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According to results of a national poll published in the Oct. 7 issue of daily newspaper La Nacion (San Jose), 26% of respondents described President Rafael Angel Calderon's government as "very good" or "good." The remaining 74% evaluated the administration as "average," "bad," or "very bad." President Calderon was installed on May 8, 1990. The survey was conducted in September by the Costa Rican Unimer firm. The sample group consisted of 1,201 adults. Poll results by the same company in January showed a 36% approval rating. In contrast, the approval rating for former president Oscar Arias' administration in September 1987 was 71%. The poll was performed during the second year of the Arias government. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 10/07/91)

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