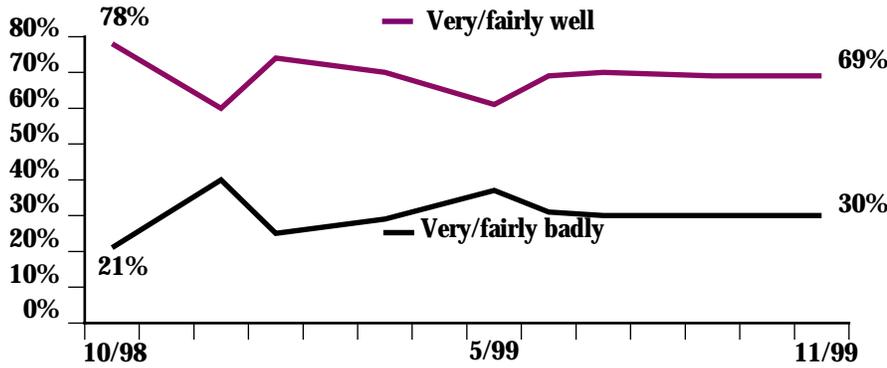


Question: How well do you think things are going in the country these days?

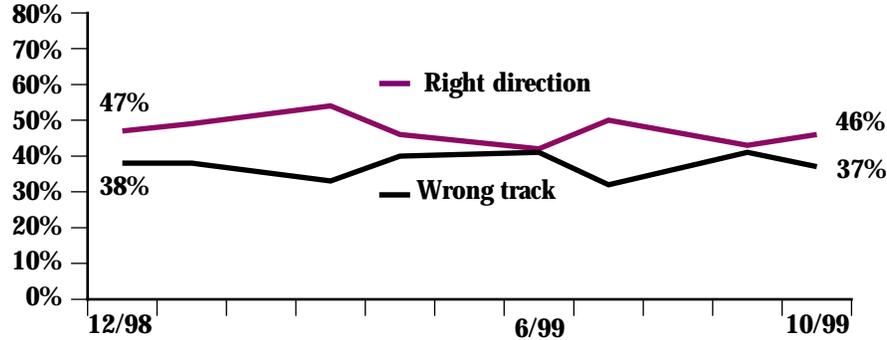


Positive Ratings			
1999			
November 11	69%	March 25	70%
September 23	69	January 7	74
July 15	70	1998	
June 10	69	December 18	60
May 27	61	October 15	78
Highest recorded*	79%	Lowest recorded*	21%
		Average*	53%

*Since 1974

Source: Surveys by Yankelovich Partners for *Time/CNN*, latest that of November 10-11, 1999.

Question: All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?



Right Direction			
1999			
October 25	46%	March 7	54%
September 12	43	January 18	49
July 27	50	1998	
June 19	42	December 6	47
April 19	46		
Highest recorded*	54%	Lowest recorded*	15%
		Average*	38%

*Since 1991

Source: Surveys by NBC News/ *Wall Street Journal*, latest that of October 23-25, 1999.

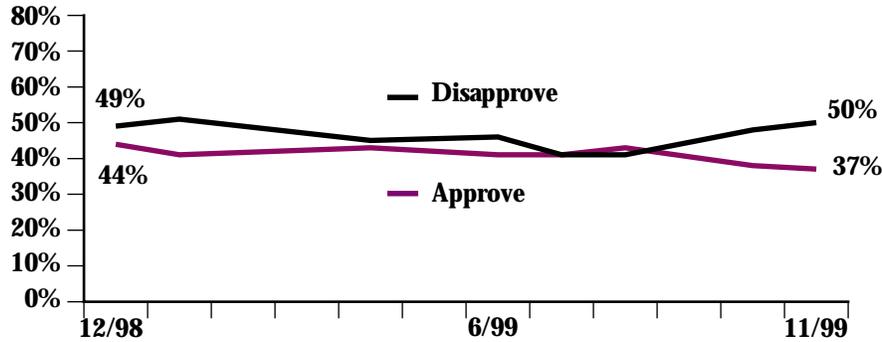
Question: ...Tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right. ...As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want; this country can't solve many of its important problems.



Source: Surveys by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, July 12-25, 1994 and July 14-September 9, 1999.

A Steady Congressional Evaluation

Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Congress is handling its job?

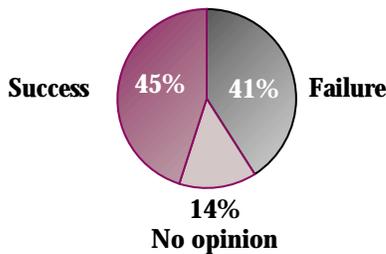


Positive Ratings			
1999			
November 7	37%	April 6	43%
October 4	38	January 4	41
August 3	43	1998	
July 14	41	December 17	44
June 6	41		
Highest recorded*	57%	Lowest recorded*	17%
		Average*	35%

*Since 1977

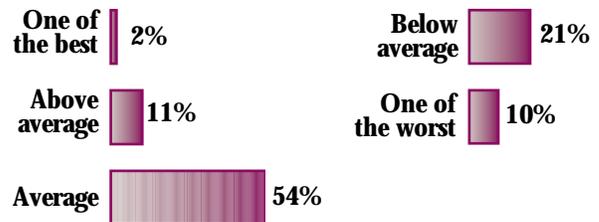
Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, latest that of November 4-7, 1999.

Question: In general, would you say the Congress this year has been a success or a failure?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, November 18-21, 1999.

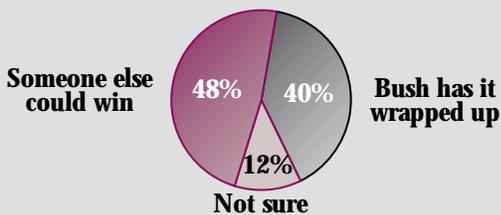
Question: How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress—one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?



Source: Survey by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, October 23-25, 1999.

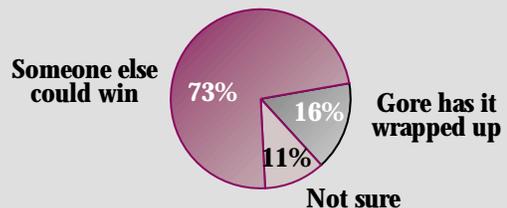
Not So Fast

Question: Do you think George W. Bush has the Republican nomination wrapped up, as some political commentators say, or could someone else win the nomination?



Note: Asked of registered voters.
Source: Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, November 17-18, 1999.

Question: Do you think Al Gore has the Democratic nomination wrapped up, as some political commentators say, or could someone else win the nomination?



Note: Asked of registered voters.
Source: Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, November 17-18, 1999.