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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: MOOD OF THE NATION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 5-8, 2015 with a random sample of –804—adults, aged 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.

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 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by 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 had the most recent 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 2014 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2014 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.

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

Recent Trend:	Jan 5-8, 2015	Dec 8-11, 2014	Nov 6-9, 2014	Oct 12-15, 2014	Sep 4-7, 2014	Aug 7-10, 2014	Jul 7-10, 2014
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	**34**	**31**	**41**	**38**	**41**	**38**	**41**
Economy in general	14	13	20	17	17	14	15
Unemployment/Jobs	7	8	12	10	12	12	14
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	7	5	5	5	6	3	6
Gap between rich and poor	2	2	2	2	3	3	1
Lack of money	2	1	2	3	1	2	2
Wage issues	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
Taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Corporate corruption	1	1	*	1	1	1	*
Fuel/Oil prices	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	*	1	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	--	*	*	*	--	*
Recession	*	--	--	*	*	--	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	**67**	**71**	**68**	**71**	**71**	**71**	**67**
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	17	15	19	16	18	18	16
Immigration/Illegal aliens	8	7	13	7	12	15	17
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	6	6	3	5	5	6	4
Race relations/Racism	5	13	1	3	3	1	2
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	5	6	7	8	5	9	8
Education/Poor education/Access to education	5	3	4	5	3	4	5
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	3	4	4	3	3	5	3
Crime/Violence	3	2	1	3	2	2	2
Lack of respect for each other	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
Environment/Pollution	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
National security	2	1	3	2	2	1	1
Terrorism	2	2	4	3	4	*	1
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	1	3	3	6	7	3
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	2	1	2	3	3	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	1	1	2	3	1	3
International issues, problems	1	*	1	2	2	1	1
Lack of military defense	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	1	1	*	1	*	1	1
Welfare	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	1	1	3	5	3	1	*
Guns/Gun control	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	*	--	*	*	1	1
Elections/Election reform	1	*	1	1	1	*	1
Gay rights issues	1	*	1	1	1	*	1
Drugs	1	1	*	*	1	1	*
The media	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Unifying the country	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	*	1	*	*	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	1	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Abortion	*	*	*	1	1	*	1
Situation with Russia	*	*	*	--	1	1	--
Ebola virus/Diseases	--	*	2	5	--	--	--
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	--	--	--	--	1	--	*
Other non-economic	3	5	4	3	4	4	4
No opinion	6	2	5	4	2	3	5
Total	128%	117%	137%	140%	141%	137%	138%