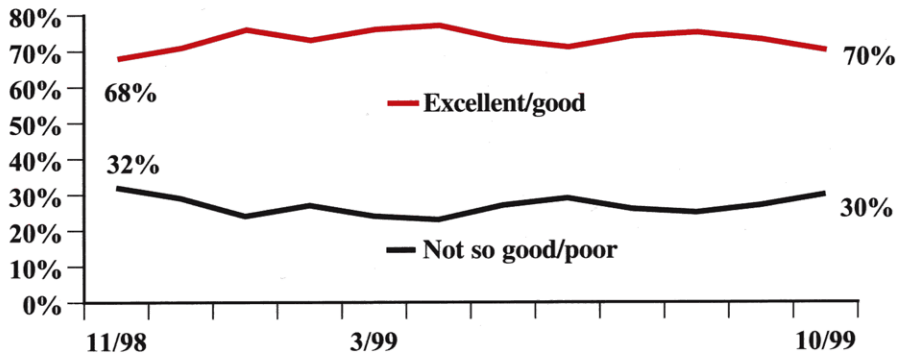


Economy

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	
October 3	70%	April 4	77%
September 6	73	March 7	76
August 1	75	February 7	73
July 4	74	January 3	76
June 6	71	December 5	71
May 2	73	November 1	68

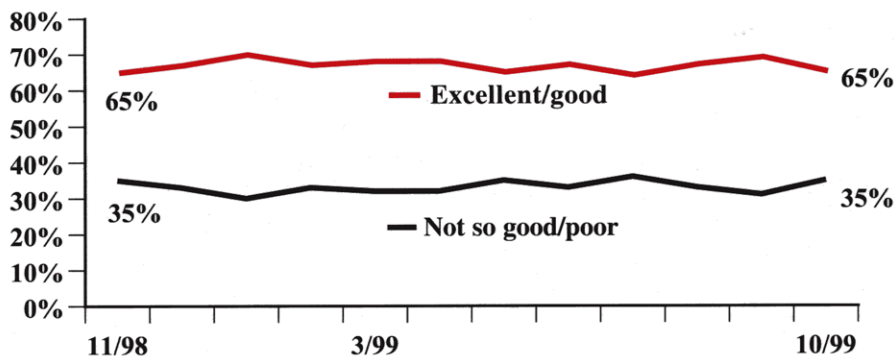
Highest recorded* 77% Lowest recorded* 7%

Average* 38%

*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

1999		1998	
October 3	65%	April 4	68%
September 6	69	March 7	68
August 1	67	February 7	67
July 4	64	January 3	70
June 6	67	December 5	67
May 2	65	November 1	65

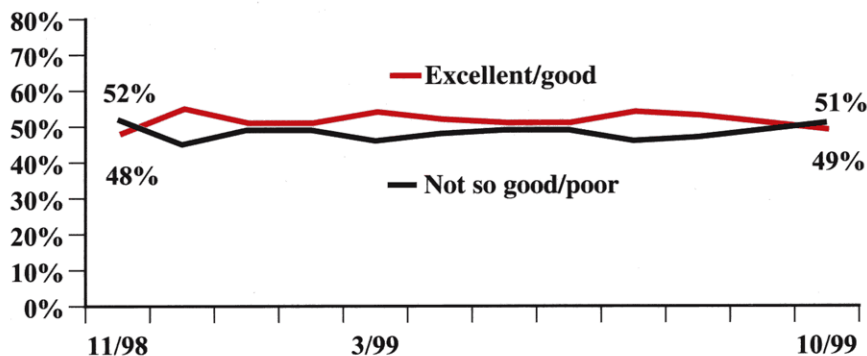
Highest recorded* 70% Lowest recorded* 42%

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

1999		1998	
October 3	49%	April 4	52%
September 6	51	March 7	54
August 1	53	February 7	51
July 4	54	January 3	51
June 6	51	December 5	55
May 2	51	November 1	48

Highest recorded* 56% Lowest recorded* 20%

Average* 37%

*Since 1985

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of October 3, 1999.

