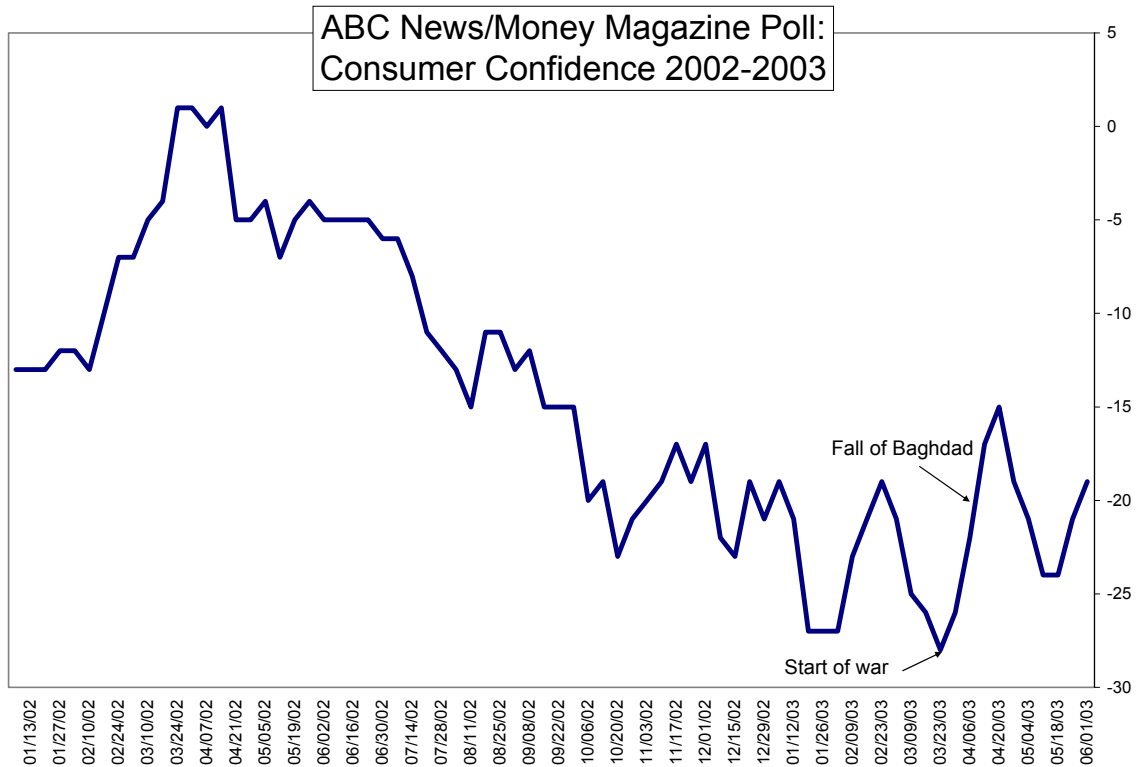


Confidence Rebounding From Recent Slide

Rebounding from its recent slide, consumer confidence has put together a mini-rally: It's up five points in the last two weeks.

Events in Iraq had helped move confidence, sending it up 13 points during the war, but then down nine points after it. It's now back on the mend, though, rolling back some of its recent losses. The ABC News/Money magazine Consumer Comfort Index, based on ratings of current economic conditions, is -19 on its scale of +100 to -100, up from -24 two weeks ago.

At the same time, it's still below average. The index has averaged -9 since its start in December 1985.



