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Poll Finds Public Favors

More C.I.A. Accountability

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The American public favors making the Central Intelligence Agency more accountable to civilian authorities, but opposes its abolition by an 80-to-67 per cent majority, the Harris poll reported yesterday.

The 47-27 per cent vote in favor of greater civilian accountability rejected, however, any further change in the way the agency is run, according to the Associated Press.

"It is clear that the people are opposed to the abolition of the C.I.A.," the Harris survey included, "although they support steps to make it more accountable to the elected government of the country.

"By 43-41 per cent, a plurality would also support a move to 'put in a civilian head' of the C.I.A., but not abolishing it," the poll said.

Based on a nationwide poll of 1,403 adults, the Harris organization reported that 74 per cent felt it was wrong for the C.I.A. to become involved in assassination plots against foreign leaders.