

People's Satisfaction with Quality of Life and Outlook for the Future

Source: May/June 1997 and May/June 1998 Angus Reid World Poll

	TODAY		OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE	
	Satisfaction with Quality of Life ¹		Hope Index Score ²	
	1997	1998	1997	1998
Argentina	30	33	37	32
Australia	50	54	38	39
Belgium	46	51	19	29
Brazil*	NA	36	NA	64
Canada	50	47	42	45
China*	25	23	67	58
Colombia*	NA	35	NA	66
Czech Republic	32	24	24	26
Denmark	NA	66	NA	25
France	26	34	14	17
Germany	44	50	15	18
Greece	30	27	27	33
Israel	49	50	44	42
Italy	45	41	19	34
Japan	27	14	12	12
Malaysia	35	30	73	66
Netherlands	67	69	28	30
Norway	47	48	23	23
Poland	23	13	51	33
Russia*	7	10	33	20
South Africa*	44	33	44	42
South Korea	24	19	64	62
Spain	45	45	36	34
Sweden	46	51	25	33
Taiwan	25	22	38	50
Thailand*	29	12	59	60
Turkey	NA	27	NA	44
U.K.	44	51	40	48
U.S.	59	63	64	62

* Urban samples

1 % choosing 6 or 7 on 7-point satisfaction scale

2 Composite score across the 3 "future expectations" items

Survey Questions:

1. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 means you are completely dissatisfied with the overall quality of your life and 7 means you are completely satisfied with the overall quality of your life, how would you rate your satisfaction with your life?
2. Over the next year, do you think your personal economic situation will improve, remain the same, or get worse?
3. All things considered, do you think you will be better off or worse off in ten years than you are today?
4. And, all things considered, do you think your children will be better off or worse off than you?

People's Expectations For The Future: Next Year, 10 Years from Now, Children/Next Generation

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	NEXT YEAR			10 YEARS FROM NOW			CHILDREN/NEXT GENERATION		
	Improve	Get worse	Same/Unsure	Improve	Get worse	Same/Unsure	Improve	Get worse	Same/Unsure
Argentina	28	22	50	46	20	34	55	18	27
Australia	42	11	47	62	17	22	57	22	21
Belgium	38	14	48	51	21	28	55	25	20
Brazil*	64	9	27	73	16	11	84	9	7
Canada	46	7	47	68	13	19	63	23	13
China*	42	8	50	68	5	26	85	4	11
Colombia*	67	5	28	74	7	19	81	9	10
Czech Republic	20	31	49	36	22	42	50	21	29
Denmark	25	18	57	41	14	46	56	13	31
France	30	16	54	41	30	30	33	52	15
Germany	24	11	65	42	25	33	32	50	19
Greece	33	18	49	50	16	35	57	22	21
Israel	42	9	49	62	6	31	72	8	19
Italy	34	12	54	53	13	34	57	18	24
Japan	9	24	67	29	42	29	24	59	17
Malaysia	53	3	43	74	4	21	88	3	9
Netherlands	37	8	55	49	14	38	57	17	26
Norway	36	14	51	45	10	44	46	16	38
Poland	23	19	58	44	13	43	61	13	25
Russia*	21	23	56	27	17	57	40	10	50
South Africa*	50	17	33	60	17	22	63	23	14
South Korea	42	23	35	87	5	9	88	7	5
Spain	37	4	59	47	7	46	63	13	24
Sweden	34	9	57	53	15	32	59	15	26
Taiwan	39	6	54	65	6	29	70	7	23
Thailand*	49	14	38	84	4	13	78	12	10
Turkey	49	18	32	54	16	30	73	13	14
U.K.	44	10	46	62	14	24	76	13	10
U.S.	56	4	39	78	8	14	78	14	9

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