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# Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval ratings improve amid rising confidence in economic handling



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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 ratings bounce back: Trump's approval ratings ticked back up despite a relatively turbulent week for his administration that featured fresh threats of tariffs and infighting over the Justice Department's handling of disclosures regarding the Jeffrey Epstein case. Our latest survey shows 47% of voters approve of his job performance, up 2 percentage points from last week, and 50% disapprove, a 2-point decrease over that time frame. Among Republicans, 89% approve of Trump's job performance, up from 85% last week.
- Rising confidence in Trump's handling of the economy: Trump garnered his best approval ratings on the economy and trade since early June. Voters are equally likely to approve and disapprove of his economic performance (at 46%), while they're more likely than not to back his handling of trade, 46% to 44%. (Republicans in Congress hold similar advantages over Democrats when voters are asked whom they trust to handle each issue.)

- Improving economic buzz: Voters were 13 points more likely to hear something negative than positive about the economy, but that's the most favorable margin we've measured since mid-May. Over half of voters (57%) said they'd heard at least something about Trump delaying the imposition of so-called reciprocal tariffs until Aug. 1, though more heard the same about the news that he'll impose tariffs ranging from 20% to 50% on goods imported from more than 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America.
- Foreign aid cuts fall further down voters' priority list: As Republicans in Congress look to advance Trump's rescissions package to claw back \$9.4 billion of spending meant for the HIV/AIDS prevention program PEPFAR and public broadcasting entities such as PBS and NPR, fewer voters than ever (29%) say he should make cutting foreign aid a "top priority." Even fewer (25%) similarly elevate a reduction in the size and scope of government, matching record lows.
- Jeffries gets a small popularity boost: Awareness of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) improved a bit among Democratic voters after his record-setting "magic minute" speech that delayed House Republicans' passage of Trump's bill. Our latest survey shows 51% of Democrats hold favorable views of Jeffries, up from 47% last week, driving a slight boost in his overall favorability rating.

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