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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: MOOD OF THE NATION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 6-10, 2016 with a random sample of –1,012—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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% 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 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 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.

12. 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 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Best 10	DK/ REF	6-10	Mean
2016 Jan 6-10	2	2	7	11	15	22	16	16	6	1	1	1	40	5.0
2014 Jan 5-8	3	2	5	13	17	21	16	14	7	1	1	*	39	4.9
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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13.   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*
2016 Jan 6-10	2	2	5	11	14	22	16	13	9	3	2	1	*43*	*5.2*
2014 Jan 5-8	1	3	6	7	13	16	16	15	16	4	2	2	*53*	*5.6*
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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14. 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*
2016 Jan 6-10	4	4	6	4	6	15	10	17	16	7	6	6	*56*	*5.9*
2014 Jan 5-8	8	6	7	7	8	12	10	14	15	6	5	3	*50*	*5.3*
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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