

Nixon's Popularity Drop Halted, But Remains at Its All-Time Low

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PRINCETON, N.J.—The sharp downward trend in President Nixon's popularity has been halted, at least for the present.

In early May the President's popularity reached an all-time low, during his administration, of 44 per cent. In the latest survey, taken early this month in the wake of Nixon's talks with French President Georges Pompidou, his rating remained exactly the same.

How the public will react to John Dean III's testimony before the Senate committee investigating Watergate, and what their post-Brezhnev feelings will be remains to be seen.

Here is the trend in Nixon's popularity since the beginning of the current year:

	Approve	Disapproval	No Opinion
June 1-4	44%	45%	11%
May 11-14	44	45	11
May 4-7	45	42	13
April 27-30	48	40	12
April 6-9	54	36	10
Mar. 30-April 2	59	32	9
Feb. 16-19	65	25	10

Jan. 26-29	68	25	7
Jan. 12-15	51	37	12

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Per Cent Who Approve	
Current	44%
Average in current year	53%
Average since taking office	56%
High since taking office (recorded Nov. 1969 and Jan. 1973)	68%
Low since taking office (recorded May 1973 and June 1973)	44%

OTHER PRESIDENTS

	Per Cent Who Approve		
	High	Low	Avg.
President Johnson	80%	35%	54%
President Kennedy	83%	57%	70%
President Eisenhower	79%	49%	66%
President Truman	87%	23%	46%

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the way (name of incumbent) is handling his job as President?