

Majority Wanted

Nixon Tried

Princeton, N.J.

In a survey completed by the Gallup Poll before President Ford granted a pardon to former President Nixon, a majority of Americans, 53 per cent, believed Mr. Nixon should be tried for possible criminal charges arising from Watergate.

About a third, 36 per cent, thought he should not be tried while another 6 per cent did not express an opinion.

The same survey found 53 per cent holding the belief that Mr. Nixon should not be pardoned if brought to trial and found guilty. About four in ten (38 per cent) thought that he should be granted a

pardon, while 9 per cent did not express an opinion.

The Gallup survey was conducted September 6 through 9. A total of 1583 adults, 18 and older, were interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities across the nation. Here are the questions asked:

"Do you think Nixon should or should not be tried for possible criminal charges arising from Watergate?", and "if Nixon is brought to trial and found guilty, do you think he should or should not be granted a pardon by President Ford?"

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