

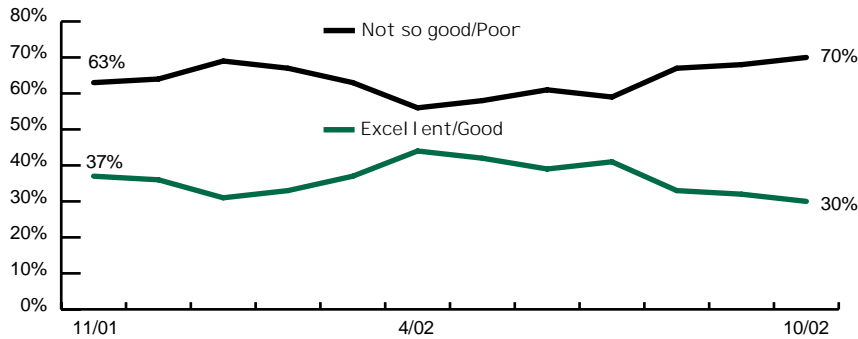
Economy

That Sinking Feeling

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

2001			
November 4	37%	May 5	42%
December 2	36	June 2	39
2002			
January 6	31	July 7	41
February 3	33	August 4	33
March 3	37	September 1	32
April 7	44	September 29	30

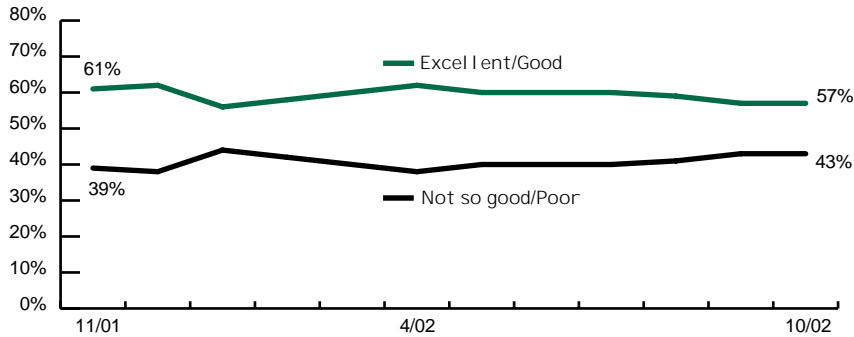
Highest recorded*	80%	Lowest recorded*	7%
(1/16/00)		(2/9/92)	
Average*			41%

*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

2001			
November 4	61%	May 5	60%
December 2	62	June 2	60
2002			
January 6	56	July 7	60
February 3	58	August 4	59
March 3	60	September 1	57
April 7	62	September 29	57

Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
(1/23/00)		(3/14/93)	

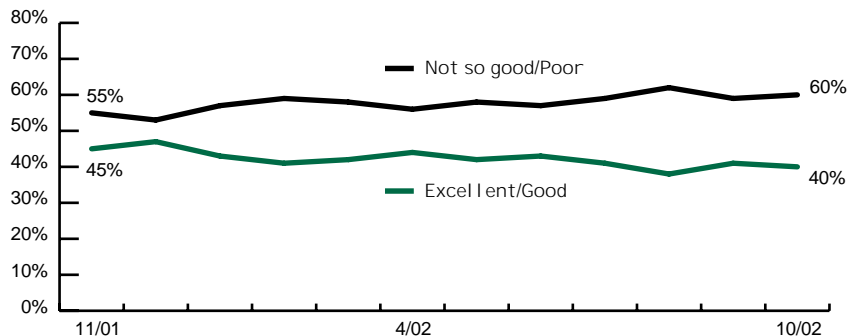
Average* 57%

*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

2001			
November 4	45%	May 5	42%
December 2	47	June 2	43
2002			
January 6	43	July 7	41
February 3	41	August 4	38
March 3	42	September 1	41
April 7	44	September 29	40

Highest recorded*	57%	Lowest recorded*	20%
(1/16/00)		(11/2/90)	

Average* 39%

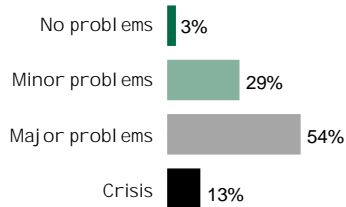
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Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of September 29, 2002.

