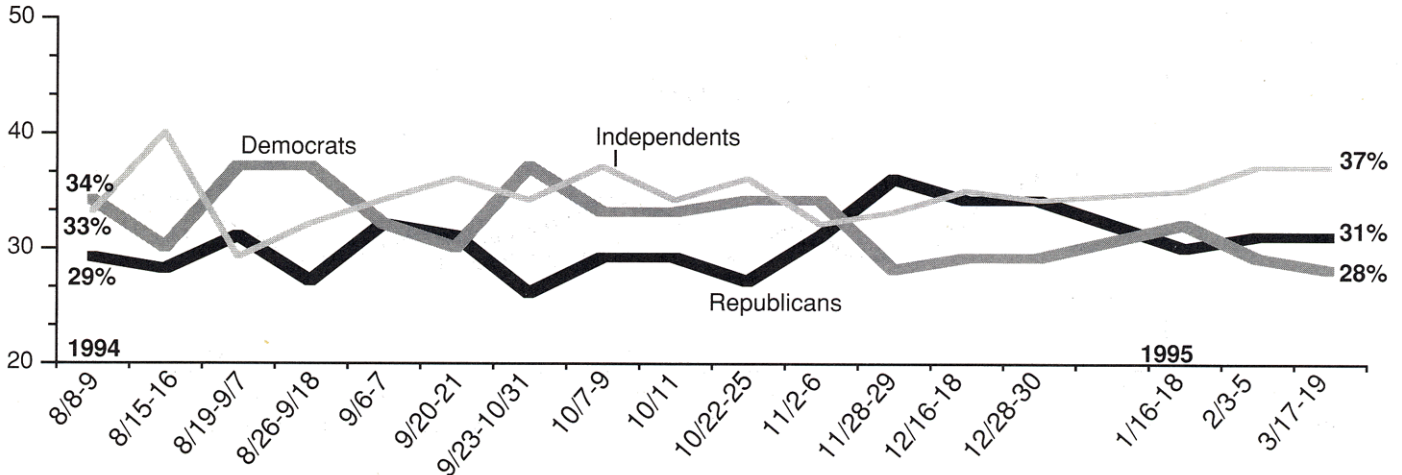


# The Parties

## Republicans Standing Up

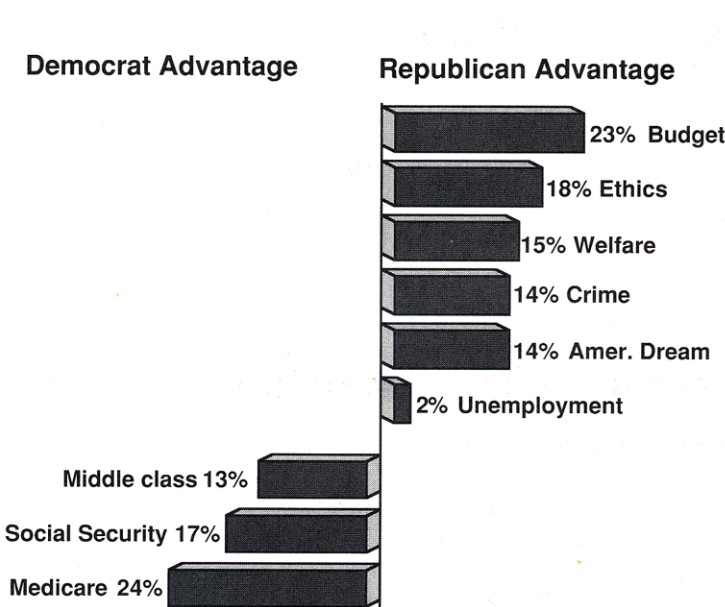
**Question:** In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent?



**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, latest that of March 17-19, 1995.

## Rating the Parties on the Issues

**Question:** ... I am going to read a list of issues ... as I read each one, please tell me whether you think the Republican or Democratic Party can best handle that problem ... a) protecting Social Security, b) protecting Medicare, c) balancing the federal budget, d) reducing unemployment, e) improving the ethical standards of government officials, f) helping the middle class, g) reforming the welfare system, h) reducing crime, and i) restoring the American dream?

