%
Unemployment-Jobs		27	18	8	14	13	4	15	8	6	8	13	3	10	8	13	6	7
		3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Economy (General)		23	14	9	12	11	3	9	11	13	1	9	5	11	3	12	8	3
		2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Lack of money		18	10	9	6	13	5	9	4	8	3	8	3	11	5	4	13	2
		2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%
Federal Budget Deficit-Debt		11	6	5	8	2	4	4	2	1	5	4	6	3	2	4	3	4
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Gap Between the Rich and Poor		6	2	3	1	5	2	3	1	3	3	-	-	2	4	-	3	2
		1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	-	1%	1%
Taxes		2	2	0	2	-	2	-	0	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-
Wage Issues		2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	1
		0%	0%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%
Cost of Living-Inflation		1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-
Corporate Corruption		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-

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NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		929	447	481	628	290	239	297	384	332	267	326	215	405	289	324	321	263
		91%	89%	92%	92%	89%	88%	90%	94%	92%	93%	89%	89%	90%	94%	91%	89%	94%
The Government		295	142	154	238	55	34	99	159	115	82	97	90	116	85	128	101	63
		29%	28%	30%	35%	17%	13%	30%	39%	32%	28%	26%	37%	26%	28%	36%	28%	22%
Coronavirus/Diseases		222	107	115	118	104	57	71	95	84	54	84	33	83	98	49	81	90
		22%	21%	22%	17%	32%	21%	21%	23%	23%	19%	23%	14%	18%	32%	14%	22%	32%
Unifying the Country		122	62	59	94	27	36	34	50	46	33	43	23	66	33	42	44	35
		12%	12%	11%	14%	8%	13%	10%	12%	13%	12%	12%	9%	14%	11%	12%	12%	12%
Race Relations		106	50	56	43	63	45	40	20	22	28	57	9	56	41	24	32	43
		10%	10%	11%	6%	19%	17%	12%	5%	6%	10%	15%	4%	12%	13%	7%	9%	15%
Election/Election Reform		40	22	18	33	7	7	20	12	15	17	7	17	19	4	23	13	3
		4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	6%	3%	4%	6%	2%	7%	4%	1%	6%	4%	1%
Lack of respect for each other		37	13	24	25	12	14	5	18	9	13	16	9	20	9	8	19	7
		4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%
Moral/Ethical/Family Decline		37	14	23	28	6	5	11	21	20	13	4	14	13	9	22	11	3
		4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	5%	5%	1%	6%	3%	3%	6%	3%	1%
Healthcare/Insurance		25	5	20	16	9	10	7	8	14	7	5	5	9	10	3	12	11
		2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%
Crime-Violence		24	16	9	20	4	7	7	10	9	9	7	4	16	5	5	12	7
		2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%
The media		20	13	7	16	4	6	6	8	8	7	4	4	13	3	9	6	3
		2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Environment-Pollution		16	8	8	9	5	7	4	5	9	2	2	2	7	5	4	2	8
		2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%

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Judicial System/Courts/Laws		13	6	8	12	1	6	2	5	6	6	1	6	3	4	7	2	4
		1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%
Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness		11	3	8	7	4	2	7	2	2	1	8	5	6		3	8	
		1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%		1%	3%	
Advancement of computers/technology		9	9	1	7	2	2	5	3	1	8	5	4	7	0	1		
		1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%		
Education		9	3	6	5	4	3	4	2	5	3	1	3	4	1	2	6	
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	
Immigration-Illegal Aliens		8	2	6	1	7	3	5	1	3	1	4	6	2	3	3	2	
		1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas		5	4	1	5		2	3		1	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	
		0%	1%	0%	1%		1%	1%		0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
Situation with China		3	3	1	3		0		3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	
		0%	1%	0%	1%		0%		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
Abortion Issues		3	3		3		1	2		1		2	2	1	3			
		0%	1%		0%		0%	1%		0%		0%	1%	0%	1%			
Childrens Needs		2	2	0	2		2		0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0		
		0%	0%	0%	0%		1%		0%	0%	1%	1%	0%		0%	0%		
Gun control/Guns		2		2	2		2			2				2			2	
		0%		0%	1%		1%			1%				1%			1%	
School Shootings		2		2	2			2			2			2		2		
		0%		0%	1%			0%			1%			1%		1%		
Police brutality		2	1	1	1	1		2		2			2		1	1		
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		1%		1%			0%		0%	0%		
International Problems-Foreign Affairs		2		2	1	1			2	1		1	1	1	2			
		0%		0%	0%	0%			0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	0%			
Situation with Russia		1		1	1				1			1		1		1		
		0%		0%	0%				0%			0%		0%		0%		
Feeling of Fear in this Country		1	1		1		1			1			1			1		
		0%	0%		0%		0%			0%			0%			0%		

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NET OTHER		46	31	14	28	17	16	19	9	11	7	27	15	21	10	20	16	10
		4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	6%	6%	2%	3%	2%	7%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Other		23	20	3	10	12	9	10	4	7	5	11	6	11	6	14	5	4
		2%	4%	1%	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
None		13	6	7	10	3	2	9	-	4	2	7	6	7	-	5	8	-
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	-
REF		10	5	5	8	2	5	-	5	1	-	9	3	3	4	1	4	6
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	0%	-	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%