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**How Public
Views Nixon
Economics**

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Pollster Louis Harris says 83 per cent of the American public surveyed gives the Nixon administration low marks on its economic policy.

Harris said a recent survey of 1512 households showed 83 per cent giving the administration an "only fair" or "poor" rating on the job it is doing to try to keep the economy healthy.

Only 14 per cent of those polled gave the President a "good" or "excellent" rating in the economic field.

Harris said the households questioned also showed negative feelings about the ability of the federal government to control recessions or prevent a great depression.

The replies on the chances of controlling recessions were 49 per cent negative to 31 per cent positive; on preventing a great depression, 46 per cent negative and 35 per cent positive.

Those called also rejected, by 46 to 28 per cent, the idea that "a 12 per cent inflation rate is a cheap price to pay to maintain full employment and prosperity."

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