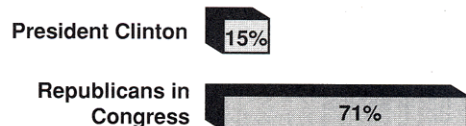


**RESULTS:**

Issue	Rep (%)	Dem (%)
Budget	50%	27%
Ethics	45	27
Welfare	50	35
Crime	45	31
American Dream	46	32
Unemployment	44	42
Middle class	38	51
Social Security	34	51
Medicare	32	56

### Political Snapshot

**Question:** Over the next two years, who do you think will have more influence over the direction of the country: President Clinton, or the Republicans in Congress?



**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, February 22-25, 1995.

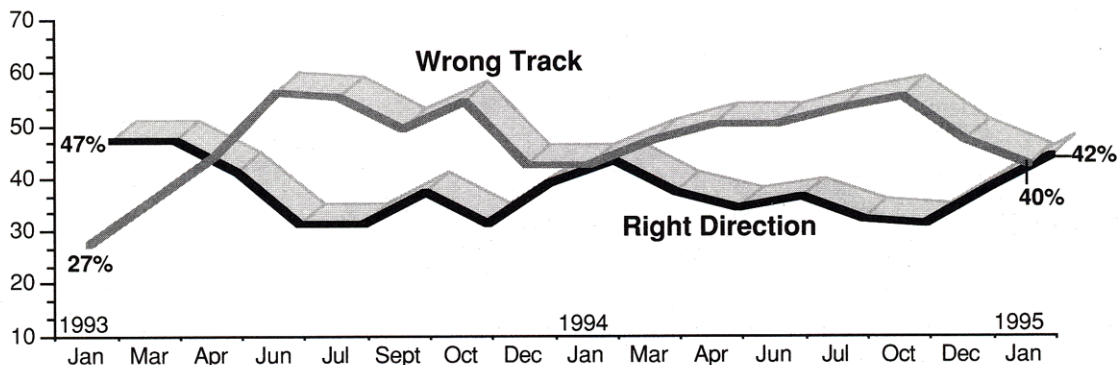
**Note:** Advantage is the difference in percent between the two parties.

**Source:** Survey by the Wirthlin Group, February 6-8, 1995.

# The Nation

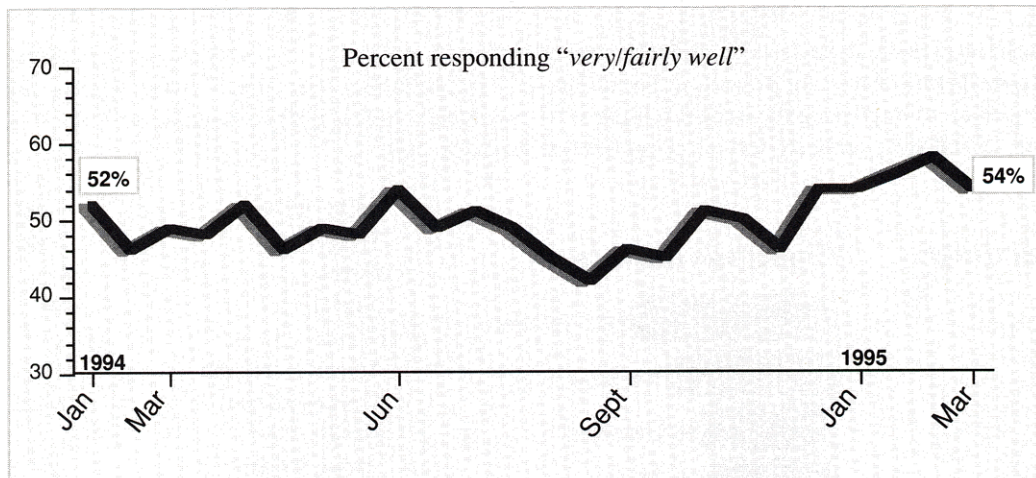
## National Mood Rising (a bit)

**Question:** All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?



Source: Surveys by Hart and Teeter Research Companies for NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of January 14-17, 1995.

**Question:** How well do you think things are going in the country these days?



Source: Surveys by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, latest that of February 28-March 1, 1995.

## Most Important Problems—Top Mentions

**Question:** What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

1. Economy/Unemployment	19%	1. Economy/Unemployment/Recession	20%
2. Crime	17	2. Crime/Violence	19
3. Health Care	10	3. Deficit	12
4. Deficit	10	4. Health Care/Hospitals (combined)	7
5. Welfare	6	4. Welfare	7
5. Homelessness	6	5. Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	6

Source: Survey by CBS News, January 10-20, 1995.

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, January 16-18, 1995.