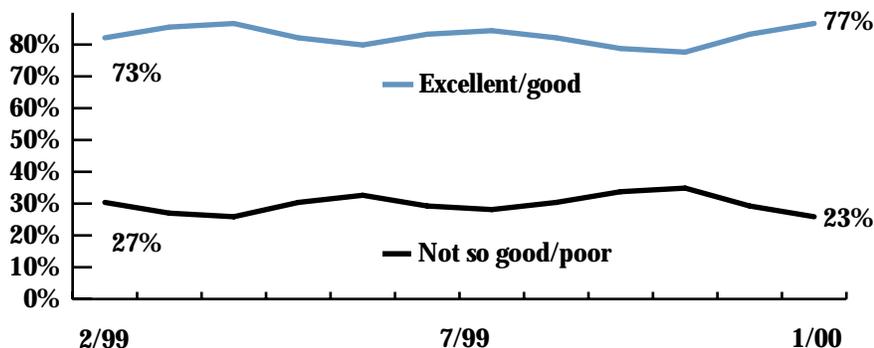


## National Economy

**Question:** Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?



### Positive Ratings

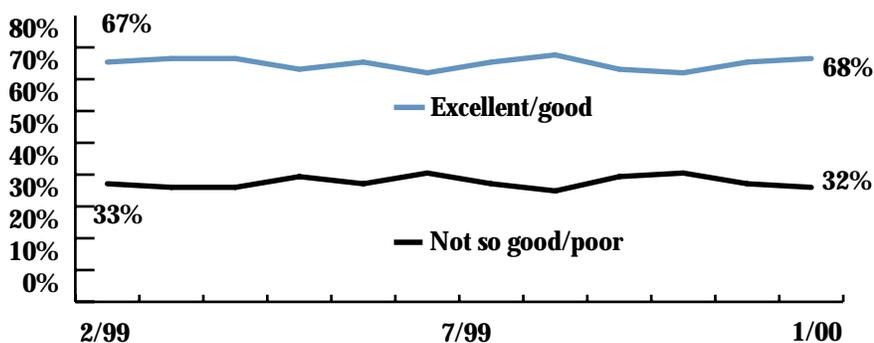
2000			
January 30	77%	July 4	74%
<b>1999</b>			
December 5	74	May 2	73
November 7	69	April 4	77
October 3	70	March 7	76
September 6	73	February 7	73
August 1	75		

Highest recorded*	80%	Lowest recorded*	7%
(1/16/00)		(12/22/91)	

Average\* 39%  
\*Since 1985

## Personal Finances

**Question:** Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?



### Positive Ratings

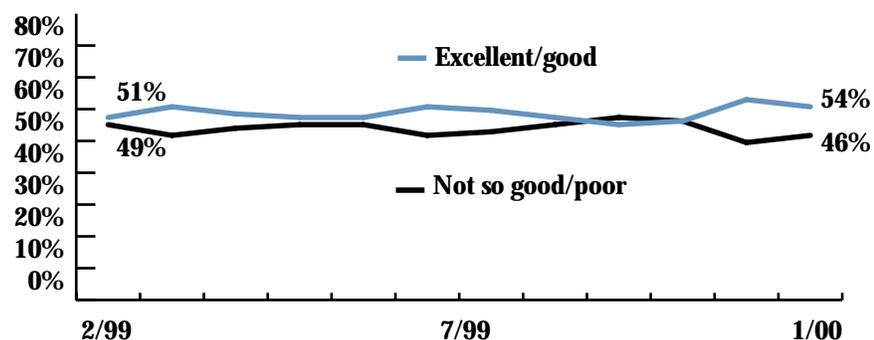
2000			
January 30	68%	July 4	64%
<b>1999</b>			
December 5	67	June 6	67
November 7	64	May 2	65
October 3	65	April 4	68
September 6	69	March 7	68
August 1	67	February 7	67

Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
(8/30/98)		(3/14/93)	

Average\* 56%  
\*Since 1985

## Buying It Now

**Question:** Considering the cost of things today and your own personal finances, would you say now is an excellent time, a good time, a not so good time, or a poor time to buy the things you want and need?



