

**The Gallup Poll**

# Nixon Job Rating Stays Low

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PRINCETON, N.J.—President Nixon's job rating remains near its lowest point to date, with 28 per cent currently expressing approval of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job as President, compared to 59 per cent who disapprove and 13 per cent who are undecided.

The latest findings, recorded the weekend following the President's State of the Union message Jan. 30, show virtually no change since the previous survey, conducted in late January. In that survey, 26 per cent approved, the President's low point to date.

Following is the question asked by the Gallup Poll about each incumbent President since Franklin Roosevelt's administration:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way (name of incumbent President) is handling his job as President?"

Here are the national findings and the trend since November, showing a decline in approval between the early December and late January surveys, but a subsequent leveling off in the latest survey.

	Ad- prove	Disap- approve	No Opin.
Feb 1-4	28%	59%	13%
Jan. 18-21	26	64	10
Jan. 4-7	27	63	10
Dec. 7-10	29	60	11
Nov. 30-Dec 3	31	59	10
Nov 2-5	27	63	10

Analysis of the survey findings shows Mr. Nixon receiving majority approval from only one major population group—members of his own party. Among GOP voters, 59 per cent approve of the way he is handling his job, whereas 30 per cent disapprove and 11 per cent are undecided. In comparison, only 16 per cent of Democrats and 28 per cent of independents approve.

Regionally, Mr. Nixon continues to receive his highest job rating in the South, particularly in the Deep South. Among Southerners, 35 per cent approve compared to 24 per cent in the East, 30 per cent in the Midwest, and 22 per cent in the Far West.

The latest findings are based on a national survey of 1,591 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period Feb. 1-4.

For comparison, here are ratings of the past six Presidents:

	High	Low
Nixon	68%	26%
Johnson	80	35
Kennedy	83	57
Eisenhower	79	49
Truman	87	23
Roosevelt	84	54

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