

GALLUP POLL

Many Doubt Oswald Acted Alone

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One week after the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, a large majority of Americans expressed doubts that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. Now, three years later, these doubts have still not been resolved.

Only 36 per cent today believe Oswald alone is responsible for the assassination. The remaining 64 per cent either think others were also involved or else express uncertainty.

Three years ago almost the same proportions held these views: 29 per cent put the blame solely on Oswald but 71 per cent had doubts. It is obvious from today's findings that the report of the Warren Commission has failed to convince many Americans that Oswald alone was responsible.

But the public is opposed to a new investigation—despite the stand taken by books, magazines, and some individuals that the study be re-opened in light of doubts expressed in certain quarters about the Warren Commission's methods and conclusions—particularly that Oswald acted alone.

This question was recently put to a national sample of adults:

"Do you think one man was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy, or do you think others were involved?"

Here are the latest results, compared with the earlier findings:

One man responsible	36%	29%
Others involved, uncertainty	64%	71%

This further question was asked in the latest survey:

"Do you think there should be another investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy?"

The public votes down this proposal by a 2-to-1 margin:

Another investigation?
Yes 32%
No 63%
No opinion 5%

That Oswald was guilty, but the investigation was held when the whole country was emotionally upset. It's time to review this whole thing."

"The real murderer is still at large in my opinion," said a 37-year-old engineer.

Those who oppose a new investigation talk in these terms:
"From what I have read and heard on radio," said the young wife of a salesman, "this issue was more thoroughly investigated than it would have been under a jury trial. If Oswald had lived. That's good enough for me."