

NBC Poll on Impeachment

New York

A thin plurality of 44 per cent of Americans questioned since Saturday night in a scientific poll say they favor impeaching President Nixon, NBC news said last night.

NBC said the poll conducted for the network by the Oliver Quayle organization showed 43 per cent of the nearly 1000 persons contacted opposed impeachment, and 13 per cent were undecided.

The poll was initiated after Mr. Nixon fired special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. It showed 75 per cent of those questioned opposed to that action, the network said. It said 16 per cent agreed with the firing of Cox, and 9 per cent were undecided.

NBC said that 48 per cent of those questioned since Saturday night believe Mr. Nixon should step aside "and let someone else run the country," while 43 per

cent said he should not resign and 9 per cent were undecided.

The poll said only 22 per cent of those contacted gave Mr. Nixon a favorable rating on his job performance, with 75 per cent rating it unfavorable and 3 per cent undecided.

NBC said the Quayle poll asked the persons it reached whether they believed Mr. Nixon was acting in a dictatorial manner, and it said 58 per cent responded yes, 36 per cent no and 6 per cent were undecided.

The poll also stated that only 9 per cent of those reached said they trusted Mr. Nixon wholeheartedly, while 44 per cent said they do not trust him at all. NBC said the remaining 47 per cent had responses falling in between those two extreme reactions.

The poll was conducted by telephone among 947 adults in 300 "scientifically selected communities across the country," NBC said.

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