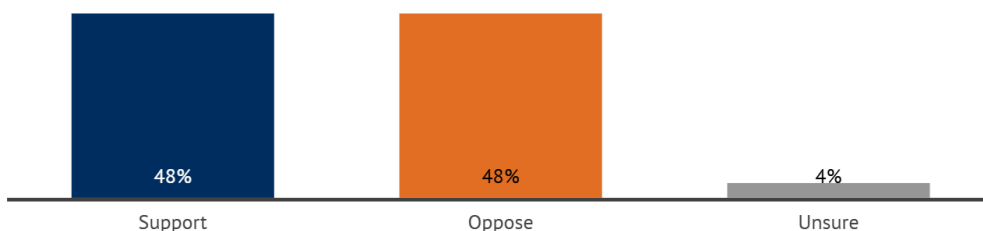# DOGE Study | Part 1
America's Views on DOGE and Elon Musk

2,063 Likely General Election Voters
Conducted nationally February 15-17, 2025
MoE: 3.36%

Trump Approval Split

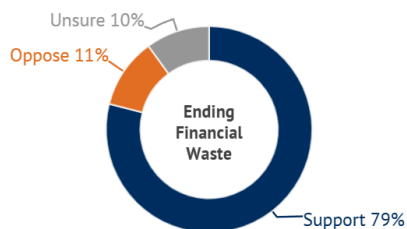Roughly a month into his second term, President Trump's approval rating sits one-to-one.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President of the United States?

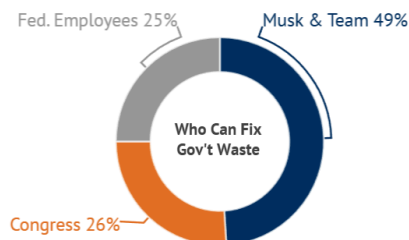| Support	Oppose	Unsure
48%	48%	4%

Government Efficiency

The vast majority (79%) of Americans support initiatives to end federal government spending waste and fraud, and half reportedly favor DOGE's efforts specifically and trust its goal of saving $1 billion per day in government spending. Nearly twice as many Americans trust Elon Musk and his team to address government waste compared to Congress or federal employees.
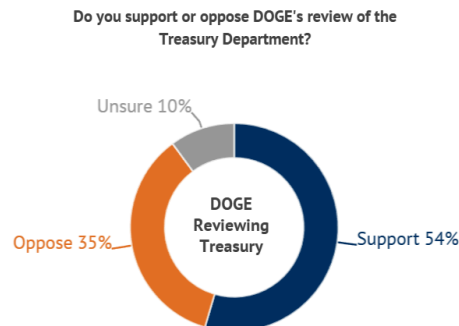
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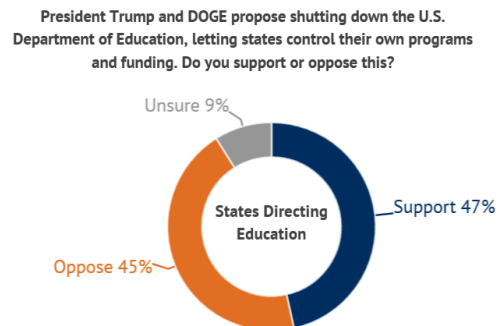

Unsure 10%
Oppose 11%
Ending Financial Waste
Support 79%

Who do you trust more to help solve the complex problem of government waste, fraud, and abuse?

Fed. Employees 25%
Musk & Team 49%
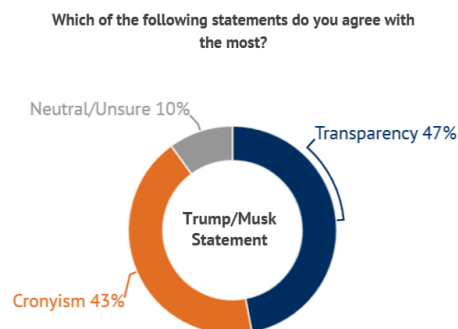Who Can Fix Gov't Waste
Congress 26%

A majority of Americans support DOGE's review of the U.S. Treasury.

Americans are equally split on whether to dissolve the U.S. Department of Education in favor of states managing their education funding.

Do you support or oppose DOGE's review of the Treasury Department?

DOGE Reviewing Treasury

Unsure 10%
Oppose 35%
Support 54%

President Trump and DOGE propose shutting down the U.S. Department of Education, letting states control their own programs and funding. Do you support or oppose this?

States Directing Education

Unsure 9%
Support 47%
Oppose 45%

Voters are more inclined to believe Trump & Musk's intentions to rid government of waste are pure, though Independents are a bit more cynical.

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

Trump/Musk Statement

Neutral/Unsure 10%
Transparency 47%
Cronyism 43%

Actual Answer Options Read:

(Transparency) *Donald Trump has appointed Elon Musk to find government waste, fraud, and abuse, and it's good that we finally have government transparency and can see how billions of our tax dollars are being wasted and funneled to special interests and foreign countries.*
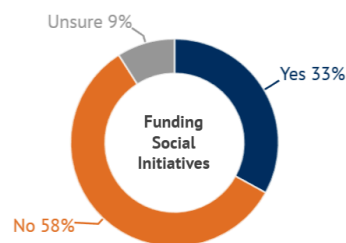
(Cronyism) *Donald Trump is allowing his billionaire friends, like Elon Musk, to use their positions to cut programs providing food and humanitarian aid to starving countries and slash Medicaid and Social Security benefits just to enrich themselves through government contracts and provide tax cuts to the wealthy.*

(Neutral/Unsure) *I am not sure what is really going on, but I am willing to wait and see if Trump and Musk can positively impact government efficiency.*
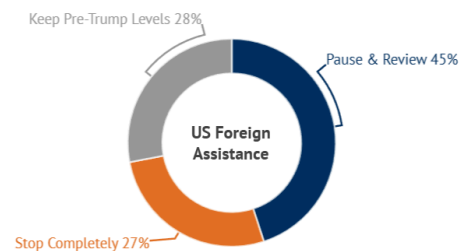
USAID

More than half (57%) oppose USAID's funding of social initiatives, and 72% of Americans say foreign assistance should be paused and reviewed or stopped altogether.

A DOGE review found USAID funds social programs like diversity training and LGBT awareness. Should USAID continue funding these programs?

Funding Social Initiatives

Unsure 9%
Yes 33%
No 58%

Which do you agree with most about the future of U.S. foreign assistance?

US Foreign Assistance

Keep Pre-Trump Levels 28%
Pause & Review 45%
Stop Completely 27%

This nationwide survey of 2,063 likely general election voters was conducted between February 13 and February 17, 2025, using mobile text responses and landline telephone interviews. It is balanced by the age, gender, education level, race, region, and self-reported party of the true voting population and has a margin of error of +/- 3.36%.