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# NIXON BEATS JOHNSON IN GALLUP POLL

EXTENSION OF REMARKS  
OF

HON. FRANK T. BOW

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 1967

Mr. BOW. Mr. Speaker, the latest Gallup report published just a few days ago on Sunday, October 22, shows clearly that Richard Nixon is a winner. He is the only Republican that wins by all three yardsticks:

First. He wins over Lyndon Johnson decisively across the country.

Second. He wins over Robert Kennedy, should he become his party's nominee.

Third. By better than 2-to-1 margin he wins in the esteem and support of Republicans all across the country.

Of course, Richard Nixon's possible presidential candidacy does not rest on the Gallup report or any other poll. It rests on his unmatched knowledge and experience in foreign policy, his constructive record on urban and other domestic issues, his unrivaled record of service in national office, and his proven ability to lead. Polls change and fluctuate from month to month. They can tell us what the mood of the country is at a given time. They can give a message. The message of this poll is that Richard Nixon can win in 1968.

THE GALLUP REPORT

(By George Gallup)

PRINCETON, N.J., October 21.—Sen. Robert Kennedy outshines President Johnson in test races against the two top nomination choices of Republican voters—Richard Nixon and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

As of today, however, neither President Johnson nor Senator Kennedy is able to top either of these current GOP favorites.

The following question was asked in the latest survey of 1585 persons in 320 localities across the nation, with interviewing conducted between October 6 and 11.

"Suppose the Presidential election were being held today. If (candidate's name) were the Democratic candidate and (candidate's name) were the Republican candidate, which would you like to see win?"

The following tables show both Nixon and Rockefeller, as well as Gov. George Romney, defeating President Johnson in the latest trial heats.

Both Nixon and Rockefeller have improved their standings over earlier surveys. The latest survey, in fact, marks the first time that Nixon has shown greater strength than Johnson.

Rockefeller, despite his insistence that he is not a candidate, currently holds a wide lead over the President.

The results, by likely voters:

[Results in percent]

Nixon .....	49
Johnson .....	45
Undecided .....	6

Rockefeller .....	54
Johnson .....	40
Undecided .....	6

Romney .....	48
Johnson .....	45
Undecided .....	7

Kennedy runs both of the two top Republicans, Nixon and Rockefeller, a tight race, as seen in the following tables:

	Percent
Nixon .....	48
Kennedy .....	47
Undecided .....	5
Rockefeller .....	47
Kennedy .....	46
Undecided .....	7

The following question was asked in the latest survey to determine the nomination choices of voters who classify themselves as Republicans:

"Here is a list of men who have been mentioned as possible Presidential candidates for the Republican party in 1968. Which one of these men would you like to see nominated as the Republican candidate for President in 1968?" (List included 7 names.)

The trend from earlier surveys shows that Romney has failed to recover the support he lost following his statement on September 5 about having been "brainwashed" by the Administration on Vietnam.

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[In percent]

	Latest	Late September	Early September
Nixon .....	42	40	35
Rockefeller .....	18	17	14
Reagan .....	14	16	11
Romney .....	13	14	24
Percy .....	6	9	6
Hatfield .....	3	1	2
Lindsay .....	1	1	2
No preference .....	3	2	6

Today's figures point up clearly the dilemma of the Republican party. While Richard Nixon has a great lead over all other Republican possibilities with the party membership, he lacks some of Rockefeller's appeal among Independents and dissident Democrats.

Both Rockefeller and Nixon win almost exactly equal support with Republicans (83 per cent for Rockefeller, 84 per cent for Nixon), but the New York Governor wins 32 per cent of the vote of Democrats to Nixon's 24 per cent and 57 per cent of the vote of Independents to his fellow Republican's 52 per cent.

INTERESTING COINCIDENCE

An interesting coincidence is brought to light in the latest results. The current close race between Nixon and Robert Kennedy is comparable to the division of the vote in the 1960 election when John F. Kennedy defeated Nixon by less than one percentage point.

Still another coincidence: On September 24, 1959—a little more than a year before the 1960 presidential election—a test race conducted by the Gallup Poll showed exactly the same result as today's poll, with Nixon running a percentage point ahead of John F. Kennedy.

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