

Gallup Poll

The Transcripts And Nixon's Popularity

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Developments of recent weeks, including President Nixon's release of the transcripts of the White House tapes, have had virtually no effect on his popularity rating with the American public. His current rating of 25 per cent approval matches his low point to date, recorded in a survey taken in early April.

The President's popularity rating, in fact, has remained remarkably stable since January, having fluctuated by only one or two percentage points in ten measurements taken over this period

of time.

President Nixon for the first time receives less than majority approval from all major population groups, including members of his own party.

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) is handling his job as President?"

	Appr.	Disap.	No Op.
May 10-13	25%	61%	14%
April 19-22, 26-29	26	60	14
April 12-15	25	62	13
March 29-April 1	26	65	9
March 8-11, 15-18	26	62	12

Feb. 22-25, March 1-4	25	64	11
Feb. 8-11, 15-18	27	63	10
Feb. 1-4	28	59	13
Jan. 18-21	26	64	10
Jan. 4-7	27	63	10

The following table shows the high points and the low points recorded for the last six Presidents:

	High	Low
Nixon	68%	25%
Johnson	80	35
Kennedy	83	57
Eisenhower	79	49
Truman	87	23
Roosevelt	84	54

The findings reported here are based on a nationwide survey of 1543 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period May 10-13.

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