

Ford Preferred Over Nixon

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PRINCETON, N.J.—If given a choice, a plurality of the electorate would prefer Vice President Ford to President Nixon as chief executive for the remaining three years of Mr. Nixon's term.

The latest nationwide Gallup Survey shows 46 per cent saying they would prefer Ford compared to 32 per cent who choose Mr. Nixon. About one person in five, 22 per cent, is undecided or does not express an opinion.

Following is the ques-

tion asked to determine which man the public would like to have serve as President for the next three years:

Here is a question about President Richard Nixon and Vice President Gerald Ford: If you had a choice, which man would you rather have as President between now and the next presidential election in 1976 — Nixon or Ford?

	Nixon	Ford	Undec., no opin- ion
NATIONAL	32%	46%	22%
Republicans	57	28	15
Democrats	18	55	27

Southern Democrats	25	50	25
Democrats outside			
South	15	57	28
Independents	35	45	20
Whites	35	44	21
Northern whites	30	47	23
Southern whites	48	34	18
Nonwhites	15	57	28
Protestant	36	44	20
Catholic	24	49	27
East	27	48	25
Midwest	31	48	21
South	39	40	21
West	29	48	23
Labor Union	23	55	22
Nonlabor Union	35	42	23

The findings reported today are based on a national survey of 1,592 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities Jan. 18-21.

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