Economic Angst (Of Course)

**Question:** How would you rate the condition of the national economy? Would you say it is very good, good, bad or very bad?

- Very good: 2%
- Good: 15%
- Bad: 51%
- Very bad: 29%

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for *Time/CNN*, February 8-14, 1995.

**Question:** ...How would you rate your own economic situation? Would you say it is very good, good, bad, or very bad?

- Very good: 1%
- Good: 43%
- Bad: 42%
- Very bad: 11%

**Question:** Do you think unemployment in the coming months is going to increase, stay the same, or decrease?

- Increase: 55%
- Same: 33%
- Decrease: 12%

**Source:** Survey by the Gabinete de Estudios de Opinion (GEO), January 7-10, 1995.

**Question:** Do you think the devaluation [of the peso] will cause more Mexicans to try to cross over into the United States illegally in order to get jobs, or don’t you think this will occur?

- Yes, will cause more to try: 84%
- Don’t think this will occur: 16%

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for *Time/CNN*, February 8-14, 1995.

**Question:** As you may know, the United States has helped stabilize the peso by providing a financial guarantee for loans to the Mexican government; in return, Mexico would provide future oil revenues as collateral. Do you think this plan is good for Mexico or bad for Mexico?

- Good for Mexico: 36%
- Bad for Mexico: 57%
- Not sure: 7%

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for *Time/CNN*, February 8-14, 1995.

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree with the Mexican government accepting financial assistance from the US?

- Agree: 49%
- Disagree: 43%
- DK: 9%

**Source:** Survey by the Gabinete de Estudios de Opinion (GEO), March 4-7, 1995.
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Still, Support for the Government Has Not Collapsed

**Question:** Do you think it would be better for the country if a different political party were in power right now, or don’t you feel that way?

- Yes, better for the country: 40%
- Not confident at all: 22%
- Fairly confident: 29%
- Very confident: 9%
- Not sure: 9%

**Question:** How confident are you in the ability of the Mexican government to handle the nation’s economic problems? Are you very confident, fairly confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

- Very confident: 40%
- Not very confident: 22%
- Not confident at all: 29%
- Fairly confident: 9%

Perspective Helps: The US Has Been “Down” Politically Too

**Question:** In commenting on how things are going in the country, some people tell us that the problems we face are no worse than at any other time in recent years. Others say the country is really in deep and serious trouble today. Which comes closest to your own feelings ....?

**Mexico**

- The country is in deep and serious trouble: 73%
- Problems are no worse than at other times: 24%

**United States**

- Country is in deep and serious trouble: 53%

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, latest that of January 11-12, 1995.

**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of the way... is handling his job as president?

**The Lows**

- Harry Truman, during Korean War 1952: 65% approve, 22% disapprove
- Richard Nixon, during Watergate 1974: 56% approve, 24% disapprove
- George Bush, during the recession 1992: 60% approve, 29% disapprove

**The Highs**

- Truman, WWII ends victoriously 1945: 9% approve, 82% disapprove
- John Kennedy, Cuban Missile crisis ends successfully 1962: 14% approve, 74% disapprove
- Bush, Gulf War going successfully 1991: 8% approve, 89% disapprove

**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization.
Zedillo is Looking Remarkably Strong

**Question:** Overall, would you say you're satisfied or dissatisfied with how democracy is working in Mexico?

- Satisfied: 25%
- Dissatisfied: 75%

**Question:** In your opinion, has President Zedillo shown or not the capacity to rule the country?

- Yes: 44%
- No: 34%
- DK: 22%

**Question:** How would you rate President Zedillo's job?

- Very good: 5%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 39%
- Bad: 11%
- Very bad: 5%

**Question:** Overall, do you agree or disagree with the actions taken by President Zedillo to address the economic problems of the country?

- Agree: 51%
- Disagree: 38%
- DK: 12%

**Question:** How would you rate former President Salinas' job?

- Good: 17%
- Fair: 40%
- Bad: 39%

**Question:** Which government would you say is more responsible for the current economic crisis: the present government or the previous one?

- Previous: 34%
- Present: 19%
- Both: 32%
- Neither/DK: 16%

**Source:** Data are of Mexican respondents. Survey data on this page by Gabinete de Estudios de Opinion (GEO), March 4-7, 1995.