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Trump Overall Job Disapproval Rating at 53% As Concerns Over the National Economy and Personal Finances Increase

A total of 43% of Americans say they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president and 53% say they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job according to the latest survey from the American Research Group. In March, 45% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling his job and 51% disapproved.

In April 2017, 39% approved of the way Trump was handling his job as president and 56% disapproved.

When it comes to Trump's handling of the economy, 39% of Americans approve and 57% disapprove. In March, 40% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 55% disapproved.

In April 2017, 43% approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 53% disapproved.

Among Americans registered to vote, 43% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president and 53% disapprove. On Trump's handling of the economy, 39% of registered voters approve and 57% disapprove.

A total of 15% of Americans say the national economy is getting better, 22% say the national economy is staying the same, and 60% say the national economy is getting worse. In March 2025, 21% of Americans said the national economy was getting better, 20% said the national economy was staying the same, and 56% said the national economy was getting worse. In

February 2025, 20% of Americans said the national economy was getting better, 26% said the national economy was staying the same, and 50% said the national economy was getting worse.

Of the 43% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 36% say they expect the national economy will be better a year from now and 40% say they expect the national economy will be worse a year from now. In March 2025, 43% of those approving of the way Trump was handling his job said they expected the national economy would be better in a year. In February 2025, 46% of those approving of the way Trump was handling his job said they expected the national economy would be better in a year.

Of the 53% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 60% say they expect the national economy will be worse a year from now.

Of the 43% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 29% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be worse a year from now. In March 2025, 21% of those approving of the way Trump was handling his job said they expected the financial situations in their households would be worse in a year. In February 2025, 11% of those approving of the way Trump was handling his job said they expected the financial situations in their households would be worse in a year.

Of the 53% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 45% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be worse a year from now.

The results presented here are based on 1,100 completed interviews conducted among a nationwide random sample of adults April 17 through 20, 2025. The theoretical margin of error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points, 95% of the time, on questions where opinion is evenly split.

Overall, 43% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, 53% disapprove, and 4% are undecided.

Trump job approval	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Apr 2025	43%	53%	4%
Mar 2025	45%	51%	4%
Feb 2025	43%	51%	6%
Joe Biden:			
Jan 2025	37%	58%	5%
Dec 2024	37%	56%	7%
Nov 2024	41%	53%	6%
Oct 2024	44%	50%	6%
Sep 2024	44%	49%	7%
Aug 2024	45%	49%	6%
Jul 2024	41%	53%	6%
Jun 2024	44%	51%	5%
May 2024	39%	56%	5%
Apr 2024	42%	53%	5%

Among Republicans (33% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 30% of all adults in the survey), 85% approve of the way Trump is handling his job and 12% disapprove. Among Democrats (32% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 29% of all adults in the survey), 4% approve and 95% disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job. Among independents (35% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 33% of all adults in the survey), 40% approve and 54% disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president.

Overall, 39% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy, 57% disapprove, and 4% are undecided. Among registered voters, 39% approve and 57% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

Trump handling the economy	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Apr 2025	39%	57%	4%
Mar 2025	40%	55%	5%
Feb 2025	38%	56%	6%
Joe Biden:			
Jan 2025	35%	61%	4%
Dec 2024	36%	58%	6%
Nov 2024	40%	55%	5%
Oct 2024	45%	50%	5%
Sep 2024	44%	51%	5%
Aug 2024	43%	51%	5%
Jul 2024	39%	55%	6%
Jun 2024	41%	54%	5%

May 2024	36%	59%	5%
Apr 2024	39%	56%	5%

Among Republicans, 77% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 18% disapprove. Among Democrats, 2% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 97% disapprove. Among independents, 37% approve and 57% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

A total of 15% of Americans say that the national economy is getting better, 22% say it is staying the same, and 60% say the national economy is getting worse.

