President's Popularity Rises in Poll

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The peace settlement with North Vietnam has boosted President Nixon's popularity to a point where it now matches his previous high in 1969.

Sixty-eight per cent of Americans say they approve of his performance in office, 25 per cent express disapproval and 7 per cent have no opinion.

This represents a sharp 14-point gain over the approval rating recorded early in January.

The current survey also shows a record high approving of the way Mr. Nixon has handled the Vietnam situation. Nearly eight persons in ten (77 per cent) expressed approval, whereas in the early January survey disapproval outweighed approval, 47 to 43 per cent.

This question was asked to determine the President's over-all poplarity rating:

These are the national results:

 Approve
 68%

 Disapprove
 25

 No Opinion
 7

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