**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 September 30, 2001.
Question: Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as very secure, fairly secure, fairly shaky or very shaky?

- Very secure: 19%
- Fairly secure: 57%
- Fairly shaky: 15%
- Very shaky: 7%

Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, September 13-14, 2001.

Question: Thinking of your own financial situation just now, do you feel you are in a good position to buy some of the things you would like to have, or is now a rather bad time for you to spend money?

- Good position: 43%
- Bad position: 53%
- No opinion: 2%


Question: Have you lost your job or been laid off within the last six months, or not? Are you concerned about losing your job or being laid off within the next six months because of economic conditions, or not?

- Lost job in last six months: 8%
- Concerned about job in next six months: 5%
- Not concerned: 59%

Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, September 13-14, 2001.

Question: How worried are you that you or someone in your family will lose their job—very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

- Very worried: 10%
- Fairly worried: 8%
- Only slightly worried: 23%
- Not really worried at all: 58%


Question: Compared to last year, would you say that this holiday season (2001) you will spend more, less, or about the same on presents for friends and family?

- More: 11%
- Less: 26%
- Same (vol.): 59%
- Don't know: 3%
- Don't give: 1%
- Don't give: 1%

Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, September 13-14, 2001.

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

- Better off: 58%
- Same (vol.): 14%
- Worse off: 26%
- No opinion: 2%