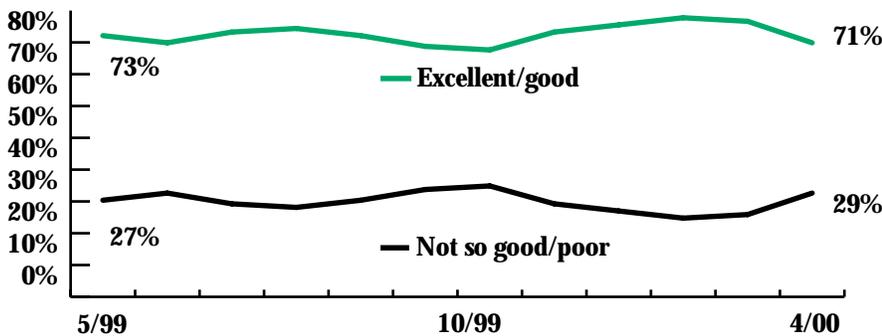


National Economy

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



Positive Ratings

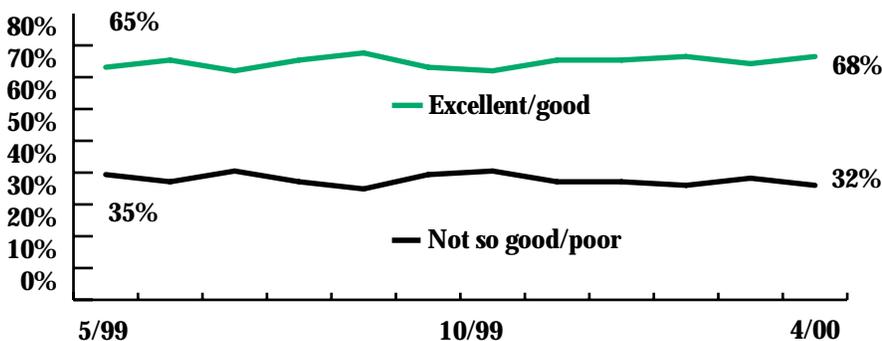
2000			
April 2	71%	October 3	70%
March 5	77	September 6	73
February 6	78	August 1	75
January 2	76	July 4	74
1999			
December 5	74	May 2	73
November 7	69		

Highest recorded* (1/16/00)	80%	Lowest recorded* (12/22/91)	7%
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Average* 39%
*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

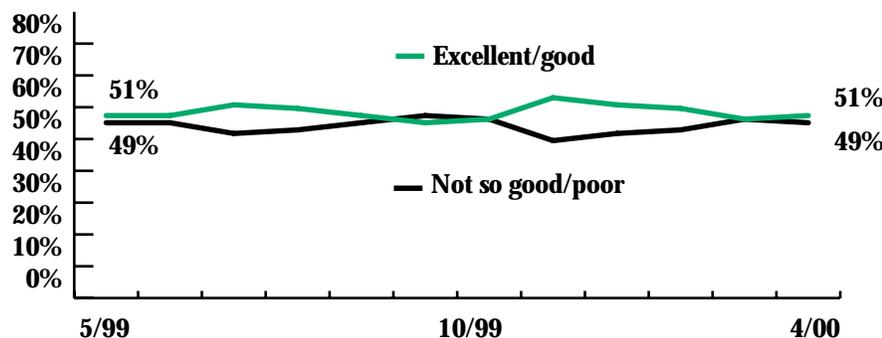
2000			
April 2	68%	October 3	65%
March 5	66	September 6	69
February 6	68	August 1	67
January 2	67	July 4	64
1999			
December 5	67	May 2	65
November 7	64		

Highest recorded* (8/30/98)	70%	Lowest recorded* (3/14/93)	42%
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Average* 56%
*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

2000			
April 2	51%	October 3	49%
March 5	50	September 6	51
February 6	53	August 1	53
January 2	54	July 4	54
1999			
December 5	56	May 2	51
November 7	50		

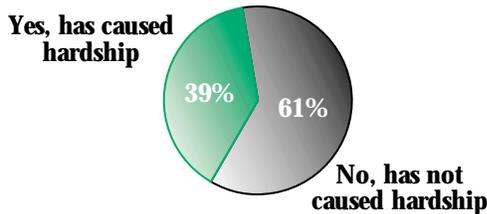
Highest recorded* (1/16/00)	57%	Lowest recorded* (10/28/90)	20%
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Average* 38%
*Since 1985

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of April 2, 2000.

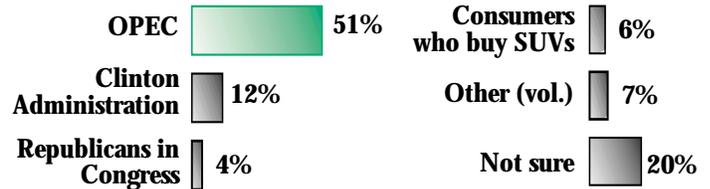
On an Empty Tank

Question: ...Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, March 30-April 2, 2000.

Question: Who do you think is to blame for rising gasoline prices: OPEC—the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in the Middle East—the Clinton Administration, the Republican Congress, or consumers who buy SUVs and other gas guzzlers?



Note: Asked of registered voters.

Source: Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, March 22-23, 2000.

Question: ...If the price of gas goes to \$2.00 per gallon this summer, would that cause you to drive less than you might have otherwise, or not?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, March 10-12, 2000.

Question: ...Do you think the current rise in gas prices represents a temporary fluctuation in prices or a more permanent change in prices?

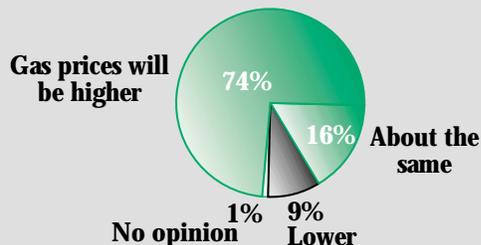


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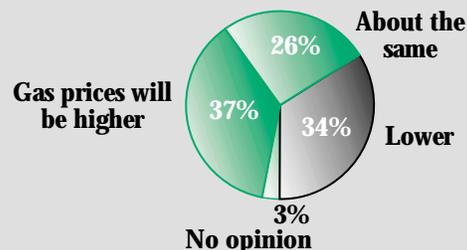
Anticipating a Spike

Questions: ...Looking ahead to [one month/six months] from now, do you think gas prices at that time will be—higher than they are today, about the same, or lower than they are today?

One month from now



Six months from now



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, March 10-12, 2000.