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RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
POLL SUMMARY

Harris
Survey

Released January 2, 1975

"Plurality Sees Country In Depression A Year From Now"

Public opinion is divided on the question of whether the country will be in a depression one year from now. Thirty-eight percent now think that there will be a depression next year, while thirty-three percent disagree. Twenty-nine percent are undecided.

"A year from now, do you think the country will be in a depression or not?"

	(1974)		
	Dec.	Nov.	July
Will Be	38	36	28
Will Not Be	33	43	54
Not Sure	29	21	18

Eighty percent believe that the country is currently in a recession.

"Do you feel the country is in a recession or not?"

	Dec. '74	Nov. '74	Oct. '74	Sept. '74	July '74	April '74	Jan. '74	Nov. '73	Sept. '73	Feb. '73	Dec. '72	Dec. '71	July '70
Is	80	81	74	69	65	62	54	47	39	33	36	49	58
Is Not	11	11	17	20	24	26	32	39	44	51	45	33	26
Not Sure	9	8	9	11	11	12	14	14	17	16	19	18	16

Sixty percent feel that the country will be in a recession a year from now.

"A year from now, do you feel the country will be in a recession, or not?"

	Dec. '74	Nov. '74	Oct. '74	Sept. '74	May '74	Jan. '74	Nov. '73	Dec. '72	Dec. '71	Nov. '70
Will Be	60	59	64	54	54	61	45	26	31	48
Will Not Be	17	20	17	22	21	18	23	43	35	25
Not Sure	23	21	19	24	25	21	32	31	34	27

Fifty-eight percent do not believe the country is in a depression today.

"Do you feel the country is in a depression today or not?"

	(1974)	
	December	November
Is	30	29
Is Not	58	64
Not Sure	12	7

The Harris Survey polled a nationwide cross-section of 1,466 households from December 13-16, 1974



Harris
Survey

Released December 26, 1974

"Fewer Regard Selves As Conservatives, Liberals"

Forty-three percent now describe their political philosophy as middle-of-the-road, an increase of 8 percentage points since 1972. Thirty percent consider themselves as conservative, and fifteen percent as liberal.

"How would you describe your own political philosophy---
as conservative, middle-of-the-road, liberal, or radical?"

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>Point Change From '68</u>
Conservative	30	32	37	- 7
Middle-Of-The-Road	43	35	31	+12
Liberal	15	22	17	- 2
Radical	3	2	2	+ 1
Not Sure	9	9	13	- 4

The party breakdown reveals both the Democratic Party and Independents to be substantially middle-of-the-road, with the liberal and conservative sides almost balanced. The Republicans, however, appear to be evenly divided between conservative and middle-of-the-road philosophies.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Ind.</u>
Conservative	30	46	26	25
Middle-Of-The-Road	43	42	42	48
Liberal	15	6	19	16
Radical	3	2	3	5
Not Sure	9	4	10	6

The trend among Republicans shows an eleven point increase of those describing themselves as middle-of-the-road since 1968.

	<u>(Republicans Only)</u>		
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>
Conservative	46	44	47
Middle-Of-The-Road	42	34	31
Liberal	6	10	8
Radical	2	2	2
Not Sure	4	10	12

The Harris Survey recently interviewed a national cross-section of 1,525 adults.