

Poll on Ford's Pardon of Nixon

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President Ford's pardoning of Richard Nixon for any crimes he may have committed while he served as President, does not sit well with a large majority of Californians.

A California Poll survey completed last week found that people in this state disapproved of President Ford's action in pardoning Mr. Nixon by a 61 per cent to 33 per cent margin. Further, two out of three Californians (67 per cent) say they would have favored a

trial of Mr. Nixon if charges had been brought against him by the Watergate prosecutor.

Nearly half of the California public (46 per cent) would have approved of sending Mr. Nixon to jail if he had been adjudged guilty of crimes connected with the Watergate affair. However, 53 per cent of Californians say they would have approved of President Ford granting a pardon to Mr. Nixon if it occurred after such a trial and verdict.

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