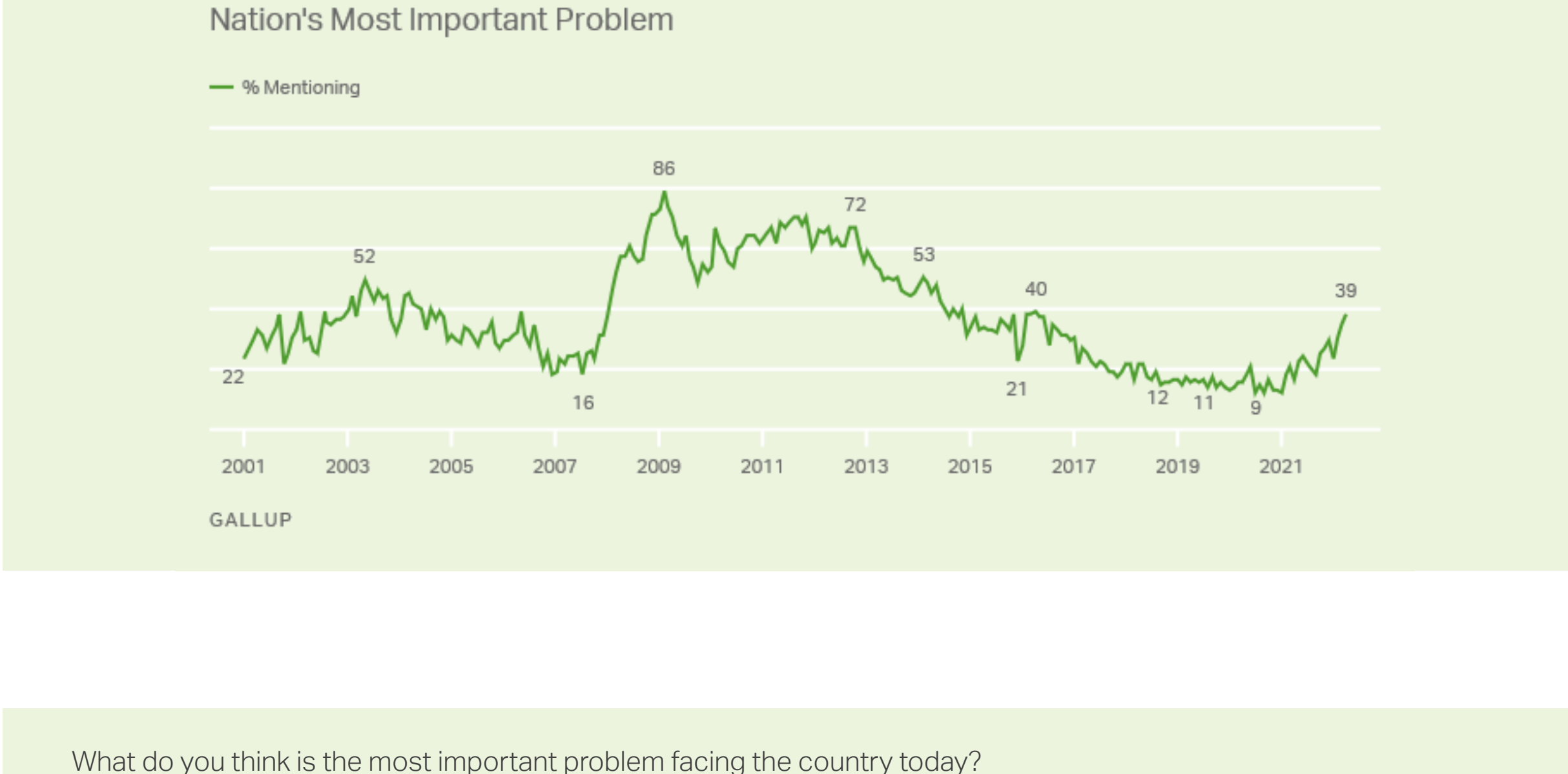


# Most Important Problem



What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

Recent trend

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

\* Less than 0.5%; Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple mentions.

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Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you think is most important -- the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Based on those who name a most important problem

