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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ECONOMY AND PERSONAL FINANCE

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 1-22, 2024, with a random sample of –1,001—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 –527-- adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –367-- retirees, the margin of sampling error is ± 7 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –634-- non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –719-- homeowners, the 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 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. 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.

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

<i>Recent Trend:</i>	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Oct 2023
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	36	30	30	34	32	33	38
Economy in general	17	14	12	12	14	13	14
High cost of living/Inflation	13	11	11	13	12	10	14
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	3	2	3	2	2	3	4
Unemployment/Jobs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wage issues	1	2	*	2	1	2	1
Taxes	1	1	2	1	1	1	*
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	3	1	2	1
Lack of money	1	1	1	3	1	2	1
Fuel/Oil prices	*	1	*	1	*	1	1
Corporate corruption	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Foreign Trade/Trade deficit	--	*	*	--	*	*	--
Recession	--	*	*	*	*	*	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	74	81	80	76	68	70	67
Immigration	27	28	28	20	16	15	13
The government/Poor leadership	18	19	20	21	16	19	19
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	4	6	6	5	4	4	4
Elections/Election reform/Democracy	3	3	3	4	5	2	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	3	3	2	3	1	3
Unifying the country	3	4	4	6	4	4	4
Abortion	3	3	2	2	2	1	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	3	2	3	3	1	1	2
Race relations/Racism	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
Environment/Pollution/Climate change	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
Education	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
War in the Middle East	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Guns/Gun control	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Crime/Violence	1	3	3	4	3	3	3
Lack of respect for each other	1	1	3	3	1	1	1
National security	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Healthcare	1	2	3	2	3	2	1
Situation with Russia	1	1	1	1	*	*	1
International issues, problems	1	1	*	1	*	2	1
LGBT rights	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
Advancement of computers/technology	1	1	*	*	*	--	--
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	1	*	*	1	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
Coronavirus/Cancer/diseases	*	1	--	1	*	*	--
The media	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Drugs	*	*	2	1	*	1	1
Terrorism	*	*	*	--	*	*	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	--	*	*	--	--	*
Situation with China	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Children's needs	*	*	1	*	--	*	--
Infrastructure	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Welfare	--	1	*	*	*	*	*
Police brutality	--	*	*	--	*	--	--
Overpopulation	--	*	*	*	--	*	--
Child abuse	--	--	--	*	*	*	*
Other non-economic	5	3	5	3	5	5	3
No opinion	*	*	*	*	4	4	3
Total	136%	137%	139%	141%	119%	122%	122%

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		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	than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Total	Unweighted n	1001	598	392	757	216	161	249	562	494	280	222	291	417	282	253	298	341
	Weighted n	1001	491	485	645	329	266	313	395	363	265	367	275	457	255	289	305	310
NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		346	202	143	217	119	103	129	108	105	91	149	113	163	60	104	98	108
		36%	42%	31%	34%	39%	41%	42%	28%	30%	35%	42%	41%	37%	24%	38%	33%	35%
Economy (General)		161	95	65	106	50	36	68	53	45	40	76	57	78	22	45	46	55
		17%	20%	14%	16%	16%	14%	22%	14%	13%	15%	22%	21%	18%	9%	16%	15%	18%
Cost of Living-Inflation		130	73	57	81	43	39	52	36	48	26	56	46	50	26	31	42	41
		13%	15%	12%	13%	14%	16%	17%	9%	14%	10%	16%	17%	11%	10%	11%	14%	14%
Unemployment-Jobs		23	13	9	7	17	4	12	7	4	13	7	8	8	7	14	4	5
		2%	3%	2%	1%	6%	2%	4%	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%
Federal Budget Deficit-Debt		33	22	11	28	4	17	6	10	5	12	17	9	22	2	10	7	9
		3%	5%	2%	4%	1%	7%	2%	2%	1%	4%	5%	3%	5%	1%	4%	2%	3%
Wage Issues		14	11	3	6	8	9	1	3	3	1	9	1	8	5	9	3	1
		1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%
Lack of money		8	5	3	5	1	2	2	3	1	3	4	1	4	2	5	1	0
		1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Taxes		13	8	5	7	6	6	4	4	1	5	7	7	6		4	6	
		1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%		1%	2%	
Gap between the Rich and Poor		9	6	2	6	2	2	3	4	6	3			4	4	2	3	2
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%			1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Fuel/Oil Prices		4	2	1	4		1	1	1	1		3	1	2	0	1	1	
		0%	1%	0%	1%		0%	0%	0%	0%		1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
Corporate Corruption		1		1	1				1	0		0		0	0	1		
		0%		0%	0%				0%	0%		0%		0%	0%	0%		
NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		718	334	371	500	201	164	214	320	284	192	235	211	297	201	179	233	238
		74%	69%	79%	78%	65%	65%	70%	82%	80%	74%	67%	77%	68%	81%	66%	78%	78%
Immigration-Illegal Aliens		263	117	147	186	74	34	93	129	79	77	103	132	109	20	70	81	91
		27%	24%	31%	29%	24%	13%	30%	33%	22%	30%	29%	48%	25%	8%	26%	27%	30%
The Government		170	95	74	132	35	28	43	95	66	54	50	53	47	68	38	56	62
		18%	20%	16%	21%	12%	11%	14%	24%	19%	21%	14%	19%	11%	28%	14%	19%	20%
Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness		38	17	19	15	22	13	15	9	17	6	15	6	22	10	8	21	6
		4%	3%	4%	2%	7%	5%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	7%	2%
Unifying the Country		31	19	12	17	15	7	9	14	20	8	3	3	19	9	6	12	11
		3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	1%	1%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Crime-Violence		12	3	9	9	3	5	3	3	8	3		2	2	8	6	0	5
		1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%		1%	0%	3%	2%	0%	2%
Election/Election Reform		33	23	10	24	8	4	11	16	15	8	8	1	10	22	5	6	18
		3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	9%	2%	2%	6%
Race Relations		25	11	14	13	12	8	5	13	17	3	5	1	6	17	7	5	10
		3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%	0%	1%	7%	3%	2%	3%
Abortion Issues		28	4	24	26	3	9	8	12	15	8	5	1	9	19	6	11	10
		3%	1%	5%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	0%	2%	8%	2%	4%	3%
Moral/Ethical/Family Decline		23	7	16	17	6	9	2	12	11	6	6	8	13	3	7	8	4
		2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas		33	10	22	24	8	14	8	9	11	13	9	6	22	5	9	12	10
		3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%
Healthcare/Insurance		9	3	6	7	2	1	5	3	6	3		2	3	4	0	6	3
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%		1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%

