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**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 2-23, 2023, with a random sample of **–1,009—** 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 **-- 498 --** national adults in Form A and the sample of **–511--** national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 478 –** U.S. adults with a gun in their household, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% 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 most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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.

Now, thinking about illegal drugs,

20. Overall, how would you describe the problem of drugs [ROTATED: in the United States/in the area where you live] -- is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

A. In the United States

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Oct 2-23	45	29	20	3	2	*
2021 Oct 1-19	33	31	26	7	2	1
2019 Oct 1-13	37	36	22	4	1	*
2018 Oct 1-10	37	32	22	5	2	2
2017 Oct 5-11	33	38	23	4	1	*
2016 Oct 5-9	32	33	27	6	2	2
2011 Oct 6-9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2009 Oct 1-4	35	33	26	5	1	1
2007 Oct 4-7	35	38	24	1	1	1
2005 Oct 13-16	37	33	23	5	1	1
2003 Oct 6-8	31	40	24	3	1	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	43	40	15	1	1	*

B. In the area where you live

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Oct 2-23	19	16	36	18	10	*
2021 Oct 1-19	15	16	28	28	13	1
2019 Oct 1-13	16	17	37	22	8	*
2018 Oct 1-10	14	17	37	22	10	1
2017 Oct 5-11	13	16	36	20	12	2
2016 Oct 5-9	13	19	35	20	11	1
2011 Oct 6-9	11	18	36	25	10	1
2009 Oct 1-4	14	16	38	23	8	1
2007 Oct 4-7	14	15	39	21	10	2
2005 Oct 13-16	14	19	35	23	8	1
2003 Oct 6-8	13	17	36	22	11	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	13	21	39	19	6	2

21. Now, how much progress do you feel the nation has made over the last year or two in coping with the problem of illegal drugs -- Has it made much progress, made some progress, stood still, lost some ground, or lost much ground?

	<u>Made much progress</u>	<u>Made some progress</u>	<u>Stood still</u>	<u>Lost some ground</u>	<u>Lost much ground</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Total made progress</i>
2023 Oct 2-23	2	22	23	23	29	1	24
2019 Oct 1-13	4	37	27	18	12	2	41
2018 Oct 1-10	5	33	26	19	14	3	38
2017 Oct 5-11	2	30	28	23	14	2	32
2011 Oct 6-9	3	28	31	21	14	3	31
2009 Oct 1-4	3	30	31	19	13	3	33
2007 Oct 4-7	3	31	31	19	13	3	34
2005 Oct 13-16	2	31	30	23	13	1	33
2003 Oct 6-8	3	35	32	17	11	2	38
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	6	41	23	17	12	1	47
1999 Sep 23-26	4	42	27	14	12	1	46
1996 Nov 21-24	3	28	22	24	22	1	31
1995 Sep 14-17	2	36	30	19	11	2	38
1976 Jun	2	25	29	25	15	4	27
1974 Apr	4	36	21	19	16	5	40
1972 May	3	32	20	21	20	5	35

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QN20A: Drug problem in U.S. BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1009	550	448	738	242	214	270	510	425	345	228	301	419	255	291	301	300
	Weighted n	1009	492	502	648	339	275	337	385	352	271	380	271	441	268	336	290	277
Extremely serious		457	197	258	301	144	93	171	186	133	145	176	169	191	84	163	130	113
		45%	40%	51%	46%	43%	34%	51%	48%	38%	54%	46%	62%	43%	31%	48%	45%	41%
Very serious		296	154	140	185	107	93	73	126	110	69	114	65	135	86	93	84	83
		29%	31%	28%	29%	31%	34%	22%	33%	31%	25%	30%	24%	31%	32%	28%	29%	30%
Moderately serious		199	105	85	141	53	62	75	62	92	46	61	32	84	80	53	64	70
		20%	21%	17%	22%	16%	23%	22%	16%	26%	17%	16%	12%	19%	30%	16%	22%	25%
Not too serious		33	21	9	15	17	15	10	7	12	8	12	3	14	14	13	7	7
		3%	4%	2%	2%	5%	6%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%
Not serious at all		20	13	7	5	15	8	7	5	5	2	13	1	13	4	11	6	3
		2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	2	2	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-

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QN20B: Drug problem in Your Area BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1009	550	448	738	242	214	270	510	425	345	228	301	419	255	291	301	300
	Weighted n	1009	492	502	648	339	275	337	385	352	271	380	271	441	268	336	290	277
Extremely serious		194	74	119	119	71	48	85	61	54	60	77	63	96	28	78	54	49
		19%	15%	24%	18%	21%	17%	25%	16%	15%	22%	20%	23%	22%	10%	23%	19%	18%
Very serious		159	74	83	106	48	46	50	62	54	45	58	45	66	45	59	40	43
		16%	15%	17%	16%	14%	17%	15%	16%	15%	17%	15%	17%	15%	17%	17%	14%	15%
Moderately serious		362	181	176	259	94	91	110	152	131	94	135	105	157	90	109	115	99
		36%	37%	35%	40%	28%	33%	33%	40%	37%	35%	36%	39%	36%	34%	32%	40%	36%
Not too serious		186	98	84	107	79	61	55	68	72	54	60	37	68	74	47	61	50
		18%	20%	17%	16%	23%	22%	16%	18%	20%	20%	16%	14%	16%	28%	14%	21%	18%
Not serious at all		103	61	38	55	46	28	37	38	38	16	48	17	53	31	43	20	35
		10%	12%	8%	8%	13%	10%	11%	10%	11%	6%	13%	6%	12%	12%	13%	7%	13%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	3	1	3	2	-	-	4	2	1	2	3	1	-	0	-	2
		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	-	1%

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QN21: U.S. Progress Made on Drug Problem BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1009	550	448	738	242	214	270	510	425	345	228	301	419	255	291	301	300
	Weighted n	1009	492	502	648	339	275	337	385	352	271	380	271	441	268	336	290	277
Made much progress		18	12	6	2	16	3	6	8	3	4	10	5	7	6	8	7	3
		2%	3%	1%	0%	5%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Made some progress		219	79	131	137	77	66	62	90	86	43	88	26	87	101	85	59	50
		22%	16%	26%	21%	23%	24%	18%	23%	24%	16%	23%	10%	20%	38%	25%	20%	18%
Stood still		232	102	127	161	68	73	88	70	95	51	85	36	107	86	78	60	76
		23%	21%	25%	25%	20%	27%	26%	18%	27%	19%	22%	13%	24%	32%	23%	21%	28%
Lost some ground		233	120	113	147	83	71	68	93	64	68	99	68	104	50	80	70	61
		23%	24%	23%	23%	25%	26%	20%	24%	18%	25%	26%	25%	24%	19%	24%	24%	22%
Lost much ground		293	170	120	194	87	58	104	122	97	103	89	135	129	22	75	92	86
		29%	35%	24%	30%	26%	21%	31%	32%	28%	38%	23%	50%	29%	8%	22%	32%	31%
(DK)/(Refused)		14	9	5	7	7	4	7	2	6	-	8	1	7	3	10	2	1
		1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%