

The Gallup Poll

President's Popularity Dips Again

PRINCETON, N.J.—President Nixon's popularity rating remains at a low level, with 30 per cent in the latest survey expressing approval of the way he is handling his job as President. A majority, 57 per cent, disapprove, while 13 per cent are undecided.

The latest figures, from interviews Oct. 6-8, represent an 8-point decline in approval since a mid-August survey.

Interviewing in the most recent survey was conducted over the weekend hostilities erupted in the Midwest and was completed prior to Spiro T. Agnew's resignation as Vice President and before Mr. Nixon's firing of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox Saturday and the resignation of Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus over the Cox dismissal.

The President's current rating represents a drop of 38 percentage points from his high point of 68 per cent last January after the Vietnam peace settlement—the most precipitous drop yet recorded for any President in a nine-month period. Of Mr. Nixon's four immediate predecessors, only President Harry S. Truman received a lower rating than Mr. Nixon's—23 per cent in late 1951, during the Korean War.

The decline in Mr. Nixon's approval percentage is most pronounced among those groups that form what is de-

scribed as middle America and have been a key source of Mr. Nixon's support in the past—manual workers, whites and persons with an average education.

Mr. Nixon's decline in popularity has been greater among voters who describe themselves as independents than it has among either Republicans or Democrats.

Here is the question asked in the survey and the latest findings:

Approve	30%
Disapprove	57
No opinion	13

Gallup, Harris Polls On Impeachment Issue

Following are results of Gallup polls and Harris surveys since May on the question of whether President Nixon should be impeached or whether he should resign related issues:

Gallup Poll

"Do you think President Nixon should be impeached and compelled to leave the presidency or not?"

	Yes	No	No Opinion
June 22-25	19%	69%	12%
July 6-9	24	62	14
Aug. 3-6	26	61	13
Aug. 17-19	23	70	7

Harris Survey

"In view of what has happened in the Watergate affair, do you think President Nixon should resign or not?"

	Should	Not	Not Sure
May	14%	75%	11%
June	22	62	16
July	22	66	12
Aug.	28	63	9
Sept.	31	56	13

"Suppose the federal courts tell President Nixon he should let a panel of judges hear the Watergate tapes privately to decide which information on the tapes sheds light on Watergate, but the President still refuses to hand them over on the grounds that executive privilege is being violated. Do you think if that happened Congress would be justified or not to begin impeachment proceedings against President Nixon?"

	Should	Not	Not Sure
Sept. 23-25	51%	34%	15%

"If the U.S. Senate Watergate committee decides that President Nixon was involved in the Watergate cover-up, do you think Congress should impeach him?"

	Should	Not	Not Sure
Aug. 18-19	39%	50%	11%
Sept. 23-25	51	34	15

"If it is proven that President Nixon knew about the cover-up of White House involvement in Watergate, do you think he should resign or not?"

	Should	Not	Not Sure
June 14-18	46%	40%	14%
July 18-22	44	45	11
Aug. 19-19	44	49	7
Sept. 23-25	50	39	11