

# Warren Report Conclusions Get Growing Public Support

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For the first time in over a year, the willingness of the American people to believe that the assassination of President Kennedy was part of a broader plot rather than the work of one man has declined.

A major reason for this shift in public opinion is a sharp drop in the number of people who feel that the investigation by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison will shed any new light on the assassination.

Last May and again in this latest Harris survey a carefully drawn cross section of 1000 families was asked if they had followed the Garrison investigation. In both instances approximately six in ten people had done so. Then each person familiar with Garrison's investigation was asked:

*"Do you think the Jim Garrison investigation in New Orleans will shed new light on the John Kennedy assassination, or do you think not much will come of it?"*

### EFFECT OF GARRISON INVESTIGATION

	September 1967	May 1967
Will shed light on J.F.K. death	32%	43%
Not much will come of it	60	46
Not sure	8	9

Partly because of some of the bizarre episodes associated with Garrison's efforts and partly because of the alleged links of Lee Harvey Oswald to others in a conspiratorial band have not seemed convincing, the public now has reached a point of considerable disenchantment with the New Orleans investigation.

Along with the decline of



JIM GARRISON  
... not convincing

The same trend is evident in another question dealing directly with whether the Kennedy killing was the work of one man or part of a broader plot.

### ONE MAN OR A BROADER PLOT

	Sept. 1967	May 1967	Feb. 1967	Sept. 1966
Work of one man	24%	19%	35%	34%
A broader plot	60	66	44	46
Not sure	16	15	21	20

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public confidence in the Garrison probe, a rise in support for the Warren Commission report has taken place lately.

Over the past year, on four separate occasions, comparable cross sections of the public have been asked:

*"From what you have read, do you feel that the full story of John Kennedy's assassination was reported in the Warren Commission report, or do you think there are still a lot of unanswered questions about who killed President Kennedy and how it was done?"*

### WARREN COMMISSION REPORT

	Sept. 1967	May 1967	Feb. 1967	Sept. 1966
Still unanswered questions	64%	72%	59%	54%
Told full story	24	18	30	14
Not sure	12	10	11	32

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