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Distrust of Leaders Called
Biggest Problem in Survey

Distrust of the nation's leadership was rated the biggest problem facing the nation in a survey of college students, the Gallup organization said yesterday.

Forty-two per cent of the students surveyed cited distrust of Government, including Watergate issues, as the nation's chief's problem. Sixteen per cent, responding to the question, "What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?" cited President Nixon's leadership, making it the third-ranking problem. The second was "the energy crisis," which was cited by 33 per cent.

In the most recent survey of the general public, the Gallup organization noted, only 22 per cent said problems with America's leadership were the top concern.

The college survey was based on interviews during January and March with 1,000 students from 60 campuses.