

# 2 to 1 Poll Against the Bombing

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The latest nationwide Gallup survey shows Americans opposed to the bombing in Cambodia and Laos by a 2 to 1 margin and, by approximately the same ratio, they think that bombing will lead to a reinvolvement of American troops in Southeast Asia.

In addition, by an overwhelming majority, the public wants congressional sanction of further military action in Southeast Asia.

The peace agreement signed in Paris last January ended active American involvement in the fighting in Vietnam. U.S. forces have, however, continued bombing, particularly in Cambodia.

Nearly 6 in 10 Americans (57 per cent) disapprove of the bombing and 29 per cent approve; 14 per cent have no opinion.

Correspondingly, 59 per cent feel the bombing will lead to renewed American troop commitments in Southeast Asia, 26 per cent think it will not and 15 per cent have no opinion.

By a 6 to 1 margin (76 to 13 per cent), Americans feel the President should seek a

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vote of approval from the Congress before carrying out additional military action in Southeast Asia.

Earlier this month in his state of the world message, President Nixon called the situation in Laos and Cambodia "fluid" and warned that in continuing to violate the peace agreement North Vietnam risked "revived confrontation" with the U.S.

Here are the questions asked with the findings:

"As you know, U.S. planes are bombing Communist positions in Cambodia and Laos. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?"

	Approve	Dis-approve	No Opinion
National	29%	57%	14%
Republicans	40	47	13
Democrats	20	64	16
Independents	32	57	11

"Do you think this action will lead to our getting involved in southeast Asia again with U.S. troops?"

	Yes	No	No Opinion
National	59%	26%	15%
Republicans	46	38	16
Democrats	67	19	14
Independents	61	25	14

"Do you think further military action in Southeast Asia should require a vote of approval by Congress, or not?"

	Should	Should Not	No Opinion
National	76%	13%	11%
Republicans	73	18	9
Democrats	79	7	14
Independents	77	16	7

The findings are based on interviews with a total of 1548 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period April 27-30.

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