

Nixon Gains In Latest Opinion Polls

Confidence in President Nixon increased substantially after the recent press conference in which he responded to questions on Watergate, according to polls conducted for Time magazine.

Before the news conference on Aug. 22, 66 per cent of the people believed that Mr. Nixon's ability to govern the country had been seriously damaged by Watergate revelations. After the news conference, another poll found only 53 per cent of the people believe that.

The polls, conducted by Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., found a majority still believing the President has not told the whole truth about Watergate and 45 per cent believing he knew in advance about the Watergate bugging.

Meanwhile, polling by the Sindlinger organization found that approval of the President had climbed to 50 per cent for the first time since the Watergate hearings began.