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NIXON POPULARITY INCREASES IN POLL

Gallup Finds a 6-Point Gain Over His June Rating

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PRINCETON, N. J., July 29 —Public confidence in President Nixon is at its highest level in five months, the Gallup Poll reported today.

A majority of 61 per cent in the latest survey say it approves of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job as President—a six-point increase over his rating in the previous survey conducted June 19 through 21.

The President's gain in popularity between the two surveys has occurred in all four major regions of the nation, with the greatest gain (11 per cent) recorded in the South. Apparently Mr. Nixon has been little hurt in the South by the Administration's tougher stance on school desegregation in that region in recent weeks.

Nearly 7 in every 10 Southerners polled said they approved of the President's performance.

The following question was asked of a representative sample of 1,523 adults, interviewed in person in a survey conducted July 10 to 12 in more than 300 scientifically selected localities across the nation:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job as President?

Following are the national results and trend since the beginning of this year:

	Approve %	Dis- prove %	No Opin. %
July 10-12 ...	61	28	11
June 30: All U.S. forces withdrawn from Cambodia			
June 19-21 ...	55	31	14
May 22-25 ...	59	29	12
May 2-5 ...	57	31	12
April 30: Decision to send U.S. forces to Cambodia.			
April 17-19 ..	56	31	13
March 20-22..	53	30	17
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	56	27	17
Jan. 16-19 ...	63	23	14
Jan. 2-5	61	22	17

The following tables show a comparison of the latest regional results with those from the earlier survey.

East			
	Late June	Latest	
	%	%	%
Approve	53	57	
Disapprove	34	31	
No Opinion	13	12	
Midwest			
	Late June	Latest	
	%	%	%
Approve	53	58	
Disapprove	33	33	
No Opinion	14	9	
South			
	Late June	Latest	
	%	%	%
Approve	57	68	
Disapprove	24	20	
No Opinion	19	12	
West			
	Late June	Latest	
	%	%	%
Approve	56	63	
Disapprove	35	29	
No Opinion	9	8	

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