NYTimes Harris Poll Finds Nixon 1974 Up 5% in Public Rating

President Nixon's rating for over-all handling of the Presidency has risen 5 points in the latest Harris Poll, with 31 per cent of those questioned marking him as good-to-excellent, The Associated Press reported.

He was called fair-to-poor by 66 per cent, and 3 per cent said they were not sure. On inspiring confidence, only 15 per cent called him good-to-excellent, 78 per cent said he was fair-to-poor and 7 per cent were not sure. This was Mr. Nixon's worst showing ever in the poll, the Harris organization said.

The latest polling was conducted from March 24 to 29 in a national cross-section of 1,495 households. The polling followed Mr. Nixon's stepped-up television appearances but came before the Internal Revenue Service ruled that Mr. Nixon owed some \$465,000 in back income taxes and interest.