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Gallup Poll Doubts on Oswald

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

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

Three years ago almost the same proportions held these views: 29 percent put the blame solely on Oswald but 71 percent 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. Certain leading magazines have urged that this be done 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?"

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

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

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:

Yes	32%
No	63
No opinion	5

The reasoning of those who favor another investigation is seen in the comments of typical persons interviewed. A 50-year-old civil servant said:

"There are too many unanswered questions. I feel that Oswald was guilty, but the investigation was held

when the whole country was emotionally upset. It's time to review this whole thing."

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