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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: MOOD OF THE NATION

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 5-8, 2014 with a random sample of –1,018— 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.

For results based on the sample of --898-- registered voters, 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 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2013 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, 2014	Dec 5-8, 2013	Nov 7-10, 2013	Oct 3-6, 2013	Sep 5-8, 2013	Aug 7-11, 2013	Jul 10-14, 2013
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	**50**	**47**	**46**	**47**	**48**	**53**	**52**
Economy in general	18	19	16	19	21	25	23
Unemployment/Jobs	16	12	13	12	17	19	19
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	8	9	12	12	5	6	8
Lack of money	4	3	2	5	3	3	3
Gap between rich and poor	4	2	1	1	1	2	1
Fuel/Oil prices	1	*	1	*	1	*	1
Wage issues	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Taxes	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	*	1	*	*	1	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
High cost of living/Inflation	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Recession	--	*	*	*	*	--	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	**62**	**66**	**64**	**67**	**65**	**57**	**61**
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	21	21	26	33	16	17	16
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	16	17	19	12	10	9	11
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	5	7	6	4	5	6	7
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	4	3	3	4	5	5
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	4	5	2	3	3	2	2
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	3	1	2	3	5	3	2
Immigration/Illegal aliens	3	3	2	3	3	4	6
Lack of respect for each other	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Welfare	2	1	3	2	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	3	1	1	3	2	2
Guns/Gun control	1	*	*	1	1	1	2
Crime/Violence	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Lack of military defense	1	*	1	*	1	1	1
Environment/Pollution	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
International issues, problems	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Social Security	1	*	1	1	*	*	*
Abortion	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Unifying the country	1	1	*	1	*	1	*
Natural disaster response/Relief efforts	1	--	--	--	*	*	*
Race relations/Racism	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
National security	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	2	1	3	3	1	2
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Elections/Election reform	*	*	*	1	1	*	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
The media	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Situation in Iraq	*	*	--	*	1	*	*
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Drugs	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Terrorism	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Situation in Syria	*	*	--	1	8	--	--
Situation/War in Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	--	*	*	*	1	*	*
Situation with North Korea	--	*	--	*	--	--	--
Other non-economic	2	3	5	2	2	3	2
No opinion	5	1	3	3	3	5	4
Total	137%	132%	137%	142%	139%	137%	140%