

CIA (A)

35% Support Ford-Named CIA Panel

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One out of every three Americans believes that President Ford made the right decision in appointing Vice President Rockefeller head of a special commission to investigate Central Intelligence Agency domestic spying and electronic surveillance.

In a recent Harris survey, a cross-section of 1,532 adults was asked:

President Ford has appointed a high-level commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to look into the charges of domestic spying by the CIA and to come up with recommendations on how the CIA can be made to live up to the letter of the law. In general, do you think President Ford took the right action to get recommendations from a special commission headed by his own Vice President, or do you think he should have appointed a commission completely independent of the White House?

Ford took right action	35%
Should have commission independent of White House	49
Not sure	16

Skepticism of Rockefeller's appointment is evident in the sampling's predictions of the commission's findings:

If you had to guess right now, do you think the special Rockefeller commission looking into suspected CIA irregularities will get to the root of any wrongdoing by the CIA, or do you think it will end up as another cover-up all over again?

Will get to root of wrongdoing	33%
Will end up as another cover-up	43
Not sure	24