

## 80% In CBS Poll Believe Ray Not Alone In King Slaying

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NEW YORK (AP) — A national CBS News poll says 80% of those it queried think James Earl Ray was involved with others in the 1968 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the network said Friday night.

The poll, part of a CBS-TV news special on King's slaying, says the remaining 20% of those responding to the CBS query thought Ray "was solely responsible" in King's assassination at a Memphis, Tenn., motel in April, 1968.

A TRANSCRIPT of the program doesn't say how many persons were contacted for the poll.

However, Leslie Midgely, executive producer of the program, said 365 persons of voting age across the nation were contacted by telephone for the CBS survey.

The poll was made in the wake of recent disclosures by a Senate committee staff that the Federal Bureau of Investigation waged a campaign against King in the mid-1960s to destroy his influence as a civil rights leader.

RAY, WHOM CBS said refused to be interviewed for the show on the advice of his lawyers, initially pleaded guilty in March, 1969, to King's assassination.

However, he renounced that plea and unsuccessfully sought to withdraw it and face trial on charge of murder in King's death.

He currently is in his second federal court attempt to have his guilty plea withdrawn and to face trial in a state court.