National economy	Getting better	Staying the same	Getting worse	Undecided
Apr 2025	15%	22%	60%	3%
Mar 2025	21%	20%	56%	3%
Feb 2025	20%	26%	50%	4%
Jan 2025	27%	9%	60%	4%
Dec 2024	28%	9%	58%	5%
Nov 2024	33%	14%	49%	4%
Oct 2024	36%	13%	47%	4%
Sep 2024	35%	17%	44%	4%
Aug 2024	36%	17%	44%	3%
Jul 2024	32%	16%	48%	4%
Jun 2024	33%	18%	45%	4%
May 2024	29%	19%	48%	4%
Apr 2024	33%	20%	45%	2%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 27% say getting better, 23% say staying the same, and 44% say getting worse. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 6% say getting better, 20% say staying the same, and 73% say getting worse.

A total of 26% of Americans say they believe the national economy will be better a year from now, 17% say it will be the same, and 51% say it will be worse.

National economy a year from now	Better than today	The same as today	Worse than today	Undecided
Apr 2025	26%	17%	51%	6%
Mar 2025	30%	19%	44%	7%
Feb 2025	34%	19%	36%	11%
Jan 2025	33%	25%	26%	16%
Dec 2024	34%	26%	25%	15%
Nov 2024	36%	25%	26%	13%
Oct 2024	40%	23%	25%	12%
Sep 2024	39%	23%	25%	13%
Aug 2024	39%	25%	24%	12%
Jul 2024	40%	24%	26%	10%
Jun 2024	41%	22%	28%	9%
May 2024	41%	18%	31%	10%
Apr 2024	43%	18%	28%	11%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 36% say better, 16% say the same as today, 40% say worse than today, and 8% are undecided. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president, 17% say better, 17% say the same, and 60% say worse.

Overall, 46% of Americans say they believe that the national economy is in a recession, 33% say they do not believe the economy is in a recession, and 21% are undecided.

National economy in a recession	Yes	No	Undecided
Apr 2025	46%	33%	21%
Mar 2025	47%	33%	20%
Feb 2025	46%	35%	19%
Jan 2025	42%	44%	14%
Dec 2024	41%	45%	14%
Nov 2024	38%	49%	13%
Oct 2024	38%	51%	11%
Sep 2024	37%	53%	10%
Aug 2024	37%	54%	9%
Jul 2024	42%	47%	11%
Jun 2024	39%	48%	13%

May 2024	45%	45%	10%
Apr 2024	41%	50%	9%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 33% say the national economy is in a recession, 43% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 24% are undecided. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 57% say the national economy is in a recession, 25% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 18% are undecided.

A total of 28% of Americans rate the national economy as excellent, very good, or good and 67% rate it as bad, very bad, or terrible.

National economy	Excellent	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Terrible	Undecided
Apr 2025	2%	14%	12%	50%	4%	13%	5%
Mar 2025	2%	17%	15%	48%	6%	8%	4%
Feb 2025	2%	14%	14%	49%	9%	8%	4%
Jan 2025	15%	16%	12%	8%	18%	30%	1%
Dec 2024	15%	15%	14%	8%	17%	30%	1%
Nov 2024	14%	17%	19%	7%	15%	27%	1%
Oct 2024	15%	17%	22%	6%	12%	27%	1%
Sep 2024	15%	17%	21%	11%	11%	24%	1%
Aug 2024	16%	17%	21%	10%	9%	26%	1%
Jul 2024	14%	13%	21%	13%	10%	28%	1%
Jun 2024	14%	12%	23%	17%	11%	22%	1%
May 2024	12%	10%	21%	19%	11%	26%	1%
Apr 2024	13%	13%	21%	20%	8%	23%	2%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 43% say very good, or good and 55% say bad, very bad, or terrible. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 17% say very good, or good and 80% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

When it comes to rating their household financial situations, 51% of Americans give an excellent, very good, or good rating and 45% give a bad, very bad, or terrible rating.