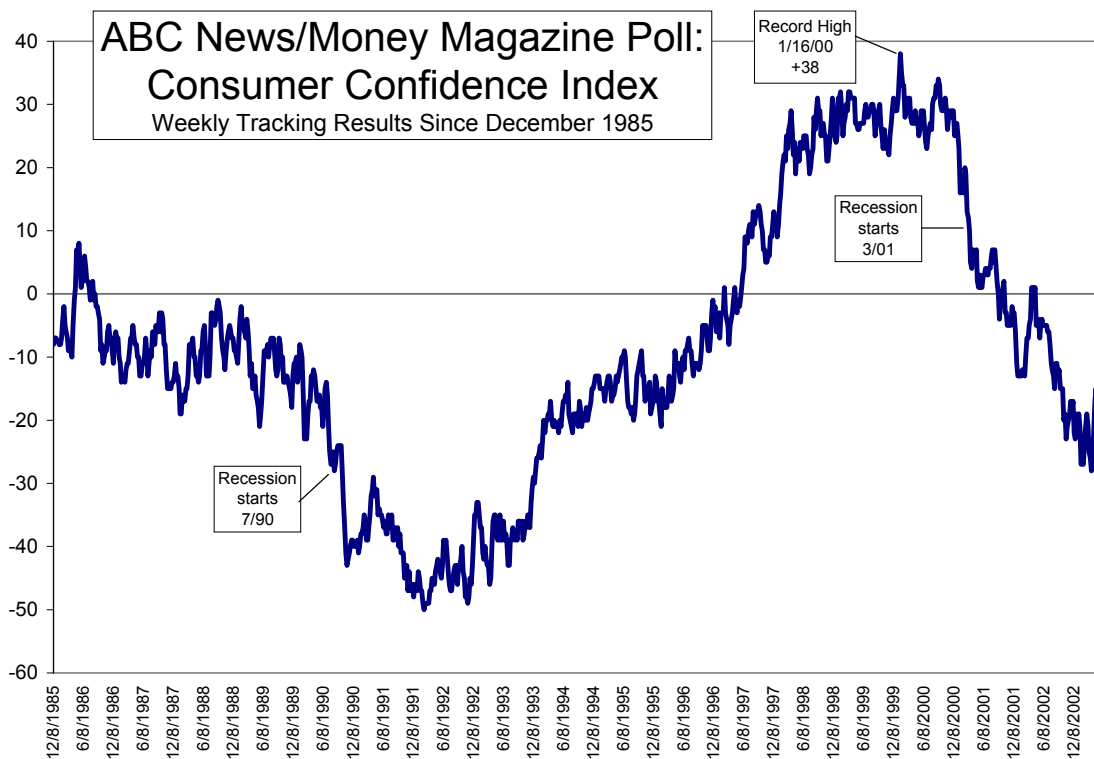
	ABC/Money	
	Index	Change
6/1/03	-19	+2
5/25/03	-21	+3
5/18/03	-24	=
5/11/03	-24	-3 Postwar slump: down 9

5/4/03	-21	-2
4/27/03	-19	-4
4/20/03	-15	+2 War boost: up 13
4/13/03	-17	+5
4/6/03	-22	+4
3/30/03	-26	+2
3/23/03	-28	

INDEX – The ABC/Money index is made up of ratings of the economy, personal finances and the buying climate. Thirty-eight percent now call it a good time to buy things, its best rating of the year and just one point off its 17-year average.

Thirty percent rate the economy positively, matching its best rating of the year. But it's still weak at 11 points below average. Most, 53 percent, say their own finances are in good shape, seven points shy of its 2003 high, reached in April.

	ABC News/Money magazine poll				
Positive ratings of:	This week	Last week	2003 high	2003 low	17-yr. avg.
National economy	30%	29	30	21	41
Buying climate	38	37	38	32	39
Personal finances	53	52	60	52	57
Consumer Comfort Index	-19	-21	-15	-28	-9



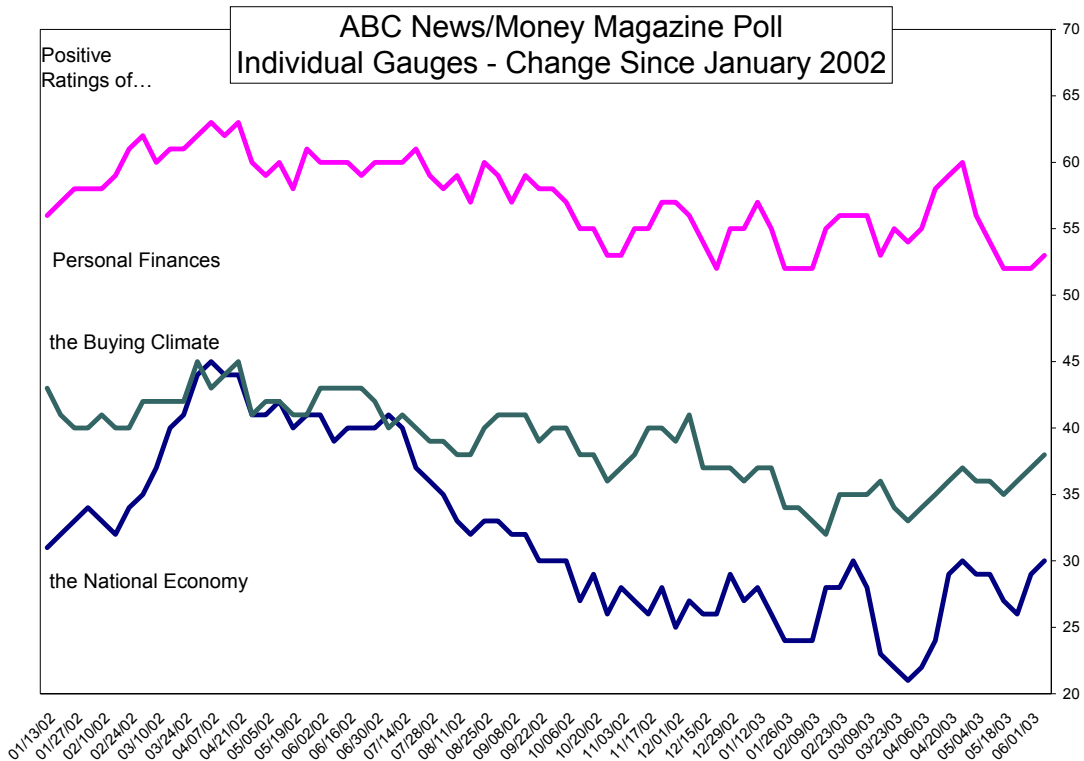
TREND – The ABC/Money index is well off its high, +38, reached in January 2000. But it's also been much worse, bottoming out at -50 in February 1992. It's averaged -22 so far this year, compared to -11 last year and -9 since December 1985.

