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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: MOOD OF THE NATION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 7-10, 2013 with a random sample of –1,011— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 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 includes a minimum quota of 500 cell phone respondents and 500 landline respondents per 1,000 respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, population density and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. 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.

7. We'd like you to imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. Suppose the top of the ladder represents the best possible situation for our country and the bottom represents the worst possible situation. Please tell me the number of the step on which you think the United States stands at the present time?

	Worst										**Best**	**DK/**		
	0	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**REF**	***6-10***	***Mean***
2013 Jan 7-10	4	2	4	9	16	24	18	13	6	1	1	1	*39*	*4.9*
2010 Jan 8-10	2	2	6	9	19	25	17	13	5	1	1	1	*37*	*5.0*
2008 Jan 4-6	1	1	3	8	14	21	18	19	9	2	2	2	*50*	*5.6*
2007 Jan 15-18	2	1	3	7	12	23	17	21	9	1	2	2	*50*	*5.5*
2006 Jan 9-12	1	1	3	5	14	21	17	22	11	2	2	1	*54*	*5.7*
2005 Jan 3-5	2	1	2	7	12	26	15	19	11	2	2	1	*49*	*5.6*
2004 Jan 12-15	2	1	1	5	14	24	19	21	9	2	2	*	*53*	*5.6*
2003 Jan 13-16	1	*	1	7	15	25	21	18	8	1	2	1	*50*	*5.6*
2002 Jan 7-9	*	*	1	2	10	22	23	24	10	3	4	1	*64*	*6.2*
2001 Jan 10-14	*	*	1	1	5	18	19	31	16	4	3	2	*73*	*6.5*
1991 May 23-26	1	1	3	5	10	24	16	17	11	3	6	3	*53*	*5.9*
1985 Mar 8-11	1	1	1	5	12	22	19	22	10	4	2	3	*57*	*5.9*
1979 Aug 10-13	1	1	5	12	16	28	16	11	5	1	1	2	*34*	*5.0*
1976 Jun ^	1	1	3	8	13	27	16	13	8	4	4	2	*45*	*5.6*
1974 Apr †	4	4	7	11	16	23	14	9	4	2	4	3	*33*	*4.8*
1972 May †	1	2	4	9	12	25	14	15	9	2	5	2	*45*	*5.5*
1971 Jan 8-11 †	1	1	3	11	12	28	14	12	7	3	3	5	*39*	*5.4*
1964 Sep †	*	1	1	4	6	20	14	20	16	6	8	4	*64*	*6.5*
1959 Aug ‡	1	*	1	4	6	19	14	19	17	7	11	1	*68*	*6.7*

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8. What is the number of the step on which you think the U.S. stood about five years ago?

	Worst 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Best 10	DK/ REF	*6-10*	*Mean*
2013 Jan 7-10	1	3	3	9	11	16	14	18	16	4	3	1	*55*	*5.8*
2010 Jan 8-10	2	3	5	8	9	12	13	19	21	6	3	1	*62*	*5.9*
2008 Jan 4-6	1	*	2	3	5	11	11	23	28	10	5	2	*77*	*6.9*
2007 Jan 15-18	1	1	1	4	5	13	12	21	25	9	4	4	*71*	*6.7*
2006 Jan 9-12	*	*	1	3	6	14	11	21	29	8	4	2	*73*	*6.8*
2005 Jan 3-5	1	*	1	3	7	12	11	22	25	12	5	1	*75*	*6.8*
2004 Jan 12-15	1	1	2	4	7	12	12	20	25	9	6	1	*72*	*6.7*
2003 Jan 13-16	*	*	1	3	6	11	9	18	32	12	6	2	*77*	*7.0*
2002 Jan 7-9	*	1	1	2	7	11	15	16	25	12	8	2	*76*	*6.9*
2001 Jan 10-14	*	*	1	4	6	23	17	15	19	7	4	4	*62*	*6.3*
1991 May 23-26	1	1	3	5	11	22	15	17	13	3	4	5	*52*	*5.9*
1985 Mar 8-11	1	1	5	11	18	20	17	13	7	3	2	3	*42*	*5.2*
1979 Aug 10-13	0	3	2	5	9	17	17	19	16	7	3	3	*62*	*6.1*
1974 Apr ^	1	2	4	4	8	17	16	20	15	7	5	1	*63*	*6.1*
1972 May ^	1	2	4	6	14	21	16	14	10	5	4	3	*49*	*5.6*
1971 Jan 8-11 ^	*	1	2	6	9	18	16	19	15	6	5	4	*61*	*6.2*
1959 Aug †	1	1	2	6	10	15	13	17	16	5	10	6	*61*	*6.3*

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9. And just your best guess, if things go pretty much as you now expect, what is the number of the step on which you think the U.S. will stand, about five years from now?

	Worst 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Best 10	DK/ REF	*6-10*	*Mean*
2013 Jan 7-10	10	6	8	9	7	11	7	10	17	7	7	2	*48*	*5.2*
2010 Jan 8-10 ^	4	5	8	9	6	12	8	15	21	7	4	2	*55*	*5.7*
2008 Jan 4-6	2	2	3	5	6	13	11	16	22	10	6	5	*65*	*6.4*
2007 Jan 15-18	4	2	4	7	10	15	11	13	16	7	5	6	*52*	*5.8*
2006 Jan 9-12	3	3	6	8	9	15	8	14	18	7	6	4	*53*	*5.8*
2005 Jan 3-5	2	2	5	7	8	15	10	16	19	9	5	2	*59*	*6.1*
2004 Jan 12-15	2	2	4	6	5	15	11	18	22	8	6	1	*65*	*6.4*
2003 Jan 13-16	2	2	4	5	8	12	11	15	22	8	7	4	*63*	*6.3*
2002 Jan 7-9	1	1	1	3	5	9	9	17	29	14	9	2	*78*	*7.1*
2001 Jan 10-14	1	1	3	4	7	13	12	16	23	10	6	4	*67*	*6.6*
1991 May 23-26	3	3	4	7	6	13	10	14	17	7	8	8	*56*	*6.1*
1985 Mar 8-11	2	1	3	6	5	10	11	17	20	12	5	8	*65*	*6.5*
1979 Aug 10-13	*	8	6	7	10	12	12	12	13	6	5	9	*48*	*5.5*
1974 Apr †	5	4	5	6	7	11	9	12	14	8	9	10	*52*	*5.9*
1972 May †	2	3	3	8	7	9	11	12	16	11	10	8	*60*	*6.3*
1971 Jan 8-11 †	2	3	4	6	6	10	10	14	15	9	8	13	*56*	*6.2*
1959 Aug ‡	1	1	2	3	3	8	8	14	18	13	21	8	*74*	*7.4*

^ Asked of a half sample
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