Household financial situation	Excellent	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Terrible	Undecided
Apr 2025	8%	14%	29%	21%	6%	18%	4%
Mar 2025	11%	18%	33%	12%	8%	14%	4%
Feb 2025	12%	22%	31%	12%	5%	12%	6%
Jan 2025	10%	22%	28%	23%	8%	3%	6%
Dec 2024	12%	19%	29%	22%	8%	3%	7%
Nov 2024	13%	20%	34%	19%	7%	3%	4%
Oct 2024	16%	20%	30%	15%	5%	7%	7%
Sep 2024	20%	20%	29%	14%	4%	7%	6%
Aug 2024	19%	20%	30%	19%	1%	7%	4%
Jul 2024	17%	19%	31%	19%	1%	9%	4%
Jun 2024	18%	18%	33%	20%	1%	9%	1%
May 2024	16%	19%	33%	21%	1%	8%	2%
Apr 2024	18%	22%	32%	17%	1%	8%	2%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 55% say excellent, very good, or good and 38% say bad, very bad, or terrible. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 46% say very good, or good and 50% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

A total of 6% of Americans say they think the financial situations in their households are getting better, 41% say staying the same, and 48% say getting worse.

Household financial situation	Getting better	Staying the same	Getting worse	Undecided
Apr 2025	6%	41%	48%	5%
Mar 2025	7%	47%	39%	7%
Feb 2025	8%	51%	30%	11%
Jan 2025	10%	42%	47%	1%
Dec 2024	12%	43%	44%	1%
Nov 2024	15%	47%	37%	1%
Oct 2024	18%	44%	36%	2%
Sep 2024	18%	45%	35%	2%
Aug 2024	19%	44%	35%	2%

Jul 2024	15%	44%	39%	2%
Jun 2024	16%	40%	41%	3%
May 2024	14%	40%	44%	2%
Apr 2024	16%	43%	39%	2%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 10% say getting better, 43% say staying the same, and 42% say getting worse. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 2% say getting better, 39% say staying the same, and 53% say getting worse.

Looking to a year from now, 24% of Americans say that they think their household financial situations will be better than today, 32% say the same as today, and 37% say worse than today.

Household financial situation a year from now	Better than today	The same as today	Worse than today	Undecided
Apr 2025	24%	32%	37%	7%
Mar 2025	26%	34%	30%	10%
Feb 2025	32%	41%	18%	9%
Jan 2025	23%	43%	29%	5%
Dec 2024	24%	43%	28%	5%
Nov 2024	36%	44%	15%	5%
Oct 2024	32%	41%	23%	4%
Sep 2024	32%	39%	26%	3%
Aug 2024	33%	38%	26%	3%
Jul 2024	33%	38%	26%	3%
Jun 2024	36%	37%	26%	1%
May 2024	35%	34%	29%	2%
Apr 2024	36%	38%	25%	1%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 30% say better than today, 34% say the same as today, and 29% say worse than today. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 18% say better than today, 30% say the same as today, and 45% say worse than today.

About this Survey -

Survey Sponsor: American Research Group, Inc.

The American Research Group has been conducting national surveys of consumers since 1985.

Sample Size: 1,100 completed interviews among a random sample of all adults age 18 and older living in households in the continental United States (see [methodology](#) for details). There were 329 Republicans, 320 Democrats, 361 independents, and 90 non-voters in the sample.

Sample Dates: April 17-20, 2025

Margin of Error: ± 3 percentage points, 95% of the time, on questions where opinion is evenly split.

Question Wording and Order:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy?

How do you rate the condition of the national economy these days - would you say it is excellent, very good, good, bad, very bad, or terrible?

Do you think the national economy is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?

Would you say that the national economy is in a recession, or not?

A year from now, do you expect the national economy to be better than it is today, the same as it is today, or worse than it is today?

How do you rate the condition of the financial situation in your household - would you say it is excellent, very good, good, bad, very bad, or terrible?

Do you think the financial situation in your household is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?

A year from now, do you expect the financial situation in your household to be better than it is today, the same as it is today, or worse than it is today?

