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Poll Backs Ford's Use Of Force

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Seventy-five per cent of the persons asked in a poll conducted for Gannett News Service say President Ford was right in using force to recover the cargo ship Mayaguez.

The poll of 1000 adults across the nation by Decision Research Corp. of Wellesley, Mass., on May 15-17 found that 75 per cent approved sending marines "when we did;" 15 per cent thought the United States should have made further efforts to negotiate; 4 per cent disapproved sending marines and six per cent had no opinion.

Gannett said the favorable reaction was universal, cutting across categories of region, politics, ideology, age and sex.

Among those favoring use of force, an even larger percentage — 80 per cent — said they would have approved even if the Cambodians had killed some of the captured crewmen of the Mayaguez as a result.

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