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Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Musk’s OBBB critiques break through



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Morning Consult is tracking what voters across the country think about how President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress are governing the United States ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. Each week, we’ll update this page with fresh and timely data on all of the major questions facing Washington, including views about the people in charge, the issues dominating the conversation and what is actually breaking through to the electorate.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump’s approval rating ticks up:** The president’s approval rating stands at 47%, up from 46% last week, while 51% disapprove of his job performance for the third week in a row.
- **But favorability, buzz ratings worsen amid Musk feud:** With 44% of voters viewing Trump favorably 53% expressing unfavorable ones, Trump’s net favorability rating is at a two-month low following a very public spat with erstwhile adviser Elon Musk that saw his net buzz rating — the share of voters who heard something positive about him minus the share who heard something negative — reach a second-term low.
- **Musk’s OBBB critiques break through:** Nearly 7 in 10 voters (68%) said they’d seen, read or heard at least something about Musk’s criticism of the GOP’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which kicked off the spat. That saturation ranks it alongside news events such as Trump’s speech to a joint session of Congress in March and rapper Kendrick Lamar’s halftime Super Bowl performance.
- **Trump’s trade approval is back in the red:** Trump’s net approval rating on trade is back underwater for the first time in roughly a month following his doubling of tariffs on aluminum and steel imports from 25% to 50%.
- **And his immigration backing softened:** While 51% of voters approve of Trump’s handling of immigration, that share still matches a second-term low. This data was being collected as he picked one of his biggest fights yet over California demonstrators’ protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which appears to have factored into a worsening net buzz rating for immigration.
- **Declining trust in GOP’s handling of national debt :** Voters are only slightly more likely to trust the congressional Republicans over their Democratic counterparts to handle the national debt (43% to 42%), marking a low point in the GOP’s advantage on the issue in our tracking conducted since the November election.

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