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The Gallup Poll

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Remove-Nixon Feeling Drops

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PRINCETON, N.J. — The percentage of Americans who think President Nixon should be compelled to leave office has declined since early May.

In the latest survey, 44 per cent favor removing the President from office, compared with 41 per cent opposed. In the earlier survey the comparable figures were 48 per cent in favor and 37 per cent opposed.

In the latest survey, 50 per cent think there is enough evidence of possible wrongdoing to bring Mr. Nixon to trial. Thirty-two per cent hold the opposite view. Opinions today are virtually the same as those recorded in two previous surveys in which the same question was asked.

In the latest survey, a large majority of persons interviewed, 69 per cent, think Mr. Nixon should give the House Judiciary Committee the additional tapes it has requested.

Among those who think Mr. Nixon should give the committee the tapes, nearly two persons in three (64 per cent) want him brought to trial. And in this same group 59 per cent think his actions have been serious enough to have him removed from office.

The question asked to determine views on compelling Mr. Nixon to leave office (following an explanation of the impeachment process):

	Yes %	No %	Opinion %
June 1974	44	41	15
May 1974	48	37	15

For purposes of comparison, here are the results for the eight previous surveys, based on the question:

	Yes %	No %	Opinion %
Feb. 1974	38	51	11
Jan. 1974	37	53	10
Nov. 1973	35	54	11
Nov. 1973	37	54	9
Oct. 1973	33	52	15
Aug. 1973	26	61	13
July 1973	24	62	14
June 1973	19	69	12

Because some confusion is found regarding the meaning of the term "impeachment," the process of impeachment was spelled out:

"Impeachment, as you probably know, involves the following: first, the lower house—that is, the U.S. House of Representatives—must decide whether there is enough evidence to bring a President to trial before the Senate. If the House of Representatives decides that there is enough evidence,

the Senate then conducts a trial to determine whether or not the President's actions are serious enough to warrant his being removed from the presidency.

"Now, let me ask you first of all if you think there is enough evidence of possible wrongdoing in the case of President Nixon to bring him to trial before the Senate, or not?"

Here is the trend:

	Yes %	No %	Opinion %
June 1974	50	32	18
May 1974	51	31	18
April 1974	52	33	15

Also asked in the current survey:

Should	69%
Should not	24%
No opinion	7%

The findings reported today are based on a nationwide survey of 1,509 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period May 31-June 3.

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Mideast, Soviet Trips Opposed by Majority

A Louis Harris survey shows that by 52-to-35 per cent, a majority of the American people believes that President Nixon should not go to the Soviet Union to negotiate new agreements "while the House of Representatives is considering a vote on his impeachment." By a comparable 51-to-36 per cent, a majority also opposed Mr. Nixon's Middle East trip.

By 46 to-39 per cent, a plurality agrees that he is "using the trips abroad as a grandstand play to prevent Congress from impeaching and removing him from office," according to the survey of 1,413 people from June 1 to 4.