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	No difference/Other/No opinion (vol.)
	%	%	%
2021 Sep 1-17	41	38	20
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	39	47	14
2019 Sep 3-15	40	44	16
2018 Sep 4-12	40	41	19
2017 Sep 6-10	34	41	25
2016 Sep 7-11	42	38	20
2015 Sep 9-13	42	37	23
2014 Sep 4-7	40	36	25
2014 Jul 7-10	35	35	29
2013 Sep 5-8	34	39	27
2012 Sep 6-9	39	49	13
2011 Sep 8-11	44	37	19
2010 Sep 13-16	40	38	22
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	34	45	20
2008 Sep 8-11	39	46	14
2007 Sep 14-16	30	47	22
2006 Sep 7-10	34	49	16
2005 Sep 12-15	39	40	21
2005 Jan 3-5	41	41	18
2004 Sep 13-15	47	44	9
2004 Jan 12-15	39	46	15
2002 Jul 26-28	38	36	26
2001 Jan 10-14	39	39	22
1999 Jan 15-17	33	43	24
1998 Apr 17-19	40	42	18
1997 Jan 10-13	33	43	24
1996 Jul 25-28	37	41	22
1996 May 9-12	40	44	16
1995 Jan 16-18	42	32	26
1994 Oct 22-25	41	37	22
1994 Aug 15-16	38	37	25
1994 Aug 8-9	39	37	24
1994 Jul 15-17	39	32	29
1994 Jan 28-30	30	41	29
1994 Jan 15-17	31	39	30
1993 Sep 10-12	31	37	32
1993 Jan 8-11	29	45	26
1992 Mar 26-29	34	40	26
1991 Nov 21-24	33	34	33
1991 Sep 5-8	37	34	29
1991 Jul 11-14	36	28	36
1991 May 23-26	38	30	32
1991 Apr 25-28	34	29	37
1991 Mar 7-10	40	27	33
1991 Oct	30	29	41
1989 Jul 18-21	33	27	40
1988 Sep 9-11	38	33	29
1988 May 9-11	27	40	33
1987 Apr 10-13	29	37	34
1987 Jan 16-19	30	39	32
1986 Jul 11-14	33	36	31
1986 Jan 10-13	33	28	39
1985 Oct 11-14	32	32	36
1985 May 17-20	37	31	32
1985 Jan 25-28	39	29	32
1984 Sep 21-24	42	33	26
1984 Sep 7-10	43	34	23
1984 Aug 10-13	39	37	24
1984 Jun 22-25	33	35	32
1984 Feb 10-13	30	32	38
1983 Nov 18-21	28	35	37
1983 Oct 7-10	26	37	37
1983 Jul 22-25	24	38	38
1982 Oct 15-18	29	41	30
1982 Aug 13-16	26	35	39
1982 Jun 11-14	28	35	37
1982 Apr 2-5	25	35	40
1982 Jan 8-11	30	34	36
1981 May 8-11	36	21	43
1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	39	20	41
1980 Oct 10-13	33	33	35
1980 Sep 12-15	35	32	33
1980 Jul 11-14	31	27	43
1980 Mar 28-31	28	32	40
1980 Jan 25-28	21	34	45
1979 Oct 12-15	25	33	42
1979 Aug 10-13	20	30	50
1979 May 4-7	21	31	48
1979 Feb 23-26	23	29	48
1978 Oct 27-30	25	33	42
1978 Sep 8-11	20	35	46
1978 Jul 7-10	19	33	48
1978 Apr 14-17	22	32	46
1977 Oct 21-24	14	38	48
1976 Oct 22-25	23	43	34
1976 Oct 8-11	24	42	33
1976 Apr 23-26	18	39	43
1976 Jan 2-5	18	40	43
1975 Oct 17-20	15	42	43
1975 Feb 28-Mar 3	14	42	44
1974 Oct 11-14	18	39	43
1974 Sep 27-30	13	39	48
1974 Aug 16-19	20	38	42
1974 May 31-Jun 3	16	38	46
1974 Jan 4-7	16	40	44
1973 May 4-7	22	35	43
1972 Oct 13-16	38	29	33
1972 Sep 22-25	34	31	35
1972 Jul 14-17	28	34	39
1972 Aug	28	34	38
1972 Apr 28-May 1	22	33	45
1972 Feb 4-7	23	30	47
1971 Nov 19-22	22	33	45
1971 Aug 27-30	18	36	47
1971 Jun 4-7	19	31	50
1970 Oct 9-14	23	26	50
1970 Sep 25-28	21	30	49
1970 Jul 31-Aug 2	19	30	51
1970 May 21-26	21	27	52
1970 Jan 15-20	26	25	48
1968 Oct 17-22	35	29	35
1968 Sep 26-Oct 1	43	27	29
1968 Sep 1-6	35	23	42
1968 Aug 7-12	37	25	39
1968 Jul 18-23	31	27	42
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1966 Oct 1-6	22	28	50
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1966 May 5-10	22	28	50
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1965 Nov 18-23	17	30	52
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1955 Jun 3-8	29	32	38
1952 Jun 15-20	40	28	32
1952 Mar 27-Apr 1	39	28	33
1952 Jan 6-11	42	25	30
1950 Aug 20-25	28	40	32
1950 Jun 4-9	35	36	28
1948 Jun 19-24	37	30	33
1948 Mar 19-24	35	28	40
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1946 Oct 18-23	45	28	27
1946 Sep 13-18	38	29	33
1945 Aug 24-29	22	49	29

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