

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ENVIRONMENT

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 3-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,002— 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 -- 502 -- national adults in Form A and the sample of –500-- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  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, party identification, 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. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three prior Gallup polls. 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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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

| <i>Recent Trend:</i>                      | Mar<br>2025 | Feb<br>2025 | Jan<br>2025 | Dec<br>2024 | Nov<br>2024 | Oct<br>2024 | Sep<br>2024 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>            | <b>38</b>   | <b>34</b>   | <b>33</b>   | <b>34</b>   | <b>33</b>   | <b>43</b>   | <b>44</b>   |
| Economy in general                        | 19          | 16          | 14          | 15          | 17          | 21          | 24          |
| High cost of living/Inflation             | 9           | 8           | 12          | 11          | 11          | 14          | 15          |
| Federal budget deficit/Federal debt       | 4           | 6           | 3           | 2           | 3           | 5           | 3           |
| Unemployment/Jobs                         | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |             |
| Gap between rich and poor                 | 2           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| Wage issues                               | 2           | 1           | 1           | 2           | *           | 2           | 1           |
| Taxes                                     | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Foreign Trade/Trade deficit               | 1           | 1           | *           | *           | *           | *           | 2           |
| Lack of money                             | 1           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 1           |
| Fuel/Oil prices                           | *           | *           | 1           | *           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Corporate corruption                      | *           | *           | 1           | 1           | *           | *           | 1           |
| <b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>        | <b>71</b>   | <b>71</b>   | <b>73</b>   | <b>71</b>   | <b>70</b>   | <b>71</b>   | <b>69</b>   |
| The government/Poor leadership            | 27          | 27          | 23          | 20          | 21          | 17          | 17          |
| Immigration                               | 14          | 18          | 13          | 17          | 20          | 21          | 22          |
| Unifying the country                      | 5           | 4           | 7           | 5           | 5           | 5           |             |
| Elections/Election reform/Democracy       | 4           | 4           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 3           | 3           |
| Judicial system/Courts/Laws               | 4           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 5           |
| Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness               | 3           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 5           | 3           |
| International issues, problems            | 3           | 1           | *           | *           | 1           | 1           | 3           |
| Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas | 3           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 3           | 2           | *           |
| Race relations/Racism                     | 2           | 5           | 3           | 4           | 3           | 2           | 1           |
| Education                                 | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 1           | 3           | 2           |
| Lack of respect for each other            | 2           | 1           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| Crime/Violence                            | 2           | 1           | 5           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 1           |
| Environment/Pollution/Climate change      | 1           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | *           |
| Ethics/moral/religious/family decline     | 1           | 4           | 5           | 5           | 2           | 2           | 5           |
| Situation with Russia                     | 1           | --          | *           | 1           | 1           | *           | *           |
| Healthcare                                | 1           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2           |
| Social Security                           | 1           | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | 1           |
| National security                         | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 2           | *           |
| Drugs                                     | 1           | 1           | *           | 1           | *           | 1           | 1           |
| Situation with China                      | 1           | 1           | *           | *           | *           | *           | 1           |
| Terrorism                                 | 1           | *           | 1           | *           | *           | --          | 1           |
| Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war        | 1           | *           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 2           | *           |
| LGBTQ rights                              | 1           | 1           | *           | 1           | *           | *           | 1           |
| The media                                 | *           | 1           | 3           | 2           | 1           | 2           | *           |
| Cancer/diseases/viruses                   | *           | --          | 1           | *           | *           | *           | 1           |
| Abortion                                  | *           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 4           | *           |
| Children's needs                          | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | --          | 4           |
| Care for the elderly/Medicare             | *           | --          | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           |
| Advancement of computers/technology       | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | --          |
| Lack of military defense                  | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           | *           |
| War in the Middle East                    | *           | *           | *           | *           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Guns/Gun control                          | *           | --          | 1           | 1           | *           | *           | 5           |
| Welfare                                   | *           | *           | 1           | *           | --          | *           | *           |
| Infrastructure                            | *           | *           | *           | *           | --          | --          | *           |
| Police brutality                          | --          | *           | *           | --          | --          | *           | --          |
| Energy/Lack of energy sources             | --          | *           | *           | *           | *           | 1           | 1           |
| Natural disaster response                 | --          | *           | *           | --          | --          | 1           | --          |
| School shootings                          | --          | --          | *           | *           | *           | *           | 2           |
| Other non-economic                        | 7           | 4           | 5           | 4           | 5           | 3           | 5           |
| No opinion                                | *           | 2           | 3           | 1           | 3           | 2           | *           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>134%</b> | <b>128%</b> | <b>137%</b> | <b>130%</b> | <b>128%</b> | <b>144%</b> | <b>142%</b> |

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SURVEY**  
**January 2025**  
**Public Release Data**