ABC/Money Index		
Today	-19	
Two weeks ago	-24	
Six weeks ago	-15	
Recent low	-28	March 2003
Recent high	+1	March, April 2002
2003 average	-22	To date
2002 average	-11	
2001 average	+4	
2000 average	+29	Best full year
1992 average	-44	Worst full year
Jan. 16, 2000	+38	Record high
Feb. 9, 1992	-50	Record low
Average since 12/85	-9	

GROUPS –As usual, confidence is higher among better-off Americans. The index is +8 among people in higher-income households compared to -61 in the lowest, -11 among college graduates while -50 among high-school dropouts, -16 among whites but -50 among blacks and -9 among men while -29 among women.

The index is a good deal lower in the Northeast (-32) and West (-28) than in the South (-12) and Midwest (-13). And it peaks among Republicans at +7, compared to -21 among independents and -46 among Democrats.

Here's a closer look at the three components of the ABC/Money index:



GENERAL POPULATION:

Overall Index	-19	-21	-21	-21	-5	-5	-28	-18
State of Economy	-40	-42	-42	-44	-22	-18	-58	-41
Personal Finances	6	4	8	12	20	22	4	12
Buying Climate	-24	-26	-28	-30	-14	-14	-36	-25

OVERALL INDEX BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS

Sex:								
Men	-9	-12	-15	-11	7	7	-19	-10
Women	-29	-28	-25	-30	-17	-9	-38	-25
Age:								
18 - 34	-15	-18	-14	-17	4	4	-25	-11
35 - 44	-17	-17	-16	-12	-8	-1	-31	-16
45 - 54	-33	-33	-32	-24	1	6	-41	-22
55 - 64	-9	-8	-21	-36	-10	-2	-39	-20
65 +	-25	-25	-24	-27	-22	-14	-36	-25
Income:								
Under \$15K	-61	-57	-52	-48	-46	-26	-61	-47
\$15K To \$24.9K	-34	-41	-51	-39	-44	-19	-55	-38
\$25K To \$39.9K	-48	-43	-20	-27	-13	-9	-49	-27
\$40K To \$49.9K	-29	-32	-27	-19	-3	12	-32	-13
Over \$50K	8	5	3	1	27	28	-15	5
Region:								
Northeast	-32	-34	-32	-15	-18	-4	-38	-23
Midwest	-13	-14	-20	-26	4	4	-34	-17
South	-12	-14	-13	-24	0	4	-29	-18
West	-28	-26	-21	-15	-12	9	-34	-12
Race:								
White	-16	-16	-14	-20	-1	0	-23	-14
Black	-50	-52	-51	-29	-41	-21	-60	-40
Politics:								
Republican	7	9	10	9	17	17	-3	8
Democrat	-46	-43	-38	-40	-26	-14	-46	-33
Independent	-21	-24	-29	-24	-5	-5	-38	-21
Education:								
< High School	-50	-51	-37	-32	-35	-18	-59	-39
High Sch. Grad.	-18	-22	-29	-29	-14	-4	-40	-23
College +	-11	-9	-7	-11	11	11	-18	-6
Home:								
Own	-16	-16	-14	-14	2	3	-24	-14
Rent	-31	-36	-35	-35	-24	-9	-40	-27
Marital Status:								
Single	-25	-28	-22	-21	6	6	-32	-13
Married	-11	-10	-16	-16	-2	2	-27	-14
Sep/Wid/Div	-50	-50	-30	-39	-26	-21	-52	-33
Employ. Status:								
Full-Time	-15	-15	-15	-10	6	7	-20	-10
Part-Time	-16	-25	-26	-19	-2	3	-40	-18
Not Employed	-26	-25	-24	-35	-22	-16	-40	-27

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