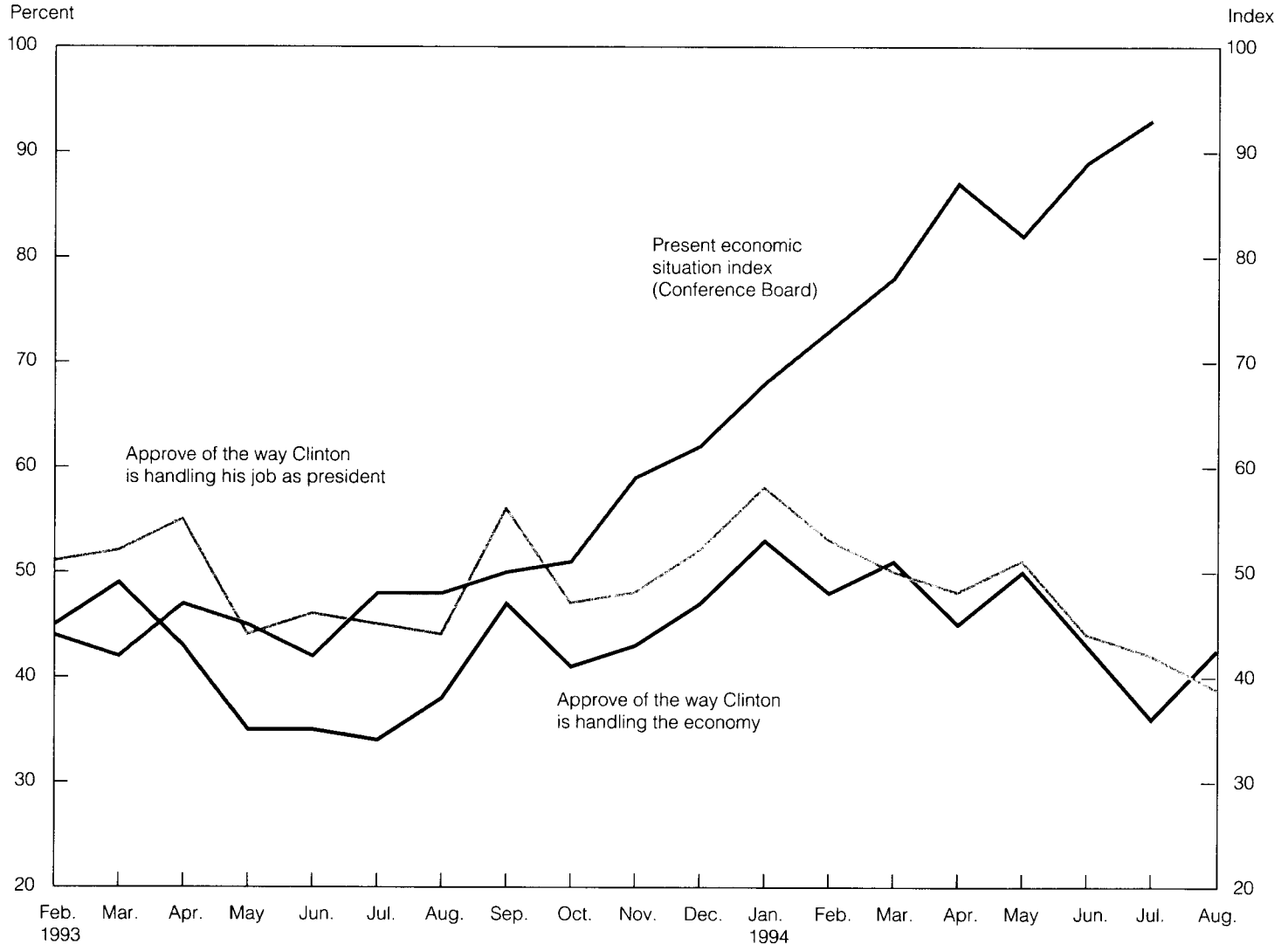


# CLINTON AND THE ECONOMY

Bill Clinton's ratings on handling the economy have declined as ratings of the economy have improved. Questions that ask how a president is handling various issues typically move in sync with overall performance ratings, in part because these measures are alternative ways of assessing basic confidence.

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling (his job as president/the economy)?**

Question: **How would you rate the present general business conditions in your area—good, normal, or bad? What would you say about available jobs in your area right now—plenty, not so many, or hard to get? (present economic situation index)**



	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	May 1993	Jun. 1993	Jul. 1993	Aug. 1993	Sep. 1993	Oct. 1993	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1994	Apr. 1994	May 1994	Jun. 1994	Jul. 1994	Aug. 1994
Approve of the way Clinton is handling the economy	45	49	43	35	35	34	38	47	41	43	47	53	48	51	45	50	43	36	42
His job as president	51	52	55	44	46	45	44	56	47	48	52	58	53	50	48	51	44	42	39
Present economic situation index	44	42	47	45	42	48	48	50	51	59	62	68	73	78	87	82	89	93	—

Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN (Clinton ratings) and National Family Opinion for the Conference Board.