

64% Favor Impeachment

Princeton, N.J.

In a full-scale national survey completed Monday, a substantial majority of the American people, 64 per cent, favor the impeachment of President Nixon, while a somewhat smaller majority, 55 per cent, favor his removal from office.

The proportion that favors impeachment has increased 13 points from the previous survey, conducted prior to the recent recommendation by the House Judiciary Committee that Mr. Nixon be impeached, while the proportion favoring his removal from office has increased nine percentage points.

A large majority of Democrats and independents in the survey favor both impeachment and removal from office. Republicans, however, hold contrasting views.

Democrats are 76 to 13 per cent in favor of impeach-

ment, compared to 64 to 21 per cent for independents. Republicans oppose impeachment by the ratio of 51 to 41 per cent.

On the issue of removal from office, Democrats are 71 to 20 per cent in favor, compared to 54 to 33 per cent among independents. Republicans are strongly opposed to removing Mr. Nixon, 63 to 28 per cent.

Following are the questions asked and the trend:

"Impeachment as you probably know, involves the following: First, the lower house — that is, the U.S. House of Representatives — must decide whether there is enough evidence to bring a President to trial before the Senate. If the House of Representatives decides that there is enough evidence, the Senate then conducts a trial to determine whether or not the President's actions are serious enough to

warrant his being removed from the presidency.

"Now let me ask you first of all if you think there is enough evidence of possible wrongdoing in the case of President Nixon to bring him to trial before the Senate, or not?"

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Aug. 1974	64%	25%	11%
July 1974	51	30	19
June 1974	50	32	18
May 1974	51	31	18
April 1974	52	33	15

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

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Aug. 1974	55%	34%	11%
July 1974	46	38	16
June 1974	44	41	15
May 1974	48	37	15
April 1974	46	42	12

The latest survey results are based on a nationwide poll of 1544 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities August 2-5.

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