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The Supreme Court's 8 to 0 ruling that President Nixon must surrender White House tapes and papers, sought by special prosecutor Leon Jaworski as evidence in the Watergate coverup trial, parallels the views of the American people.

When the public was asked in a June survey if Mr. Nixon should turn over the tapes requested by the House Judiciary Committee, seven in ten persons (69 per cent) replied in the affirmative while 24 per cent said no.

The latest survey on impeachment, conducted in mid-July before the Supreme Court's decision, showed the public 51 to 30 per cent in favor of the House voting impeachment.

The public's views on compelling Mr. Nixon to leave office by vote of the Senate are more closely divided, with 46 per cent favoring such a course of action and 38 per cent opposed.

Opinions have changed little on both questions in four surveys since April.

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

Here is the trend:

ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO IMPEACH NIXON?

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This question was asked next: "Just from the way you feel now, do you think Mr. Nixon's actions are serious enough to warrant his being removed from the presidency, or not?"

Here are the latest results (based on the mid - July survey) and the trend on this question:

ACTIONS SERIOUS ENOUGH FOR REMOVAL? NO Opinly, 1974 46% 38% 16% ne, 1974 44 41 15 ay, 1974 48 37 15

Following is the question dealing with the White House tapes: "The House Judiciary Committee has requested additional tapes from President Nixon regarding Watergate and other matters. Mr. Nixon says the committee already has all the material it needs. Do you think Mr. Nixon should give the committee the tapes, or not?"

Here are the results:

SHOULD NIXON TURN OVER
ADDITIONAL TAPES?
Should Should Not 24
No Opinion 7

The questions were asked July 12 to 15.

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