

Replacing of Nixon Opposed

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PRINCETON, N.J.—By a vote of 54 to 35 per cent, Americans are against requiring President Nixon to leave office, virtually the same findings as recorded in the previous Gallup survey in early November.

The 35 per cent who favor such action include 5 per cent, or an estimated 7 million people, who have taken positive action, such as signing a petition or sending a letter to their congressman.

Following is the question asked to determine attitudes on removing Mr. Nixon from office:

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

The percentage who favor Mr. Nixon's removal from office increased 18 points between June and November—from 19 per cent to a high point of 37 per cent in November. The latest survey, however, shows that this trend has halted, although new revelations in regard to the Watergate tapes could cause the figure to rise again.

The following table shows the latest nationwide results and trend:

SHOULD NIXON BE COMPELLED TO LEAVE PRESIDENCY?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
	35%	54%	11%
Nov. 30 - Dec. 3	37	54	9
Nov. 2-5	37	54	9
Oct. 19-22	33	52	15
Aug. 3-6	26	61	13
July 6-9	24	62	14
June 22-25	19	69	12

To determine intensity of approval or disapproval, all persons in the survey were also asked to indicate how strongly they approve or disapprove of Mr. Nixon's handling of his job.

The results show only 16 per cent of the total sample approving strongly. In sharp contrast, 41 per cent say they disapprove strongly.

Here is the question asked:

"How strongly would you say you approve (disapprove) —very strongly or not so strongly?"

The latest national findings are as follows:

Strong approval	16%
Mild approval	15
(Total approval: 31%)	
No opinion	10
Mild disapproval	18
Strong disapproval	41
(Total disapproval: 59%)	

Since April, the percentage nationwide who approve strongly has decreased 11 percentage points—from 27 per cent to 16 per cent today.

Strongest approval of Mr. Nixon's performance in office is recorded in the South and among traditional Republican groups, including older persons, those with a college background, and persons in white collar jobs.

	Strong Approval (April)	Strong Approval (Dec.)	Point Change
NATIONWIDE	27	16	-11
East	25	10	-15
Midwest	23	15	-8
South	35	23	-12
West	23	13	-10
Republicans	52	29	-23
Democrats	14	8	-6
Independents	25	14	-11
College	28	18	-10
High school	27	15	-12
Grade school	25	15	-10
18-19 years	21	12	-9
30-49 years	28	15	-13
50 and over	29	18	-11
Professional and business	30	16	-14
Clerical and sales	32	16	-16
Manual labor	23	13	-10
Men	27	17	-10
Women	26	15	-11

The findings reported today are based on a national survey of 1,550 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period Nov. 30-Dec. 3.