

Nixon Lower In Poll

Washington

President Nixon has lost so much credibility over the Watergate scandal that 43 per cent of Americans now think he should resign, according to a public opinion poll published yesterday.

The poll was taken before the latest potentially embarrassing disclosure Wednesday — that yet another White House Watergate tape was incomplete.

The public opinion survey, taken last week by the Louis Harris polling organization, found the number who felt Mr. Nixon should resign rose from 36 per cent to 43 per cent in a month.

The percentage who feel Mr. Nixon should stay in office now is barely greater than the number who believe he should quit. Forty-seven per cent said Mr. Nixon should stay on.

In response to another question posed by the Harris survey, the number who feel Nixon should resign if it is proved he knew about the Watergate coverup now is 59 per cent, according to the poll, up from 55 per cent a month ago.

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