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

The graph shows the percentage of people who think things are going very/fairly well and those who think things are going very/fairly badly. The data is from surveys conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, July 12-25, 1994 and July 14-September 9, 1999. The highest recorded positive rating was 79% in November 1999, and the lowest recorded was 21% in the same month. The average positive rating was 53%.

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?

The graph shows the percentage of people who think things are going in the right direction and those who think things are going on the wrong track. The data is from surveys conducted by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of October 23-25, 1999. The highest recorded positive rating was 54% in March 1991, and the lowest recorded was 15% in the same month. The average positive rating was 38%.

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.

The graph compares the percentage of people who agree with the first statement and the second statement. The data is from surveys conducted by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, latest that of November 10-11, 1999. The highest recorded percentage for the first statement was 80% in May 1999, and the lowest recorded was 21% in the same month. The average percentage for the first statement was 53%.
**A Steady Congressional Evaluation**

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

![Approval Chart](chart.png)

**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?

![Success Failure Chart](chart.png)

**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?

![Bush Nomination Chart](chart.png)

**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?

![Gore Nomination Chart](chart.png)

**Note:** Asked of registered voters.

**Source:** Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, November 17-18, 1999.