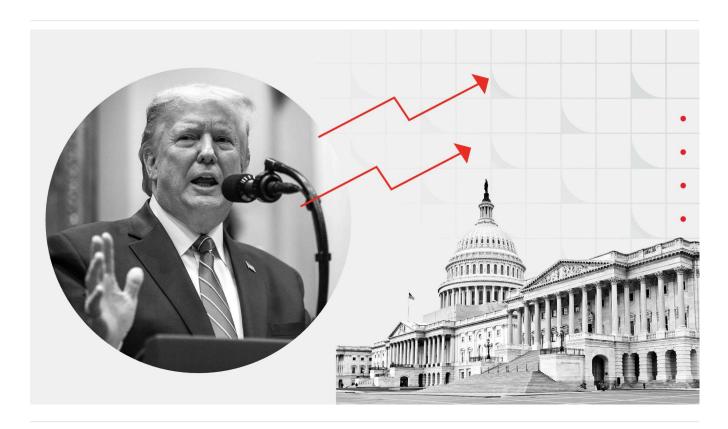# Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval ratings improve ahead of trade deadline
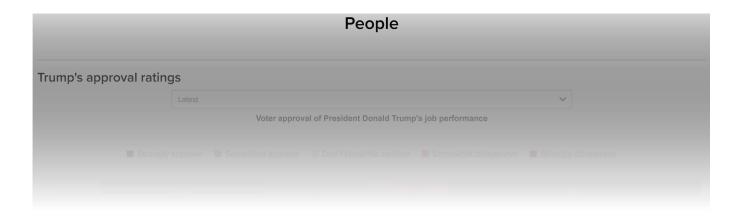

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump's approval rating rises**: Trump's approval rating ticked back up to 47% (up 2 percentage points from last week) while his disapproval rating decreased to 50% (down 2 points).

- **Few voters continue to prioritize tariffs**: Ahead of Trump's self-imposed Aug. 1 deadline for countries to reach trade deals with the United States or face elevated tariff rates, just 21% of voters say that imposing tariffs should be a "top priority" for the Trump administration.

- **But the Aug. 1 deadline isn't looming large for Americans:** Only 23% of voters say they've heard "a lot" about the deadline, and what voters report hearing about both trade and the larger economy continues to become more favorable.

- **Epstein news dominates**: Three in 4 voters (75%) said they'd recently seen, read or heard at least something about Jeffrey Epstein, including 42% who heard "a lot." The detailed story angles aren't breaking through quite as much, though roughly 3 in 5 reported hearing at least something about Justice Department officials' meeting with Ghislaine Maxwell, a House panel's vote to subpoena the government files on Epstein or a report from The Wall Street Journal that said Attorney General Pam Bondi told Trump in May that his name appeared multiple times in the documents.

- **OBBA health cuts continue to weigh on Trump**: Trump's approval rating to handle health care issues is 8 points underwater, with 49% disapproving and 41% approving. That nears a record low, and comes as Democrats work to attack the GOP for cuts to social safety net programs included in the party's signature law, the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

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