

Popularity of Nixon Sinks To a New Low

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President Nixon's popularity rating has declined to its lowest point recorded to date, with only 24 per cent approving of his performance as chief executive.

Mr. Nixon's approval rating, down four points since early June, is also the lowest point given any president since Harry Truman's rating of 23 per cent, recorded in the fall of 1951 after the breakdown of truce talks in the Korean war.

New Watergate revelations and a growing concern among the public over inflation have apparently erased any acclaim Mr. Nixon received for his efforts abroad, which include his recent trips to the Middle East and Russia. (The poll was taken before Wednesday's Supreme Court ruling and the start of the Judiciary Committee's impeachment debate.)

The decline in approval since early June has occurred principally among lower income groups and persons with less than a college background — groups that tend to be somewhat more concerned with economic than international problems.

President Nixon's approval rating does not exceed 30 per cent in any major group within the population, except among Republicans. About half (51 per cent) of Republicans approve, compared with 37 per cent who disapprove of his performance in office.

Following is the question asked to determine attitudes on the President's over-all performance in office:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mr. Nixon is handling his job as President?"

Here are the latest results and trend since the beginning of the year.

MR. NIXON'S JOB RATING
DURING 1974

	Approve	Dis-approve	No Opinion
July 12-15	24%	63%	13%
June 21-24	26	61	13
May 31- June 3	28	61	11
May 10-13	25	61	14
April 19-22, 26-29	28	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, Mar. 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

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