

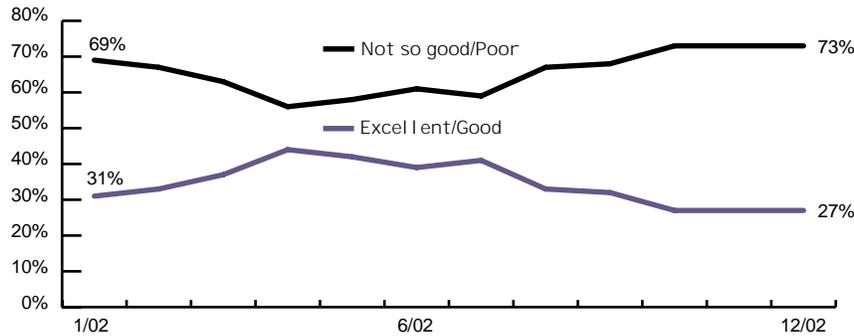
Economy

Low and Steady

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

2002			
January 6	31%	July 7	41%
February 3	33%	August 4	33%
March 3	37%	September 1	32%
April 7	44%	October 6	27%
May 5	42%	November 3	27%
June 2	39%	December 1	27%

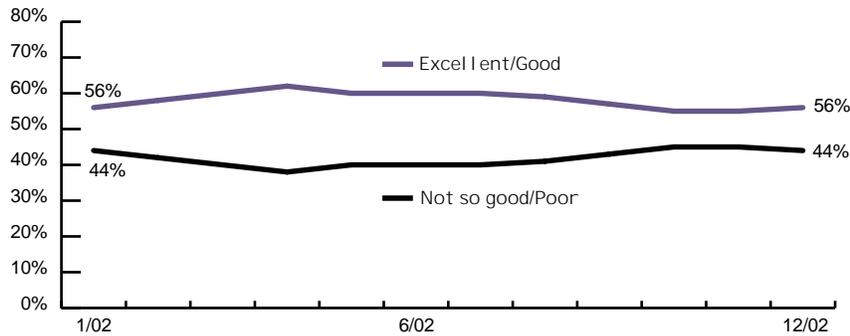
Highest recorded*	80%	Lowest recorded*	7%
	(1/16/00)		(2/9/92)
Average*			41%

*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

2002			
January 6	56%	July 7	60%
February 3	58%	August 4	59%
March 3	60%	September 1	57%
April 7	62%	October 6	55%
May 5	60%	November 3	55%
June 2	60%	December 1	56%

Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
	(1/23/00)		(3/14/93)

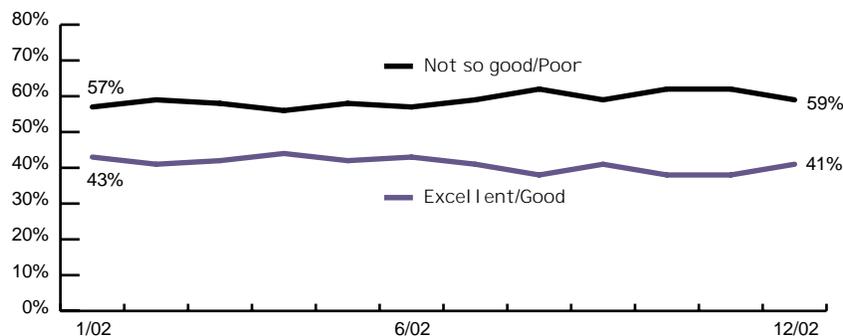
Average*			57%
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BUYING IT NOW

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

2002			
January 6	43%	July 7	41%
February 3	41%	August 4	38%
March 3	42%	September 1	41%
April 7	44%	October 6	38%
May 5	42%	November 3	38%
June 2	43%	December 1	41%

Highest recorded*	57%	Lowest recorded*	20%
	(1/16/00)		(11/2/90)

