

Figure 7. Job-market perceptions. American citizens tended to be more optimistic about the job market than their W. European counterparts: Americans: < 1% excellent; 24.8% good; 61% Neutral; 13.5% bad; none hopeless. W. Europeans: 2.6% excellent; 14.1% good; 57.7% neutral; 21.8% bad; 3.8% hopeless. All other citizens combined reported: 3.4% excellent; 24.1% good; 55.2% neutral; 16.4% bad; <1% hopeless.

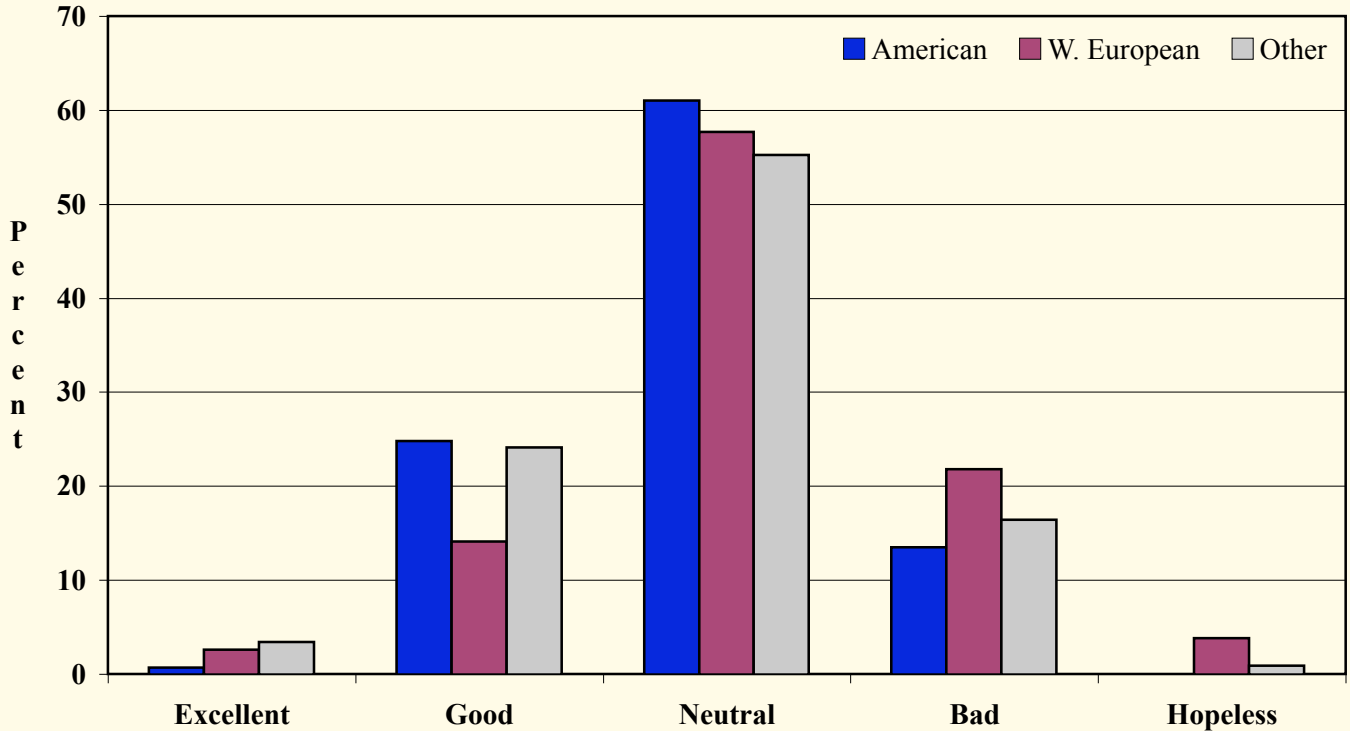


Figure 7b. American job-market assessments during 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Roughly 100 Americans reported in each of these years.

