

Nixon Job Rating Still 27%

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PRINCETON, N.J.—President Nixon's job rating remains near its low point to date, with 27 per cent currently expressing approval of the way he is handling his job as President, compared to 63 per cent who disapprove and 10 per cent who are undecided.

The President's approval rating has fluctuated closely around 27 per cent in four national surveys taken since the beginning of the year. A slight decline in the percentage disapproving was recorded in a poll taken immediately after the President's State of the Union

message in late January, but the disapproval figure is now back to the level recorded in earlier January surveys. Mr. Nixon's low point in popularity, 26 per cent, was recorded in a mid-January survey.

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 for the surveys conducted since the beginning of the year:

	Approve	Dis-approve	No Opinion
Feb. 8-11 and 15-18 (combined)	27%	63%	10%
Feb. 1-4	28	59	13
Jan. 18-21	26	64	10
Jan. 4-7	27	63	10
Four-survey average	27	62	11

Following are the high and low ratings for each of the last six Presidents:

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

The latest national findings—made before Friday's Watergate indictments—are based on 1,562 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during Feb. 8-11 and Feb. 15-18.