

# Nixon Job Rating Near Low Point

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President Nixon's job rating remains near its low point. In the latest nationwide Gallup survey, 26 per cent of the public say they approve of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job as President, 62 per cent disapprove, and 12 per cent are undecided.

As has been the case since June, 1973, the President receives majority approval in the latest survey from just one major population group—members of his own party. Currently, 54 per cent of Republicans approve of Mr. Nixon's performance in office. In contrast, only 13 per cent of Democrats, only 13 per cent of Democrats and 25 per cent of independents say they approve.

Nationally, Mr. Nixon's popularity has fluctuated within a narrow range: between 28 and 25 per cent approval since the beginning of the year. The latter reading, 25 per cent, recorded in the last survey, is also Mr. Nixon's low point during his

tenure in the White House.

Following is the question asked by the Gallup poll about each incumbent President since Franklin Roosevelt's administration:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way (name of incumbent) is handling his job as President?"

Here are the national findings and the trend so far this year:

NIXON'S JOB RATING  
DURING 1974

	Ap- prove %	Disap- prove %	No Opinion %
Mar. 8-11, 15-18	26	62	12
Feb. 22-25			
Mar. 1-4	25	64	11
Feb. 8-11, 15-18	27	63	10
Jan. 18-21	26	64	10
Jan. 4-7	27	63	10

It was just over a year ago that Mr. Nixon received his highest approval rating since taking office, 68 per cent (he also received 68 per cent approval in November 1969), recorded shortly after the Vietnam peace agreement was signed. Since then, the trend in Mr. Nixon's rating has been steadily downward.

Nationally, Nixon's job rating has declined 42 points since January 1973.