

Nixon Backed On Cambodia In a Poll

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President Nixon's action in ordering American troops into Cambodia has public approval by a margin of 50 per cent in favor to 43 per cent against, according to the Harris Poll.

Heaviest support for the President's policy in Cambodia is drawn from the south and the west, from residents of small towns and rural areas, and from older persons, the poll says.

Opposition was said to be greatest among those under 30 years of age, among women, easterners, and those who reside in suburbs and urban centers.

Other poll results:

- Only 12 per cent believe that all American troops will be out of Cambodia by June 30, as promised by Mr. Nixon; only 31 per cent believe the Cambodian action will shorten the war in Vietnam—49 per cent—do not think Mr. Nixon will make good on his promise to bring home 150,000 combat troops from Vietnam by May, 1971.

- By a margin of 58 to 25 per cent, people do not believe that the Cambodian move will persuade the North Vietnamese to enter into serious negotiations in Paris.

- A majority of 52 to 31 per cent thinks the military operation will be successful in destroying North Vietnamese bases in Cambodia, but 66 per cent of the American people report they are worried that Cambodia will "turn into another Vietnam."

Interviewing was conducted in 1281 households across the Nation on May 8-10, the poll states.

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