

Majority Against Nixon's Leaving

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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 a previous Gallup survey in early November.

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

Requiring Mr. Nixon to leave the presidency is favored by only a minority of the public despite the fact that a majority (58 per cent) currently disapprove of his performance in office and 76 per cent believe that he was involved, at least to some extent, in the Watergate scandal. (30 NOV 2 DEC)

The current survey reveals that 5 per cent of Americans (an estimated seven million people) have taken some form of action, urging that President Nixon be impeached or that he resign. The categories include writing a congressman or senator, writing a newspaper editor or a television station, or signing a petition.

The following table shows the percentages who have taken each step. (The total adds to more than 5 per cent since some persons took more than one step.)

Written Congressman or Senator	3%
Written newspaper editor, television station	1
signed a petition	3

Among the college-educated segment of the population, 3 per cent have written a congressman or

senator, 1 per cent have written a newspaper editor or television station, while 8 per cent have signed a petition.

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.

Among Republicans the proportion who favor such a course of action has increased from 6 per cent in June to 12 per cent today; among Democrats from 27 per cent to 50 per cent, and among independents from 18 to 36 per cent.

Of all major population groups, blacks are most in favor of requiring Mr. Nixon to leave office, with two out of three in the current survey in favor of such a course of action.

The following table shows the latest nationwide results and trend:

Should Mr. Nixon Be Compelled To Leave Presidency?

Nov. 30-Dec. 3	35	54	11
Nov. 2-5	37	54	9
Oct. 19-22	33	52	15
Aug. 3-6	26	68	13
July 6-9	24	62	14
June 22-25	19	69	12

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