**QN4: Most important problem. 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+ |
| <b>NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS</b>     | 38%   | 41%    | 35%    | 38%    | 39%       | 33%   | 43%   | 36% | 38%          | 39%          | 38%             | 44%        | 38%         | 30%      | 38%                | 41%              | 36%        |
| Economy (General)                | 19%   | 20%    | 19%    | 17%    | 24%       | 20%   | 21%   | 17% | 17%          | 18%          | 22%             | 17%        | 21%         | 17%      | 18%                | 19%              | 18%        |
| Cost of Living-Inflation         | 9%    | 11%    | 8%     | 11%    | 6%        | 9%    | 11%   | 8%  | 8%           | 11%          | 10%             | 15%        | 8%          | 5%       | 9%                 | 11%              | 8%         |
| Federal Budget Deficit-Debt      | 4%    | 5%     | 3%     | 5%     | 2%        | 0%    | 5%    | 5%  | 4%           | 5%           | 3%              | 10%        | 3%          | 0%       | 3%                 | 4%               | 6%         |
| Unemployment-Jobs                | 2%    | 2%     | 2%     | 1%     | 3%        | 3%    | 3%    | 1%  | 2%           | 3%           | 2%              | 1%         | 3%          | 2%       | 4%                 | 1%               | 1%         |
| Gap Between the Rich and Poor    | 2%    | 3%     | 1%     | 2%     | 2%        | 2%    | 4%    | 1%  | 3%           | 1%           | 2%              | 1%         | 2%          | 3%       | 2%                 | 2%               | 2%         |
| Wage Issues                      | 2%    | 3%     | 1%     | 2%     | 3%        | 0%    | 3%    | 2%  | 3%           | 1%           | 2%              | 2%         | 2%          | 3%       | 2%                 | 4%               | 1%         |
| Taxes                            | 2%    | 2%     | 2%     | 2%     | 2%        | 2%    | 1%    | 2%  | 1%           | 2%           | 2%              | 3%         | 1%          | 1%       | 3%                 | 0%               | 2%         |
| Foreign Trade-Trade Deficit      | 1%    | 1%     | 2%     | 2%     | 0%        | 0%    | 2%    | 1%  | 2%           | 1%           | -               | 0%         | 1%          | 2%       | 1%                 | 2%               | 2%         |
| Lack of money                    | 1%    | 1%     | 1%     | 0%     | 1%        | 0%    | 0%    | 1%  | 0%           | 2%           | -               | -          | 1%          | 0%       | 1%                 | 1%               | -          |
| Fuel/Oil Prices                  | 0%    | 1%     | -      | 0%     | 1%        | -     | -     | 1%  | -            | -            | 1%              | 0%         | -           | -        | 1%                 | -                | -          |
| Corporate Corruption             | 0%    | 0%     | -      | 0%     | -         | 1%    | 0%    | -   | 0%           | 1%           | -               | 1%         | -           | 0%       | -                  | 0%               | 0%         |
| Recession                        | 0%    | 0%     | -      | 0%     | -         | -     | -     | 0%  | 0%           | -            | -               | -          | 0%          | -        | -                  | -                | 0%         |
| <b>NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS</b> | 71%   | 67%    | 75%    | 72%    | 66%       | 70%   | 65%   | 76% | 75%          | 68%          | 67%             | 69%        | 65%         | 81%      | 67%                | 74%              | 72%        |
| The Government                   | 27%   | 22%    | 33%    | 30%    | 20%       | 19%   | 26%   | 34% | 30%          | 29%          | 21%             | 20%        | 22%         | 41%      | 23%                | 29%              | 28%        |

