

Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans, including 952 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 30 - November 1, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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15. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

| C | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 | Aug. 28-31 | June 26-28 | Apr. 23-26 | Mar. 12-15 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | <u>2009</u> | 2009 | <u>2009</u> | 2009 | <u>2009</u> |
| The economy | 47% | 41% | 51% | 55% | 63% |
| Health care | 17% | 20% | 13% | 9% | 9% |
| The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan | n 12% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 6% |
| The federal budget deficit | 11% | 15% | 14% | 10% | 8% |
| Education | 6% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 5% |
| Terrorism | 4% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Energy policy | 2% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| Other (vol.) | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| No opinion (vol.) | * | * | * | 1% | * |
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(IF ECONOMY) And which of those items I just mentioned is the most important issue OTHER 16. THAN THE ECONOMY facing the country today?

QUESTIONS 15 AND 16 COMBINED

| | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009 | Aug. 28-31 2009 | June 26-28 2009 |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Health care | 30% | 33% | 27% |
| Wars | 25% | 15% | 21% |
| Deficit | 21% | 25% | 23% |
| Education | 11% | 12% | 11% |
| Terrorism | 9% | 10% | 10% |
| Energy | 4% | 4% | 6% |
| Other (vol.) | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| No opinion (vol.) | * | * | 1% |