President Nixon's job rating among Jerseyans has dropped 11 points since March according to the most recent New Jersey Poll conducted by the Eagleton Institute. A statewide random sample of 1214 adults surveyed between May 11 and 22 showed 8% rating Nixon's performance "excellent," 29% giving a "good" rating, 25% saying "only fair" with 31% saying "poor" and 7% no opinion.

Nixon's combined "excellent" and "good" scores of 37% in the current poll are a drop from a 48% combined score in March 1973. Furthermore, Nixon's current rating is the lowest Eagleton has registered since its poll began in October 1971. Nixon's previous low was in February 1972 when 41% of New Jersey citizens gave Nixon an "excellent" or "good" rating.

Nixon's strongest support continues to come from Republicans, 60% of whom rate him "excellent" or "good." However, this is a net loss of 15% from the March 1973 poll when 75% of the Republicans gave him the same rating. Nixon's combined "excellent" and "good" scores among Democrats dropped 11 points from 28% in March to 17% currently and among independents his combined score dropped 17 points from 44% in March to 27% currently.

Respondents were also asked in the poll whether their opinion of President Nixon has changed for the better, for the worse, or stayed the same since the election last November. Only 7% of the sample said their opinions changed for the better, 38% said their opinions changed for the worse, 52% said their opinions of Nixon were the same, and 3% gave no opinion.
Among Republicans 28% said their opinions of Nixon changed for the worse since November, with 10% reporting a change for the better, 59% having the same opinion and 3% registering no response. Among Democrats the figures were 47% indicating worse, 4% better, 46% the same, and 3% giving no response.

The most striking differences in the evaluations of Nixon by different groups of people are found with respect to the characteristics of age and race. Respondents under 25 years old gave Nixon a 28% combined "excellent" and "good" rating and a 47% "poor" rating. Those 25 years or older gave Nixon a 38% "excellent" or "good" rating and a 28% "poor" rating. Of the whites in the sample 40% gave Nixon an "excellent" or "good" rating and 28% rated his performance "poor." Of the blacks, less than 15% rated Nixon's performance "excellent" or "good" and 58% rated him "poor."

Results of the New Jersey Poll were tabulated by the Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, New Jersey.
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The questions on which this analysis is based are as follow.

"How would you rate the job Nixon is doing as president—excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?"

"Since the November election would you say your opinion of President Nixon has changed for the better, changed for the worse, or stayed about the same?"