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A new poll on Ted and the drowning

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NEW YORK — Fifty-two per cent of Americans have little or no concern about Sen. Edward Kennedy's Chappaquiddick experience in relation to his presidential potential, a poll taken for Newsweek magazine indicates.

The recent nationwide telephone poll of 520 voting age persons also found that the public was about evenly divided over whether the Massachusetts Democrat would make a good president, the magazine said yesterday.

The respondents were asked how concerned they were about Kennedy's presidential qualification because of his behavior at the time of Mary Jo Kopechne's death at Chappaquiddick.

Twenty-four per cent said they were very much concerned, 18 per cent said they had some concern, 19 per cent a little, 33 per cent not at all and 6 per cent said they did not know.