

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE
GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
CONSUMPTION HABITS

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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July 5-26, 2022

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted July 5-26, 2022, with a random sample of –1,013—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 ± 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 75% cell phone respondents and 25% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. 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, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2021 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2020 National Health Interview Survey. 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.

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

	Jul 5-26, 2022	Jun 1-20, 2022	May 2-18, 2022	Apr 1-19, 2022	Mar 1-18, 2022	Feb 1-17, 2022	Jan 3-16, 2022
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	35	40	37	39	35	30	22
High cost of living/Inflation	17	18	18	17	17	10	8
Economy in general	12	13	12	12	11	11	6
Fuel/Oil prices	5	5	3	6	4	1	2
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
Unemployment/Jobs	1	1	1	2	1	2	2
Corporate corruption	1	--	*	*	*	*	*
Lack of money	1	1	1	*	1	1	2
Wage issues	1	*	1	1	*	*	1
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Taxes	*	*	*	1	*	1	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	*	*	--	--	--
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	70	66	68	67	68	72	80
The government/Poor leadership	17	18	19	20	22	20	23
Abortion	8	1	5	1	--	*	*
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	6	2	2	2	2	4	5
Unifying the country	6	5	5	4	5	6	7
Immigration	6	5	8	7	5	8	4
Guns/Gun control	5	8	1	1	*	1	*
Race relations/Racism	4	3	6	4	5	4	5
Crime/Violence	4	6	4	2	1	3	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	3	4	3	2	2	2	4
Environment/Pollution/Climate change	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
Energy/Lack of energy sources	2	2	1	3	3	*	*
Lack of respect for each other	2	1	3	2	1	2	3
Healthcare	2	2	3	4	3	3	3
Education	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Situation with Russia	1	1	3	5	9	2	*
Infrastructure	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
The media	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Elections/Election reform	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
School shootings	1	2	--	--	--	--	--
Coronavirus/Diseases	1	1	2	4	3	13	20
National security	1	1	*	1	1	*	*
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	*	*	1	2	1	*
Police brutality	*	*	1	--	*	*	*
Terrorism	*	*	--	*	--	*	*
Drugs	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Situation with China	*	*	*	*	--	*	1
Welfare	*	1	1	--	*	*	--
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	1	2	1	2	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	*	--	*	--	*	*
Lack of military defense	*	*	*	--	1	*	--
International issues, problems	*	1	1	1	1	*	--
Situation in Afghanistan	--	*	*	*	--	*	--
Care for the elderly/Medicare	--	*	*	*	*	*	--
Advancement of computers/technology	--	--	--	1	*	*	*
Social Security	--	--	--	*	--	--	*
Other non-economic	3	3	2	2	2	3	3
No opinion	1	1	2	3	3	3	2
Total	126%	123%	121%	121%	119%	118%	117%

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July 2022
Public Release Data

QN6: Total + Most important problem. BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education		HS Grad or Less	Party I.D.			Ideology		
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NET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		358	185	170	235	118	81	135	137	127	99	130	131	154	62	158	136	49
		35%	38%	33%	36%	35%	28%	45%	34%	36%	35%	35%	46%	37%	21%	43%	39%	19%
Cost of Living-Inflation		177	89	87	121	53	39	65	71	64	46	67	71	74	24	81	66	23
		17%	18%	17%	18%	16%	13%	22%	17%	18%	16%	18%	25%	18%	8%	22%	19%	9%
Economy (General)		122	69	53	89	31	18	55	47	56	43	22	50	46	24	63	39	13
		12%	14%	10%	14%	9%	6%	18%	12%	16%	15%	6%	18%	11%	8%	17%	11%	5%
Fuel/Oil Prices		56	32	24	30	25	10	17	29	15	9	32	22	29	3	25	20	9
		5%	7%	5%	5%	7%	3%	5%	7%	4%	3%	9%	8%	7%	1%	7%	6%	4%
Gap Between the Rich and Poor		9	4	4	4	5	4	4	0	4	-	4	-	4	4	-	3	5
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	2%
Unemployment-Jobs		8	4	5	3	5	4	4	1	2	-	6	0	3	4	0	6	2
		1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Corporate Corruption		7	2	5	3	4	5	1	1	2	3	2	1	4	2	2	5	0
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Lack of money		6	3	1	6	-	-	4	2	1	1	4	-	1	5	1	3	2
		1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Wage Issues		6	-	6	3	3	3	-	3	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	3	3
		1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Federal Budget Deficit-Debt		6	1	5	6	-	5	-	1	-	3	3	4	2	-	4	2	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	-
Taxes		4	-	4	2	2	-	2	2	2	2	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
		0%	-	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-
Recession		3	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	3	-	0	2	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	0%	1%	-
Foreign Trade-Trade Deficit		1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-
Other Economic		0	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-

