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Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Democrats are more trusted on the economy for the first time in four years



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump's approval rating reaches a new low:** Trump's approval rating has slumped to 45%, the lowest point of his second term so far as Americans react to his trade policies, while 52% disapprove, tying last week's record-high rating since he took office in January. His personal popularity has also slumped to a second-term low, with voters 10 points more likely to view him unfavorably than favorably.
- **Democrats regain economic advantage:** For the first time since May 2021, more voters trust Democrats in Congress than their Republican counterparts to handle the economy (46% to 43%). That 3-percentage-point edge for Democrats — their largest since April 2021 — underlines a stark unraveling for the GOP, which had come off the 2024 election with a double-digit advantage on the matter.
- **Trade buzz reaches its worst point yet:** Voters were 28 points more likely to reporting hearing something negative than positive about trade, marking a record low in surveys conducted since November. Roughly half of voters (49%) said they had seen, read or heard "a lot" about Trump's 145% tariffs on Chinese goods, 10 points higher than the share who said the same of his 90-day pause on so-called reciprocal tariffs for most countries.

- **Democrats have become more popular:** For the first time since just before the 2024 election, the average voter is more likely to hold positive than negative views about Democrats in Congress (47% to 46%). It leaves them more popular than Republicans in Congress, whose favorability ratings are now 10 points underwater.

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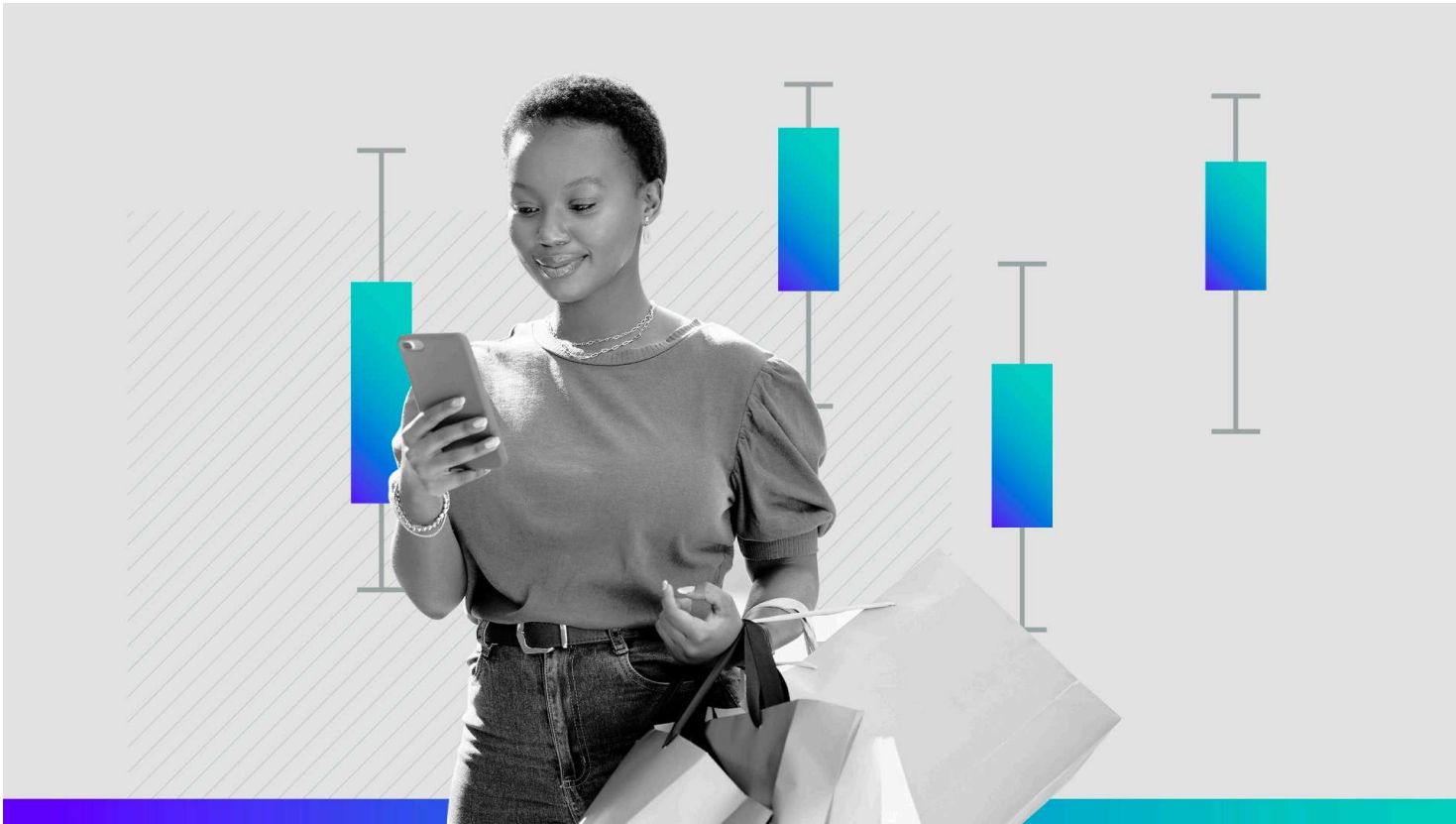
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