

Poll Says Nixon Ends Skid

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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 of 44 per cent. In the latest survey, taken early this month in the wake of Mr. Nixon's talks with French President Georges Pompidou, his rating remained exactly the same.

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

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

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| June 1-4 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| May 11-14 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| May 4-7 | 45 | 42 | 13 |
| Apr. 27-30 | 48 | 40 | 12 |
| Apr. 6-9 | 54 | 36 | 10 |
| Mar. 30-Apr. 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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| Current | 44% |
| Average in current year | 53 |
| Average since taking office | 56 |
| High since taking office (Recorded Nov. '69 and Jan. '73) | 68 |
| Low since taking office (Recorded May '73 and June '73) | 44 |

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