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Poll Finds Decline in Plurality Favoring the Removal of Nixon

Fewer Americans who were polled in early June favored the removal of President Nixon from office than those surveyed the month before. But those who think he should be removed still outnumber those who don't by a narrow margin, according to the latest Gallup poll.

The poll, released yesterday, said that 44 per cent of those interviewed nationwide early this month favored removal while 41 per cent opposed it, with the rest listed as having "no opinion." In a May survey, the figures were 48 per cent for and 37 per cent against removal.

At the same time, the pollsters said that 50 per cent of the 1,509 adults questioned in more than 300 selected localities thought there was enough evidence of possible wrongdoing to bring Mr. Nixon to trial before the Senate, while 32 per cent said there

was not. The Gallup organization noted that the division was about the same as in the previous two months.

The questions, prefaced by a definition of the process of impeachment by the House and trial before the Senate, were worded as follows:

"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?"

"Just from the way feel now, do you think his actions are serious enough to warrant his being removed from the Presidency, or not?"

"The Hous Judiciary Committee has requested additional tapes from President Nixon regarding Watergate and other matters. Nixon says the committee already has all the material it needs. Do you think Nixon should give the committee the tapes, or not?"