Social Insecurity

Question:

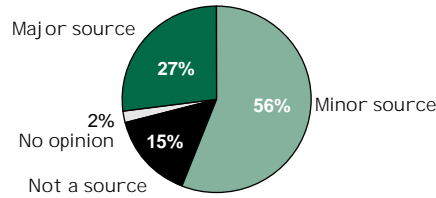
Which of these statements do you think best describes the Social Security system today—the Social Security system is in a state of crisis, it has major problems, it has minor problems, or it does not have any problems?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, September 20-22, 2002.

Question:

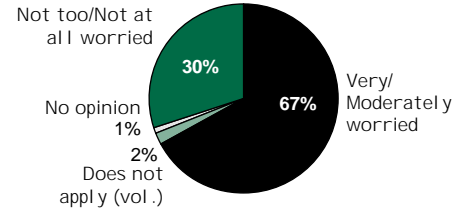
When you retire, how much do you expect to rely on each of the following sources of money—will it be a major source of income, a minor source of income, or not a source at all? How about... Social Security?



Note: Asked of non-retired adults.
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, April 8-11, 2002.

Question:

...[B]ased on your current financial situation... [h]ow worried are you about not being able to collect the Social Security the government promises it will pay you when you retire?

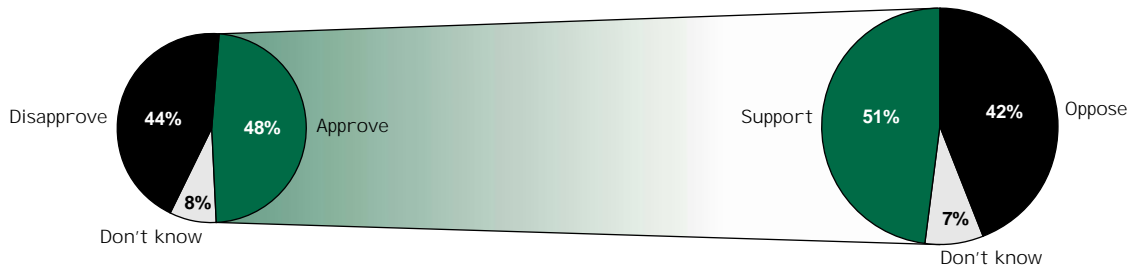


Note: Asked of non-retired adults.
Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, July 5-8, 2002.

Questions:

Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's proposal to allow individuals to divert part of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts which they could personally invest in the stock market for their retirement?

Would you still support this proposal if it meant a reduction in the guaranteed benefit retirees receive through the Social Security system, or would you be opposed to it?

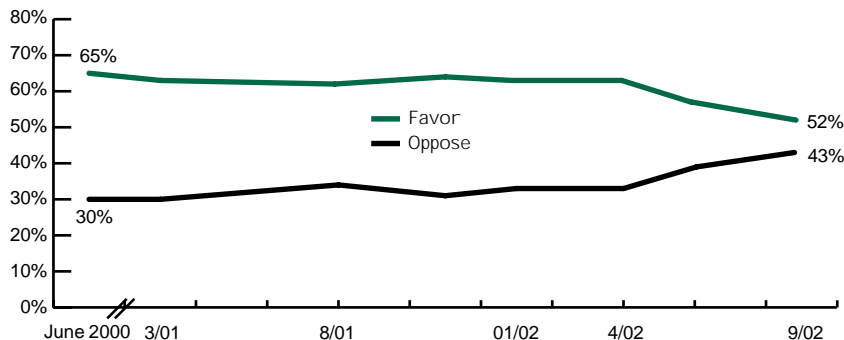


Source: Survey by Los Angeles Times, August 22-25, 2002.

Becoming Less Invested

Question:

A proposal has been made that would allow people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks and bonds. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?



	Favor	Oppose
June 6-7, 2000	65%	30%
March 26-28, 2001	63	30
August 24-26, 2001	62	34
November 26-27, 2001	64	31
January 25-27, 2002	63	33
April 8-11, 2002	63	33
June 28-30, 2002	57	39
September 20-22, 2002	52	43

Source: Surveys by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, latest that of September 20-22, 2002.