

Poll Shows 66 Pct. Now Believe

A new Harris poll shows that the American public now believes, by a majority of 66 to 27 per cent, that the House should impeach President Nixon so he can be tried by the Senate.

The poll, completed Friday, found that the number who favor impeachment has jumped from 53 to 66 per cent since the House Judiciary Committee recommended it.

By 56 to 31 per cent, a majority also now feels that "the U.S. Senate should vote to convict President Nixon." A 47 per cent plurality felt that way just prior to the Judiciary Committee's televised debate and voting while 34 per cent had been opposed.

Even those who voted for Mr. Nixon in 1972, pollster Louis Harris reported, now favor impeachment by the

House—by a margin of 49 to 43 per cent.

Registered Republicans still oppose impeachment, but only by a narrow 45-to-44 per cent margin, the poll found. Republican voters also oppose Senate conviction by 52 to 31 per cent while all those who voted for Mr. Nixon in 1972 share that view by 50 to 34 per cent.

The House Judiciary Com-

mittee's action recommending the President's impeachment was approved by 65 to 29 per cent. Harris said that even in the South, generally considered a stronghold for Mr. Nixon, the public approved the committee's action by 59 to 35 per cent.

The committee's own standing skyrocketed as a result of its televised deliberations, the poll showed. A 62 to 30 per cent majority

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now give the committee high marks, Harris said, compared to a negative rating of 48 to 36 per cent before the debate.

The poll included personal, at-home interviews of 1,552 adults in 200 locations across the country. It was started immediately after the Judiciary Committee ended its impeachment proceedings and was completed

Friday with the results telephoned to Harris' headquarters and computerized overnight.

Those polled were asked: "The House of Representatives can only vote to impeach the President—that is, have him put on trial. Then the U.S. Senate would hold a trial, and either acquit or convict him. All in all, from what you know or

have read, do you think the House of Representatives should vote to impeach President Nixon so he can be tried by the U.S. Senate, or would you oppose such a step by the House?"

The results:

	August	July
Should vote to impeach him	66%	53%
Should not vote to impeach	27	53
Not sure	7	13

The poll also found that a plurality now feels Mr.

Nixon will, in fact, be convicted by the Senate and removed from office. People were asked: "When all the investigations are over, do you think President Nixon will be found guilty and impeached and removed from office, or don't you think that will happen?"

	August	July	May
Will be found guilty	47%	27%	29%
Will not happen	40	55	53
Not sure	13	18	18