

Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's foreign policy approval rating ticks up



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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 improves:** Following two weeks of a record-low approval rating, sentiment about Trump's job performance has improved, from 45% to 47%. Still, 51% disapprove of his job performance, matching our gauge last week.
- **Sentiment about Trump's foreign policy approach improves:** Amid efforts to end the war in Ukraine, voters' perceptions of the president's foreign policy handling are on the upswing. Voters are 3 percentage points more likely to approve than disapprove of how Trump's navigating foreign affairs. That's up from an even split earlier this month as nearly 3 in 5 voters reported hearing at least something about Trump's meeting last week with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Voters also report hearing more positive news about foreign affairs more broadly, with buzz reaching its most positive level since late May. The president's own buzz rating, meanwhile, improved to its best point since late June.
- **More voters like what they're hearing about public safety and crime:** While voters are 11 points more likely to say they had seen, read or heard something negative than positive about public safety and crime, that marks an improvement from a 20-point gap on the issue at the beginning of the month. Trump's deployment of National Guard and federal law enforcement officials to patrol Washington, D.C., was as salient as his Putin summit.
- **IVF reversal lands with a ripple:** Hardly any Americans (11%) say they've heard "a lot" about the Trump administration's decision not to require health insurance companies to cover in vitro fertilization (IVF) services. The move, which reneges on a 2024 campaign pledge and was first reported by The Washington Post on Aug. 3, was by far the least salient news item tested in our latest tracking survey.

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Voter approval of President Donald Trump's job performance

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Don't know/No opinion ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove

All voters



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