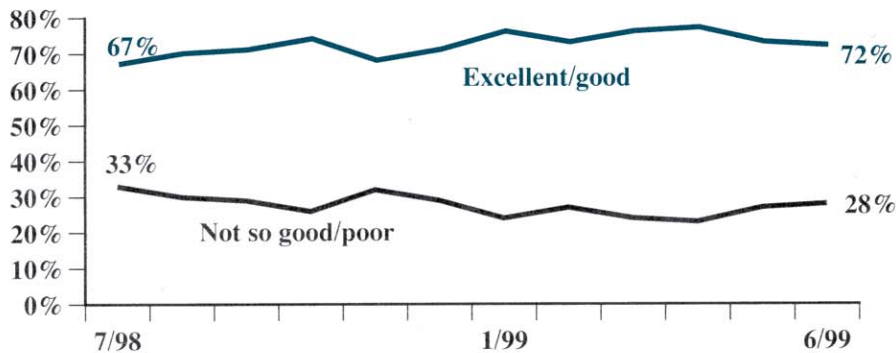


Economic Optimism Abounds

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

1999		1998	
June 20	72%	December 5	71%
May 2	73	November 1	68
April 4	77	October 4	74
March 7	76	September 6	71
February 7	73	August 2	70
January 3	76	July 5	67
Highest recorded*	77%	Lowest recorded*	7%
		Average*	37%

Personal Finances

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

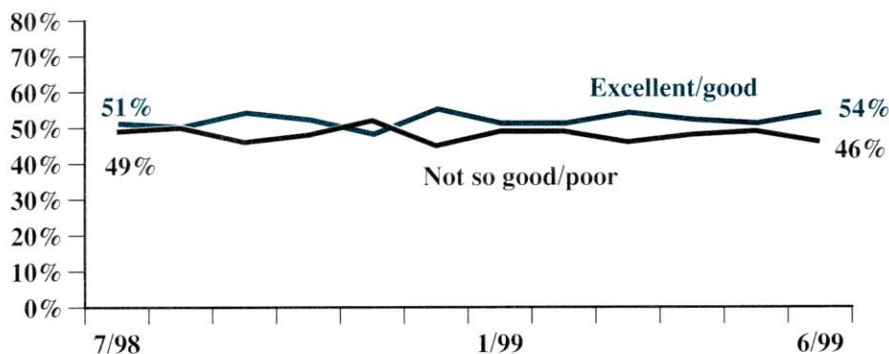


Positive Ratings

1999		1998	
June 20	69%	December 5	67%
May 2	65	November 1	65
April 4	68	October 4	65
March 7	68	September 6	68
February 7	67	August 2	65
January 3	70	July 5	65
Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
		Average*	56%

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

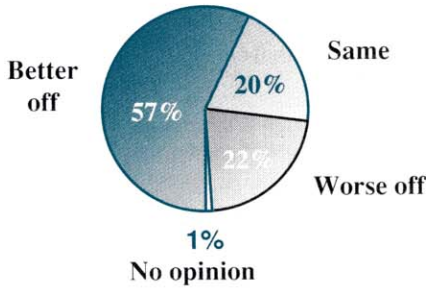
1999		1998	
June 20	54%	December 5	55%
May 2	51	November 1	48
April 4	52	October 4	52
March 7	54	September 6	54
February 7	51	August 2	50
January 3	51	July 5	51
Highest recorded*	56%	Lowest recorded*	20%
		Average*	37%

* Since 1985

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of June 6, 1999.

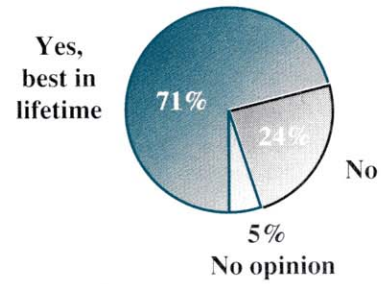
Full Steam Ahead

Question: We are interested in how people's financial situation may have changed. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were a year ago, or are you financially worse off now?



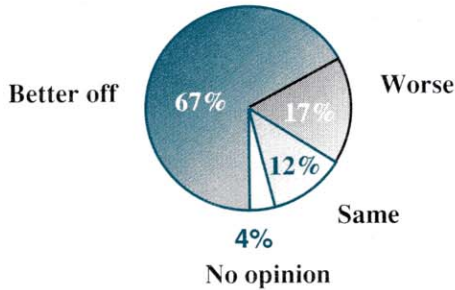
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, June 4-5, 1999.

Question: Considering economic conditions in the country today, would you say the US economy today is or is not the best it has ever been in your lifetime?



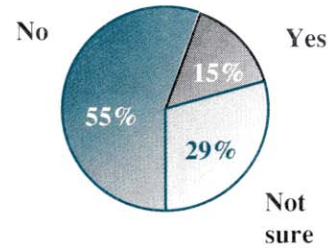
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 22-24, 1999.

Question: Now looking ahead, do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse than now?



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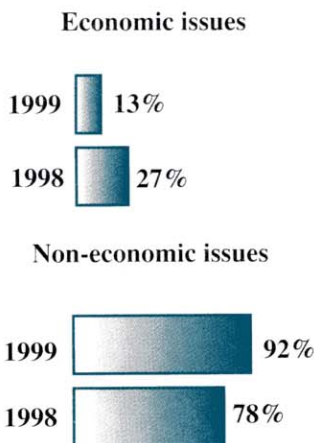
Question: Is the United States likely to enter a recession in the next six months?



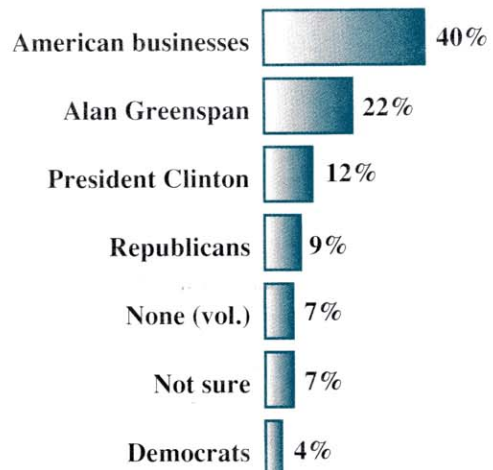
Source: Survey by Rasmussen Research, May 19, 1999.

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

Responses mentioning:



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



Source: Survey by Rasmussen Research, May 19, 1999.

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