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Poll says more want

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NEW YORK — An overwhelming majority of Americans disapprove of President Nixon's firing of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, and a plurality believe he should resign or be impeached, according to a nationwide poll released today.

The poll, conducted by Oliver Quayle and Co. for NBC News, showed that 75 percent of those interviewed disapproved of the President's action, while 16 percent approved.

Forty-eight percent said the President should resign, while 43 percent said he should stay on the job. Forty-four percent favored impeachment of the President and 43 percent were against Congress removing him from office, the poll showed.

The organization said the poll was based on a telephone sample of 947 adults in 300 scientifically selected communities across the country following the firing of Cox Saturday night.

Those favoring impeachment jumped from 23 percent in a poll conducted by the same firm in August.

The polling company said that 58 percent think the President acted in a "dictatorial" manner, but 36 percent disagreed with that view.

The President received a 22 percent favorable endorsement for his job performance, but 75 percent rated him unfavorable.

As to whether Nixon had their trust, 44 percent said they did not trust him at all and only 9 percent said they wholeheartedly trusted the President.

Forty-two percent responded that Watergate should be put behind the country, 54 percent said it should not, and 4 percent said they did not know.