

NIXON AT LOW POINT IN THE GALLUP POLL

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President Nixon's popularity rating has declined to its lowest point recorded to date, with only 24 per cent approving his performance, the Gallup Poll reported yesterday.

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

The Gallup organization said the decline in approval since early June had 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.

The new findings are based on a nationwide survey of 1,555 adults at least 18 years old, interviewed in person in more than 300 localities July 12 to 15.