

**Gallup Poll**

**More People Are Critical of FBI**

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The FBI has declined in public esteem since 1965, particularly among younger adults, Easterners and persons with a college background.

During this five-year period the FBI has frequently come under fire from liberal groups as a bulwark of the "Establishment."

But despite the decline in public esteem, the FBI still commands the broad respect of the population as a whole, with seven person in ten (71 per cent) giving this organization a "highly favorable" rating. The comparable rating in the 1965 survey was 84 per cent.

The FBI is more highly regarded than another governmental organization, the Pentagon, which is also generally associated with the "Establishment" and has been under heavy fire from anti-war groups. Approximately three persons in ten (28 per cent) in the latest survey give the Pentagon a "highly favorable" rating. No earlier data were available.

**RATINGS**

The ratings in this report were obtained by a sensitive attitude scale called the Stapel Scalometer, which consists of ten squares or boxes. The person being tested was

given a card showing the squares and told the top square represents the highest degree of liking, the lowest square, the lowest degree. He was then asked to indicate how far up or down the scale he would place the organization he was asked to rate.

Highly favorable attitudes are considered to be the responses in the top two scale positions.

**FBI**

Following is the comparison of the "highly favorable" ratings for the FBI from the latest survey and the 1965 survey:

	"Highly Favorable" Rating of FBI		
	Dec., '65 %	Latest %	Point Chg.
<b>NATIONAL</b>	84	71	-13
21-29 years	85	62	-23
30-49 years	84	73	-11
50 & over	84	73	-11
East	88	63	-25
Midwest	83	74	-9
South	82	76	-6
West	85	69	-16
College background	78	57	-21
High school	88	75	-13
Grade school	82	75	-7

The scale ratings given the Pentagon, in contrast to those given the FBI, show little difference by age, region or educational background.

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