

Poll Says Nixon Rating Stays Low

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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 with 63 per cent who disapprove and 10 per cent who are undecided, according to the Gallup Poll.

(This poll job rating was taken before Friday's announcement of the indictments of seven of the President's former top aides.)

The President's approval rating has fluctuated around

27 per cent in four national surveys taken since the beginning of the year. A slight decline in the per cent 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 approval, was recorded in a mid-January survey.

Despite Mr. Nixon's low job rating from the public as a whole, he continues to win approval from a majority of his fellow Republicans. His approval rating among this group, based on a combination of the last four surveys, is 55 per cent. This compares with a 13 per cent approval rating from Demo-

crats and 26 per cent among Independents.

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 %	Disapprove %	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