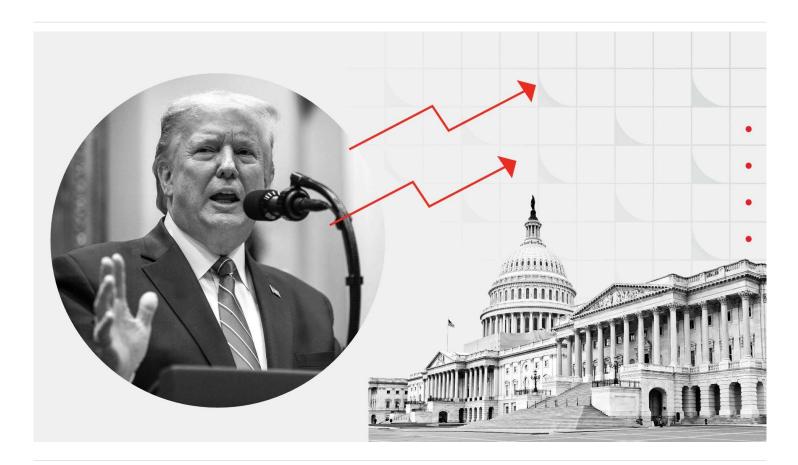
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Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval ratings drop as more voters see him prioritizing tariffs



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Trump's approval ratings slide: Trump's approval rating ticked back down to 45% (down 2 percentage points from last week) while his disapproval rating increased to 52% (up 2 points) as more voters reported hearing something negative about him. Our latest poll also finds Trump's approval ratings at a second-term low among Gen Z voters, with 71% disapproving of his job performance, compared with just 24% who approve of it.
- Voters increasingly see Trump prioritizing tariffs: Half of voters (52%) say imposing tariffs is a "top priority" for the Trump administration. That matches a record high previously set in May, and comes as Trump's threats of additional levies continue to mount ahead of a self-imposed Aug. 1 deadline for

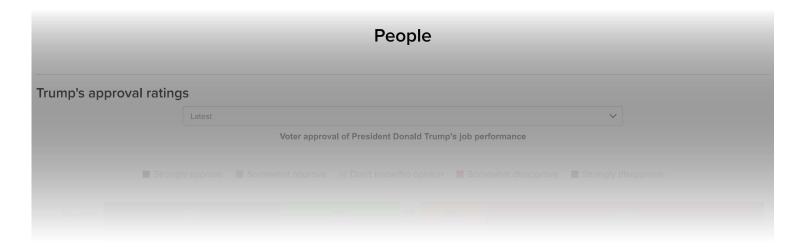
widespread ratification. At the same time, just 19% of voters say that tariffs *should* be a top priority for the federal government, nearing a record low for his term.

- Congressional Democrats' dips to 2025 low: The popularity of congressional Democrats has declined to its worst point of Trump's presidency, with 41% of voters holding favorable views and 50% holding unfavorable views. It marks a 10-point decline in net favorability since the beginning of June, leaving Republicans in Congress with a popularity advantage ever since their passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.
- Republicans make trust gains: While Democrats in Congress maintain wide trust advantages on issues such as health care, safety-net programs, abortion and LGBTQ rights, Republicans have made sizable improvements to voter perceptions of their handling of immigration, national security, the national debt and the economy since mid-June.

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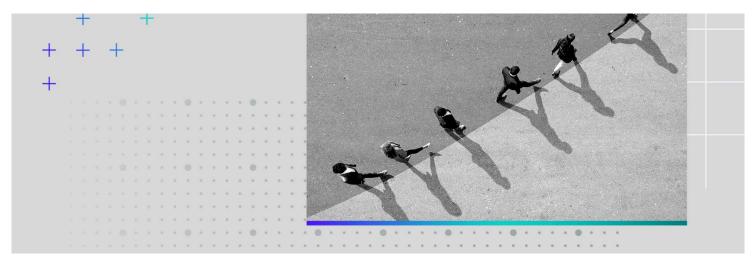


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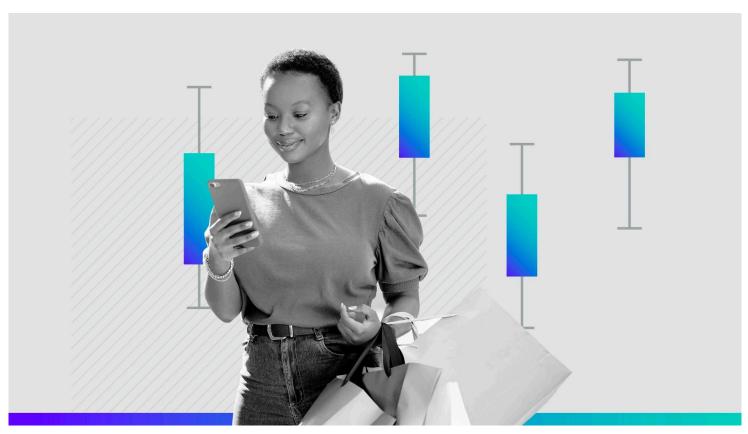




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