Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating is stable amid D.C. crackdown

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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 is stable**: 47% of voters approve of Trump's job performance, unchanged from the previous week and higher than the 45% we recorded just before the president assumed control of the D.C. police force and deployed the National Guard and federal law enforcement officers to the streets of the nation's capital. Still, 51% disapprove of his job performance, matching our findings from the previous two surveys.

- **Buzz improves about public safety and crime:** While voters are 9 points more likely to say they had seen, read or heard something negative than positive about public safety and crime, 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 was the most salient news story we tested over the past week, with 74% of voters saying they had seen, read or heard at least something about it.

- **GOP sees gains on immigration**: Voters are now 10 points more likely to approve than disapprove of Trump's handling of immigration, up from a 5-point margin on the issue two months ago. Similarly, voters are 11 points more likely to trust Republicans than Democrats to handle immigration, up from a 4-point advantage in late June. Republicans' latest advantages come as the shares of voters who say Washington should be focused on deportations has increased in recent weeks.

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