

POLL SHOWS WATERGATE ISN'T BIG ELECTION ISSUE

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A survey of 1,471 voters by the Harris Poll showed Tuesday that the Watergate issue was apparently having little effect on the Presidential campaign, according to United Press International.

By a margin of 58 to 29 percent, those polled rejected the statement, "The whole Watergate mess was brought on by a Republican Administration, and to avoid such problems in the future it would be better to put a new Democratic administration in the White House."

The poll's directors said that the fact that the voters do not regard Watergate as a decisive issue does not mean that they have put the political scandal behind them.

By a margin of 60 to 34 percent, those polled blamed President Ford for giving an unconditional pardon to former President Richard M. Nixon.

By a margin of 62 to 27 percent, those surveyed said they believed that "when Mr. Nixon was pardoned, it proved beyond any doubt that there is a double standard of justice in this country: The rich and the powerful get off and those who aren't go to jail." OCT 14 1976