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Immigration-Illegal Aliens             | 14% | 16% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 11% | 18% | 11% | 14% | 19% | 25% | 12% | 7%  | 17% | 19% | 10% |
| Unifying the Country                   | 5%  | 3%  | 6%  | 5%  | 5%  | 6%  | 2%  | 5%  | 6%  | 5%  | 3%  | 5%  | 6%  | 3%  | 5%  | 2%  | 5%  |
| Election/Election Reform               | 4%  | 3%  | 5%  | 4%  | 4%  | 3%  | 6%  | 3%  | 7%  | 4%  | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 11% | 0%  | 3%  | 7%  |
| Judicial System/Courts/Laws            | 4%  | 4%  | 3%  | 5%  | 2%  | 7%  | 4%  | 3%  | 4%  | 4%  | 3%  | 2%  | 3%  | 7%  | 4%  | 4%  | 5%  |
| Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness            | 3%  | 4%  | 3%  | 3%  | 4%  | 5%  | 5%  | 1%  | 3%  | 3%  | 3%  | 3%  | 4%  | 3%  | 4%  | 4%  | 3%  |
| International Problems-Foreign Affairs | 3%  | 3%  | 2%  | 3%  | 2%  | 6%  | 1%  | 2%  | 4%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 4%  | 4%  | 1%  | 3%  |
| Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas             | 3%  | 3%  | 2%  | 3%  | 3%  | 2%  | 2%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 3%  | 3%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 4%  | 2%  |
| Race Relations                         | 2%  | 2%  | 3%  | 2%  | 3%  | 6%  | 1%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | -   | 3%  | 4%  | 3%  | 1%  | 2%  |
| Education                              | 2%  | 2%  | 3%  | 2%  | 3%  | 4%  | 2%  | 1%  | 3%  | 2%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 2%  |
| Lack of respect for each other         | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 0%  | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 3%  | 0%  | 2%  | 2%  | 3%  | 1%  | 2%  |
| Crime-Violence                         | 2%  | 0%  | 3%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 4%  | 1%  | -   | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  |
| Environment-Pollution                  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 3%  | 2%  | -   | 0%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  | 1%  | 3%  |
| Moral/Ethical/Family Decline           | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 0%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  |
| Situation with Russia                  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 0%  | -   | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  |
| Healthcare/Insurance                   | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 2%  | 1%  | 3%  | 0%  | 2%  | 0%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  |
| Social Security Issues                 | 1%  | -   | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | -   | 2%  | 2%  | 0%  | 0%  | -   | 0%  | 3%  | 0%  | 2%  | 0%  |
| National Security                      | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | -   | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | -   | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  |
| Drugs                                  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 2%  | 0%  | 2%  | 1%  | -   | 1%  | 0%  | 1%  |
| Situation with China                   | 1%  | 0%  | 1%  | 1%  | -   | 1%  | -   | 1%  | 0%  | -   | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | -   | 2%  | 1%  | 0%  |
| Terrorism                              | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 0%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 0%  | 0%  | -   | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | -   | -   | 2%  | 0%  |
| Fear of War                            | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 0%  | 1%  | 2%  | 0%  | 0%  | 0%  | -   | 1%  | -   | 0%  | 2%  | 2%  | -   | 0%  |

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|---|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
| Gay marriage/Homosexual rights              | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | -   | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | -  | 1% | 0% | 0%  | 1% | 1%  | -  | 0% |
| The media                                   | 0% | 1% | -  | 0% | 1%  | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | -  | 1% | 0%  | 0% | 1%  | 0% | 1% |
| Cancer/Diseases                             | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1%  | 2% | -  | -  | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0%  | 0% | 0%  | 1% | -  |
| Abortion Issues                             | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | -   | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0%  | 1% | -   | 1% | 1% |
| Childrens Needs                             | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0%  | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0%  | 0% | 1%  | 1% | -  |
| Feeling of Fear in this Country             | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1%  | -  | 1% | 0% | 1% | -  | -  | -  | 0%  | 1% | -   | 0% | 1% |
| Advancement of computers/technology         | 0% | -  | 0% | 0% | 1%  | 1% | 1% | -  | 1% | -  | -  | -  | 1%  | -  | 1%  | -  | 1% |
| Medicare Increases-Senior Citizen Insurance | 0% | -  | 1% | 0% | -   | -  | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | -   | 1% | 0%  | -  | 1% |
| Lack of a Military/Defense                  | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | -   | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | -  | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | 0%  | 0% | 0% |
| War-Conflict in the Middle East             | 0% | 0% | -  | 0% | -   | 0% | -  | 0% | 0% | -  | -  | -  | -   | 0% | 0%  | -  | 0% |
| Gun control/Guns                            | 0% | 0% | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | 0% | 0% | 0% | -  | -  | -  | -   | 0% | 0%  | 0% | 0% |
| Welfare                                     | 0% | -  | 0% | 0% | -   | -  | -  | 0% | 0% | -  | -  | -  | -   | 0% | -   | 0% | -  |
| Infrastructure                              | 0% | 0% | -  | 0% | -   | -  | 0% | -  | -  | 0% | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | -   | -  | 0% |
| Iraq  | 0% | 0% | -  | 0% | -   | -  | -  | 0% | -  | 0% | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | -   | 0% | -  |
| Care for the Elderly                        | 0% | 0% | -  | 0% | -   | -  | -  | 0% | -  | 0% | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | -   | 0% | -  |
| Overpopulation                              | 0% | 0% | -  | 0% | -   | -  | -  | -  | 0% | -  | -  | -  | 0%  | -  | -   | 0% | -  |
| NET OTHER                                   | 7% | 8% | 6% | 6% | 11% | 9% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 5% | 11% | 6% | 7% |
| Other                                       | 7% | 7% | 6% | 6% | 10% | 9% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 9%  | 5% | 10% | 6% | 7% |
| None  | 0% | 1% | -  | -  | 1%  | -  | 1% | -  | -  | -  | 1% | -  | 1%  | -  | 1%  | -  | -  |

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