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NET NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		705	311	385	461	226	207	185	300	260	191	250	179	271	239	233	225	215
		70%	64%	75%	70%	67%	72%	61%	74%	73%	68%	68%	64%	65%	82%	64%	65%	83%
The Government		172	92	80	132	37	37	40	89	56	61	53	62	59	49	70	43	51
		17%	19%	16%	20%	11%	13%	13%	22%	16%	22%	14%	22%	14%	17%	19%	12%	20%
Abortion Issues		77	11	64	53	23	45	17	15	25	23	29	13	23	40	9	23	43
		8%	2%	12%	8%	7%	16%	6%	4%	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%	14%	2%	7%	17%
Judicial System/Courts/Laws		66	27	36	44	21	22	18	25	29	15	21	14	19	30	17	17	27
		6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	8%	5%	6%	5%	5%	10%	5%	5%	10%
Unifying the Country		57	30	25	49	8	10	25	19	26	15	16	10	29	17	17	27	13
		6%	6%	5%	7%	2%	4%	8%	5%	7%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	5%	8%	5%
Immigration-Illegal Aliens		56	24	32	48	8	2	14	39	24	12	20	41	14	0	45	7	1
		6%	5%	6%	7%	2%	1%	5%	10%	7%	4%	5%	15%	3%	0%	12%	2%	0%
Gun control/Guns		47	14	33	25	22	14	12	20	17	9	21	2	13	32	4	22	20
		5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	6%	1%	3%	11%	1%	6%	8%
Race Relations		42	16	26	12	28	21	13	8	16	6	20	1	24	17	7	17	19
		4%	3%	5%	2%	8%	7%	4%	2%	4%	2%	5%	0%	6%	6%	2%	5%	7%
Crime-Violence		39	20	19	21	17	9	5	23	14	10	15	13	14	13	16	13	10
		4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Moral/Ethical/Family Decline		32	13	19	20	12	7	7	17	11	10	11	11	17	4	18	5	5
		3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%	5%	2%	2%
Environment-Pollution		29	12	17	21	8	6	9	13	18	5	5	-	9	20	4	8	16
		3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	1%	-	2%	7%	1%	2%	6%
Poverty-Hunger-Homelessness		23	9	14	10	9	13	4	5	8	7	8	1	8	13	3	14	5
		2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%
Lack of energy Sources		21	9	12	18	3	1	7	13	12	5	4	12	5	4	13	6	2
		2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Lack of respect for each other		21	8	14	16	4	4	6	11	9	10	3	1	14	5	5	12	4
		2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Healthcare/Insurance		19	10	7	14	5	12	5	2	7	3	8	2	9	8	3	3	13
		2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%

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Education		15	5	10	8	7	7	4	4	7	0	7	4	10	1	6	5	4
		1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Situation with Russia		14	9	5	8	4	3	2	8	3	7	4	7	4	3	6	5	2
		1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Infrastructure		11	8	3	3	8	2	6	3	2	1	8	1	5	2	1	5	2
		1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
The media		10	7	4	7	3	5	3	3	2	1	8	1	7	3	2	3	5
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Election/Election Reform		10	5	5	4	6	3	4	3	8	1	1	1	3	6	2	3	6
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
School Shootings		9	3	7	1	8	3	3	4		1	8	3	4	3	4	2	4
		1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Cancer/Diseases		9	3	6	3	4	4	2	3	2	6		1	2	5	1	5	3
		1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
National Security		8	4	4	3	5	0	1	7	0	3	5	4	1	2	5	3	-
		1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-
Fear of War		8	-	8	5	2	5	2	0		0	7	-	5	2	2	3	2
		1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	-	0%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Police brutality		4	4	-	1	4	2	-	3	2	-	3	-	4	-	3	1	1
		0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	0%	0%
Terrorism		4	2	1	3	1	-	3	0	1	1	1	1	-	3	-	1	2
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	0%	1%
Drugs		3	-	3	0	3	-	3	0	0	-	3	0	3	-	3	0	-
		0%	-	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	0%	-
Situation with China		3	2	1	2	1	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	0%	0%	-
Welfare		3	2	0	3	-	1	1	1	3	-	-	0	1	1	-	1	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%
Gay marriage/Homosexual rights		2	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	0	-	2	2	0	-	2	0	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	-
Foreign Aid-Focus Overseas		2	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-
Child Abuse		1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-
Lack of a Military/Defense		1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-
International Problems-Foreign Affairs		0	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-

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NET OTHER		49	23	23	22	26	19	14	15	12	11	26	6	34	7	18	14	12
		5%	5%	5%	3%	8%	7%	5%	4%	3%	4%	7%	2%	8%	2%	5%	4%	5%
Other		34	15	19	18	16	10	13	11	9	7	18	4	25	4	12	10	9
		3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	6%	2%	3%	3%	3%
None		2	0	1	2	-	-	-	2	0	-	1	0	-	1	0	-	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%
REF		13	9	3	3	10	9	1	3	2	4	7	2	9	1	5	5	2
		1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%