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NIXON'S STANDING DECLINES IN POLL

55% Say They Like How He
Does Job, a 6-Point Slip

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PRINCETON, N.J., Aug. 19—Public approval of President Nixon's performance has slipped to the level recorded in mid-June, prior to the withdrawal of United States troops from Cambodia, the Gallup Poll reported today.

At present, the Gallup organization said, 55 per cent of adults approve of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job, a decline of 6 percentage points since an early July measurement that was recorded after Mr. Nixon met his self-imposed Cambodia withdrawal deadline.

The following question was asked of a representative sample of 1,501 adults, interviewed in person in a survey conducted July 31-Aug. 2 in more than 300 localities:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nixon is handling his job as President?"

Following are the latest national results and trend since mid-June:

	Approve %	Dis- approve %	No Opin. %
July 31-Aug. 2	55	32	13
July 10-12	61	28	11
<i>(June 30: All U.S. Forces Withdrawn from Cambodia)</i>			
June 19-21	55	31	14

The following tables show a comparison of the latest regional results with those from the earlier surveys. The decline since early July, the Gallup organization said, has been the most pronounced in the South.

	East		
	June 19-21 %	July 10-12 %	Latest %
Approve	53	57	53

	Midwest		
	June 19-21 %	July 10-12 %	Latest %
Disapprove	34	31	37
No Opinion	13	12	10
Approve	53	58	55
Disapprove	33	33	30
No Opinion	14	9	15
	South		
	June 19-21 %	July 10-12 %	Latest %
Approve	57	68	55
Disapprove	24	20	27
No Opinion	19	12	18
	West		
	June 19-21 %	July 10-12 %	Latest %
Approve	56	63	58
Disapprove	35	29	30
No Opinion	9	8	12