
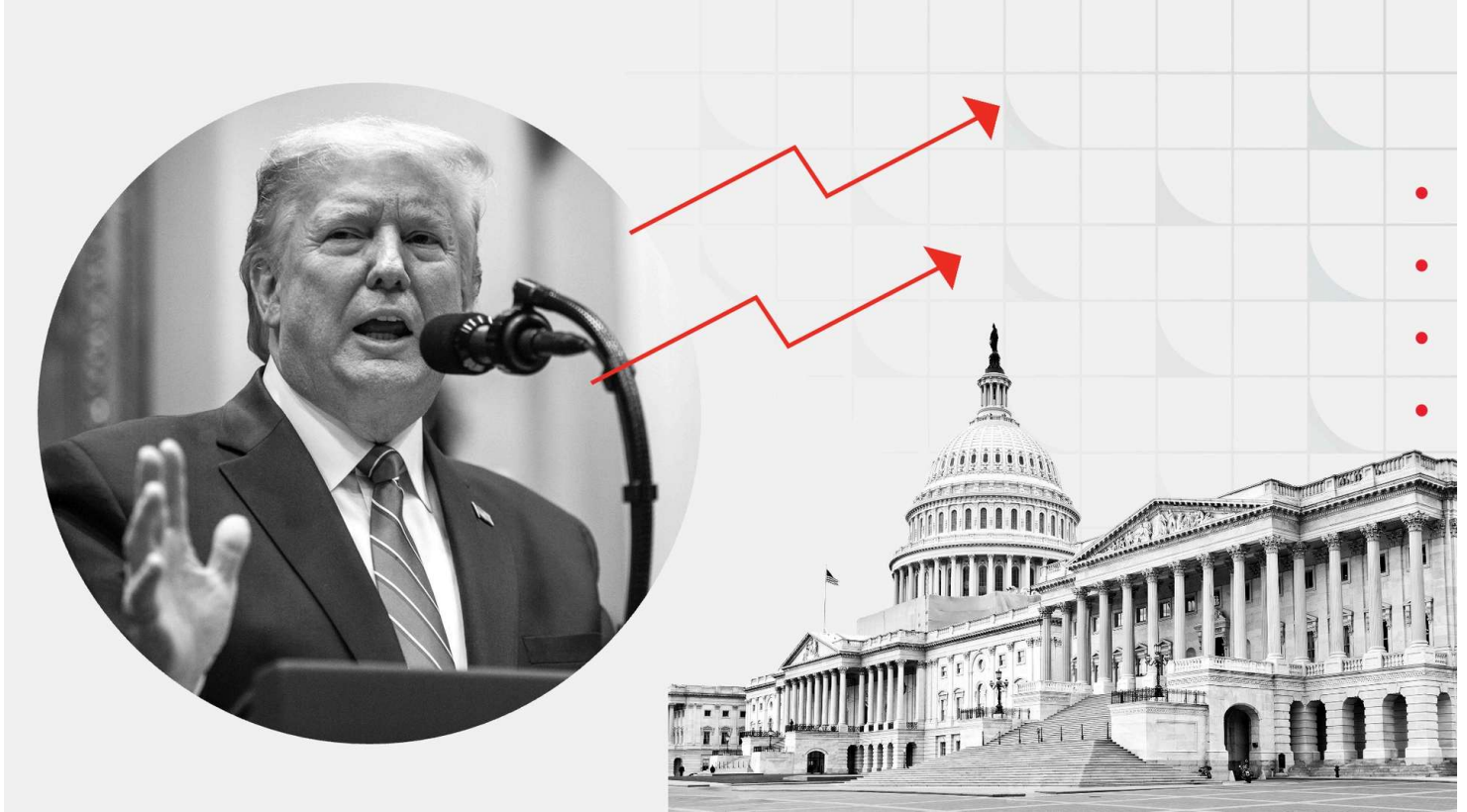


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Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump posts best approval rating in months



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump's approval rating ticks up:** Nearly half (48%) of voters approve of Trump's job performance following a sweeping Middle East tour and his administration's 90-day reprieve in its trade war with China, up from a 45% low in late April and the highest since mid-March. Half of voters disapprove of Trump, down from a 53% high in late April.
- **Trump's foreign policy, trade approval ratings improve:** Voters are evenly divided over Trump's handling of trade, a significant improvement from earlier this month, when they were 7 percentage points more likely to disapprove than approve. He's seen a similar improvement on his handling of

foreign policy as voters increasingly report hearing favorable things about both subjects.

- **But Republicans in Congress see little reward:** Despite Trump's improved standing, voters are no more likely to trust Republicans in Congress to handle trade, the economy or foreign affairs, all of which remain toss-up issues with congressional Democrats.
- **Qatari jet gift coverage has broken through:** Roughly 2 in 3 voters said they had seen, read or heard at least something about Trump's plans to accept a \$400 million luxury jet from Qatar that will serve as Air Force One, similar to the shares who heard the same of his swing through Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates or his trade agreement with China. That's far more than the half of the electorate who reported hearing the same about the Trump Organization's push for Middle East real estate deals or the 1 in 3 who heard something about his plans to dine with \$TRUMP coin holders.

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