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EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR

	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021
BETTER	53%	51%	50%	51%	53%	51%	50%	45%	31%	35%	36%	34%	34%
SAME	24	25	23	25	24	23	26	32	35	37	34	30	36
WORSE	19	22	26	23	22	25	21	21	32	27	29	34	28
DK, NA	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	601	603	604	604	601	606	608	604	600	612	604	602	603
INDEX SCORE	134	129	124	128	131	126	129	124	99	108	107	100	106

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	131	128	129	127	128	128	129	126	117	110	105	105	104
Age 18 to 44	137	136	142	140	139	138	139	136	128	120	115	112	109
Age 45 to 64	126	120	119	121	124	124	122	120	112	105	100	101	100
Age 65+	130	125	122	117	119	123	124	121	109	103	96	100	102
Income Bottom Third	130	123	126	123	125	129	129	127	114	108	102	101	99
Income Middle Third	127	127	127	127	127	123	125	124	121	115	107	106	104
Income Top Third	138	135	134	134	135	135	133	128	119	110	106	108	110
Educ High School or Less	124	110	106	105	102	106	107	113	101	98	89	91	85
Educ Some College	128	121	119	115	118	122	123	120	109	101	94	94	96
Educ College Degree	137	139	143	141	141	140	139	135	127	119	115	115	116
Democrat	140	155	169	175	175	172	168	166	158	151	146	145	148
Independent	127	125	126	124	125	128	127	124	112	107	99	102	101
Republican	126	96	84	74	76	75	77	76	67	63	61	61	57

The question was: "And how about a year from now, do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?"

*: Less than half of one percent. Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100