

Ford's Approval Rating Declines to 50-28 Pct.

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PRINCETON, N. J.—The latest nationwide Gallup Poll, showing a 21-point decline in President Ford's approval rating since he took office, shows half (50 per cent) saying they approve of the way he is handling his job as chief executive, while 28 per cent disapprove and 22 per cent do not express an opinion.

Following is the question that has been asked over the last 35 years to measure presidential popularity:

Do you approve or disap-

prove of the way (name of incumbent) is handling his job as President?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
Latest	50%	28%	22%
Sept. 6-9	66	13	21
Aug. 16-19	71	3	26

The views by party affiliation:

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
Republicans	65%	16%	19%
Democrats	43	37	20
Independents	52	24	24

The results reported today are based on personal interviews with 1,527 adults, conducted during the period Sept. 27-30 in more than 300 scientifically selected localities across the nation.