

58 Pct. Favored Trial Of Ex-President Nixon

PRINCETON, N.J.—In a survey completed by the Gallup Poll prior to President Ford's granting of a pardon to former President Nixon, a majority of Americans — 58 per cent — believed, Mr. Nixon should be

tried for possible criminal charges arising from Watergate. About a third—36 per cent—thought he should not be tried while another 6 per cent did not express an opinion.

The same survey found 53 per cent believing that President Nixon should not be pardoned if brought to trial and found guilty. About four in ten (38 per cent) thought that he should be granted a pardon, while 9 per cent did not express an opinion.

The Gallup survey was conducted Sept. 6 through 9. A total of 1,583 adults, 18 and older, were interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities across the nation. Here are the questions asked:

Do you think Nixon should or should not be tried for possible criminal charges arising from Watergate? and if Nixon is brought to trial and found guilty, do you think he should or should not be granted a pardon by President Ford?

On amnesty for draft dodgers and deserters, about six in 10 (59 per cent) of persons interviewed expressed opposition to unconditional amnesty, while 34 per cent favored such a course of action and 7 per cent did not express an opinion.

Most thought draft evaders and deserters should be required to serve a period of time in either nonmilitary or military service.