Average*			39%
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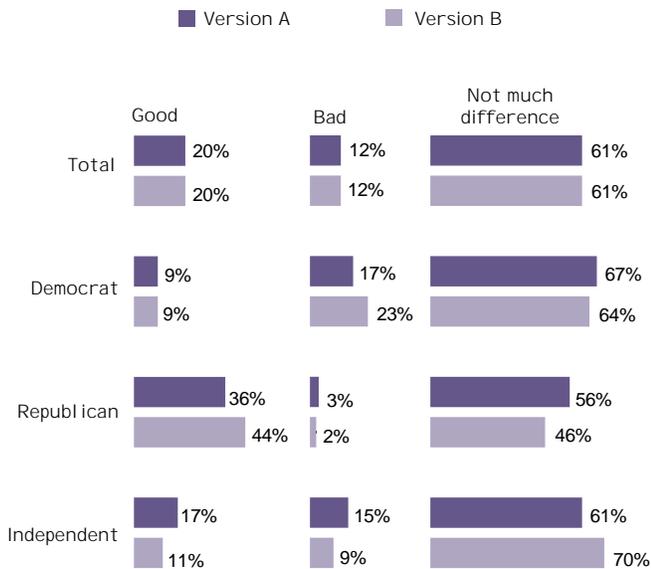
Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of December 1, 2002.

Tax Cut Appraisal

Questions:

Version A: Overall, do you think the tax cuts enacted in 2001 have been good for the nation's economy, bad for the economy, or haven't they made much difference one way or the other?

Version B: Overall, do you think the tax cuts enacted in 2001 by **George W. Bush** have been good for the nation's economy, bad for the economy, or haven't they made much difference one way or the other?

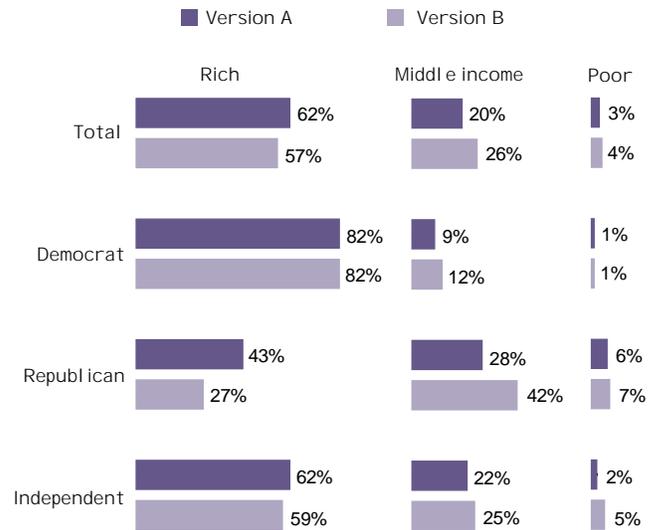


Note: Each of these questions was asked of half the survey sample.

Questions:

Version A: From what you have heard so far, who do you think has benefited the most from the tax cuts—rich people, poor people, or middle income people?

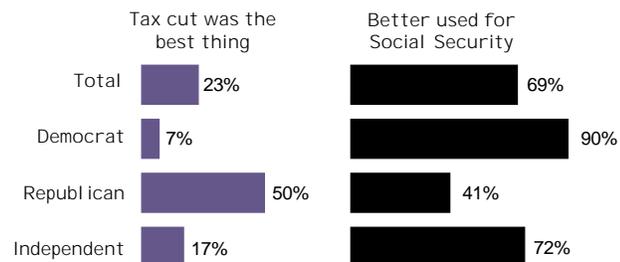
Version B: From what you've heard so far, who do you think has benefited the most from **George W. Bush's** tax cuts—rich people, poor people, or middle income people?



Note: Each of these questions was asked of half the survey sample.

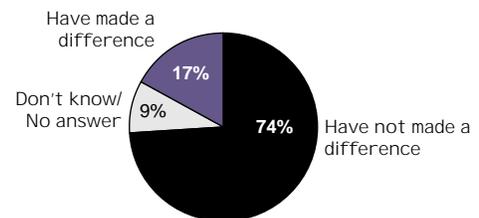
Question:

When the tax cuts were passed, there was a budget surplus. Do you think using a significant portion of the budget surplus to cut taxes was the best thing to do, or would it have been better to have spent the money on programs like Social Security and Medicare?



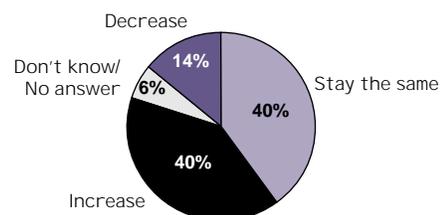
Question:

Have those tax cuts made a significant difference in the amount of money you have after taxes, or not?



Question:

With Republicans in control of Congress, do you think your taxes will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?



Source: All data on this page by CBS News/New York Times, November 20-24, 2002.