### Positive Ratings

2000			
January 30	54%	July 4	54%
<b>1999</b>			
December 5	56	June 6	51
November 7	50	May 2	51
October 3	49	April 4	52
September 6	51	March 7	54
August 1	53	February 7	51

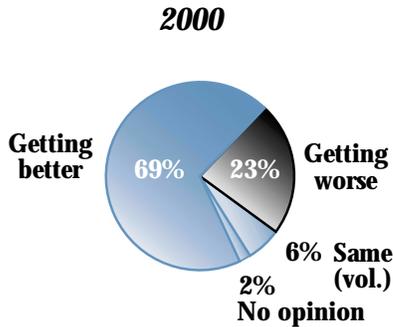
Highest recorded*	57%	Lowest recorded*	20%
(1/16/00)		(10/28/90)	

Average\* 38%  
\*Since 1985

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of January 30, 2000.

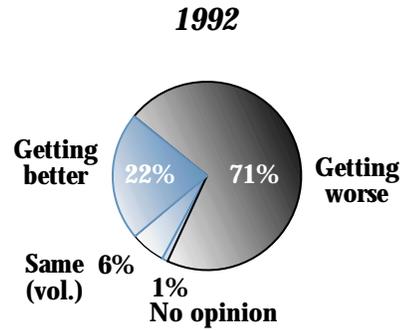
# And We Know It

**Question:** Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?



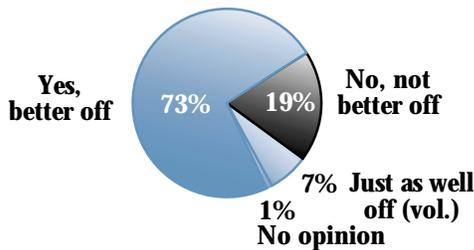
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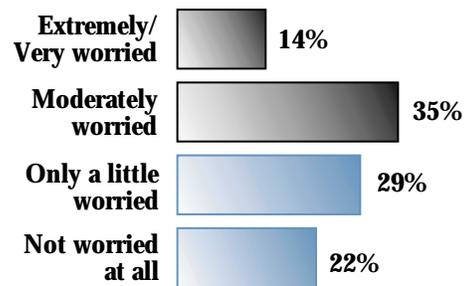
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, January 3-6, 1992.

**Question:** ...Are you better off than you were eight years ago, or not?



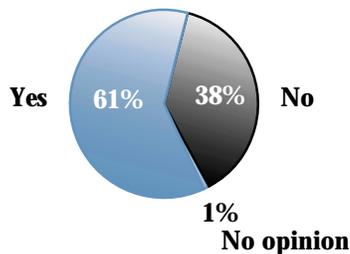
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**Question:** How worried are you these days about your personal economic situation—extremely worried, very worried, moderately worried, only a little worried, or not at all worried?



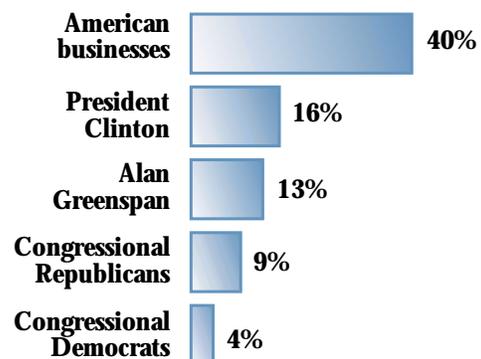
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, January 7-10, 2000.

**Question:** Do you personally or jointly with a spouse, have any money invested in the stock market right now—either in an individual stock, a stock mutual fund, or in a self-directed 401K or IRA?



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, January 7-10, 2000.

**Question:** Who is most responsible for the strong economy: American businesses, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, President Clinton, Congressional Republicans, or Congressional Democrats?



**Note:** Not all responses shown.

**Source:** Survey by Rasmussen Research, January 12, 2000.