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Education	16	10	6	10	6	3	10	3	8	5	4	4	10	2	2	6	6
	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Judicial System/Courts/Laws	27	13	10	16	9	14	3	9	7	5	16	8	15	4	2	14	7
	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%
War-Conflict in the Middle East	16	2	13	9	7	4	5	3	6	4	2	4	3	9	7	3	1
	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%
Environment-Pollution	22	10	12	19	2	9	5	8	21	1	-	1	3	18	4	5	13
	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	6%	0%	-	0%	1%	7%	1%	2%	4%
Gun control/Guns	14	1	13	9	6	6	2	7	11	4	-	-	4	10	7	3	4
	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	-	-	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%
Situation with Russia	8	4	5	4	4	-	0	4	3	1	-	5	1	2	1	2	2
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Fear of War	22	9	13	13	8	7	2	10	9	5	8	1	12	9	9	4	3
	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	4%	3%	1%	1%
National Security	10	2	8	9	-	-	4	3	6	-	-	4	6	3	-	4	5
	1%	0%	2%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%
The media	4	1	3	3	2	-	1	3	3	-	-	1	1	2	1	2	1
	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
International Problems-Foreign Affairs	8	4	0	3	5	5	1	2	2	1	5	5	2	2	1	0	7
	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Lack of respect for each other	12	1	11	5	6	6	1	4	5	7	-	1	10	1	7	4	-
	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	-	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	-
Advancement of computers/technology	6	6	-	2	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2
	1%	1%	-	0%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	1%
Cancer/Diseases	5	2	3	1	2	-	2	3	3	-	-	2	-	5	-	3	-
	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-
Lack of energy Sources	6	1	5	2	4	-	4	2	-	1	5	1	1	4	1	4	1
	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Drugs	3	3	-	0	3	3	0	-	0	-	3	-	3	0	-	0	3
	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	0%	-	1%	-	1%	0%	-	0%	1%
School Shootings	2	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
	0%	-	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-
Terrorism	3	2	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%
Lack of a Military/Defense	5	5	-	3	2	-	4	1	1	1	4	5	-	3	1	1	-
	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	-	1%	0%	0%	-
Situation with China	1	1	0	1	0	-	-	1	1	0	-	-	1	1	1	-	1
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%
Childrens Needs	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-
Infrastructure	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-
Gay marriage/Homosexual rights	7	3	-	7	-	7	-	0	0	-	7	-	7	-	-	7	-
	1%	1%	-	1%	-	3%	-	0%	0%	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	2%	-
Care for the Elderly	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-
Feeling of Fear in this Country	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-
NET OTHER	57	22	24	22	29	18	16	19	13	23	21	8	38	10	18	20	9
	6%	4%	5%	4%	10%	7%	5%	5%	4%	9%	6%	3%	9%	4%	7%	7%	3%
Other	54	19	24	22	26	18	16	16	13	22	19	8	35	10	15	20	9
	5%	4%	5%	4%	9%	7%	5%	4%	4%	8%	5%	3%	8%	4%	6%	7%	3%
None	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	3	-	3	-	-
	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-
REF	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-

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