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For the first time, a majority of Americans believe that President Nixon will be found to have violated the law, according to a new Harris Poll released yesterday.

But the poll taken in April found a shift against Mr. Nixon's resignation as a resolution of Watergate, and a slight decline in the number who felt he should be impeached.

The count was 51 per cent who believed Mr. Nixon will be found to have violated the law, 30 per cent who believed he will not, and 19 per cent who were not sure. Last October, the figures were 39-36-25, and in March they were 49-34-17.

The poll of 1503 adults also showed that only 40 per cent felf he should not, and 11 per cent were not sure. In March the count was 44-47-11.

The new poll also found that 56 per cent believe Mr. Nixon is using "executive privilege" as an excuse to keep incriminating information from Congress. Only 30 per cent believe he is using it to protect the presidency, and 14 per cent were not sure.

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