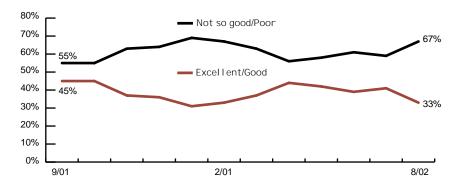
# Economy

#### NATIONAL ECONOMY

#### Question:

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

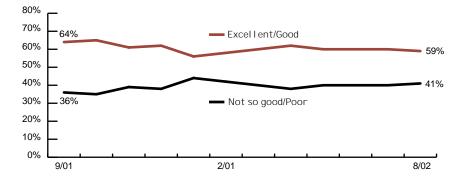


2001			
September 2	45%	March 3	37%
October 7	45	April 7	44
November 4	37	May 5	42
December 2	36	June 2	39
2002		July 7	41
January 6	31	August 4	33
February 3	33		
Highest		Lowest	
recorded*	80%	recorded*	7%
(1/16/00)		(2/9/92)	
		Average*	41%

#### PERSONAL FINANCES

#### Question:

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

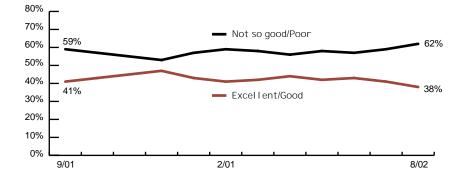


Positive ratings					
2001					
September 2	64%	March 3	60%		
October 7	65	April 7	62		
November 4	61	May 5	60		
December 2	62	June 2	60		
2002		July 7	60		
January 6	56	August 4	59		
February 3	58	0			
Highest		Lowest			
recorded*	70%	recorded*	42%		
(1/23/00)		(3/14/93)			
		Average*	57%		
*Since 1985					

#### BUYING IT NOW

#### **Question**:

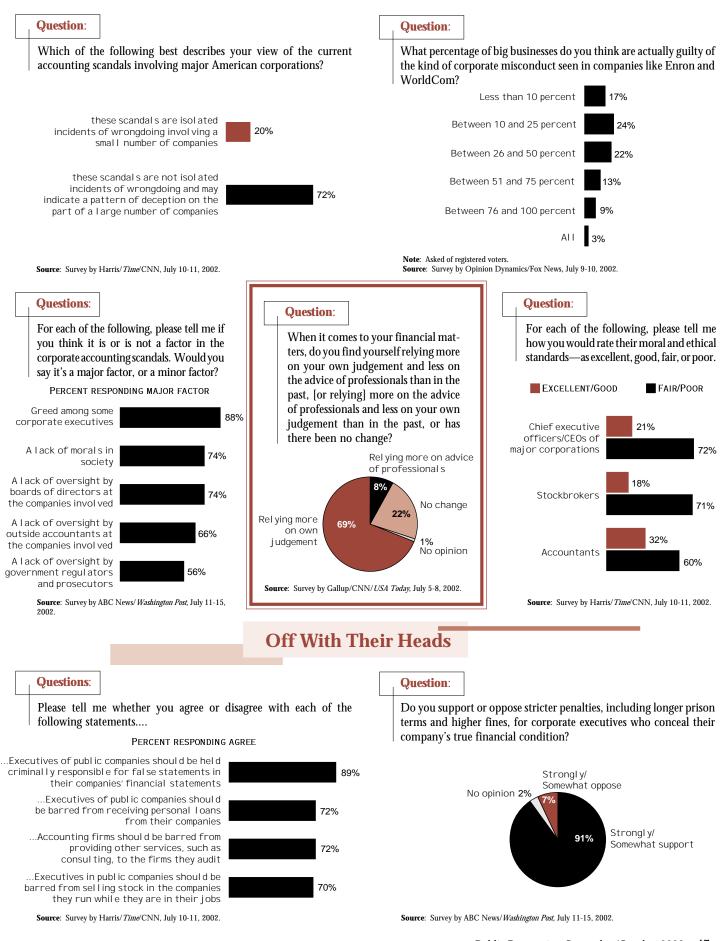
Considering the cost of things today and your own personal finances, would you say now is an excellent time, a good time, a not so good time, or a poor time to buy the things you want and need?



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September 2	41%	March 3	42%
October 7	43	April 7	44
November 4	45	May 5	42
December 2	47	June 2	43
2002		July 7	41
January 6	43	August 4	38
February 3	41		
Highest		Lowest	
recorded*	57%	recorded*	20%
(1/16/00)		(11/2/90)	
		Average*	39%

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of August 4, 2002.

## **Corporate Shakeup**





### Consequences



Question:

retire, or not?

[T]hinking only of the past twelve months, how much have your personal finances been hurt by market declines? Would you say [your personal finances have been hurt] a great deal, a fair amount, a little, or not at all?



Please tell me whether what's been happening with the stock market and economy has affected you in any of the following ways. Has it made you feel that ...?

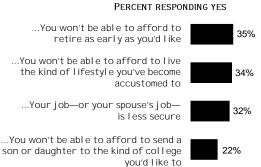


Question:

previously, or not?

Source: Survey by TechnoMetrica Institute of Policy and Politics/ Investor's Business Daily/ Christian Science Monitor, July 8-11, 2002.





Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Newsweek, July 11-12, 2002.

#### Question:

15, 2002

How confident are you that you will retire with enough income and assets to last for the rest of your life-would you say you're very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

PERCENT RESPONDING VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT

54%

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, July 1996 and July 1999,

ABC News, July 2001, and ABC News/ Washington Post, July 11-

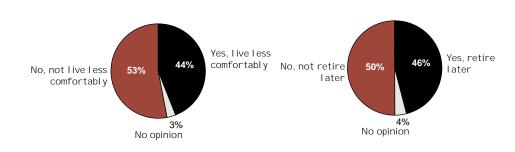
45%

7/21/96 7/4/99

68%

55%

7/15/01 7/15/02



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

As a result of the decline in the stock

market in recent years, do you now think

you will live less comfortably when you

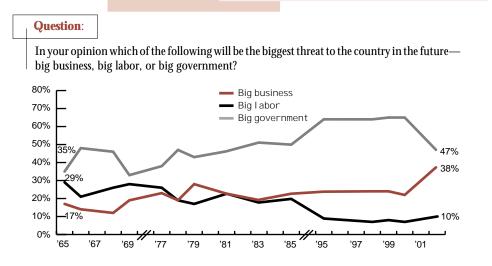
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As a result of the decline in the stock market

in recent years, do you now expect that you

will retire at a later age than you thought

**Growing Threat to the Future** 



Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of July 5-8, 2002