**National Economy**

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

**Personal Finances**

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

**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?

**Source:** Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of January 28, 2001.
**Perceived Downward Slide**

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

**Economic conditions**

- **2000**
  - Getting better: 69%
  - Getting worse: 23%
  - Same (vol.): 6%
  - No opinion: 2%

- **2001**
  - Getting better: 32%
  - Getting worse: 56%
  - No opinion: 4%
  - Same (vol.): 8%

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 7-10, 2000.  
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 10-14, 2001.

**Question:** Which of the following statements do you agree with more: the economy is generally moving in the right direction and needs only minor changes, or the economy is generally moving in the wrong direction and needs major changes?

**Economy moving in**

- **2000**
  - Right direction: 74%
  - Wrong direction: 22%

- **2001**
  - Right direction: 57%
  - Wrong direction: 38%

**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, June 6-7, 2000.  
**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, January 5-7, 2001.

**Question:** Has the local area where you live shared in the benefits of the economic boom of recent years, or has your local area missed out on the benefits of the boom?

**Your local area**

- **Shared in benefits:**
  - Urban: 66%
  - Non-Urban: 56%

- **Missed out:**
  - Urban: 26%
  - Non-Urban: 37%

**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Newsweek, January 10-12, 2001.