

Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating holds steady ahead of potential shutdown



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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 overall approval rating remains stable:** 46% of voters approve of Trump's job performance and 52% disapprove, unchanged over the last two weeks.
- **Shutdown talks are breaking through:** Three in 5 voters say they've seen, read or heard at least something about talks to avoid a government shutdown this week, up from 41% at the beginning of the month. [Our new survey shows](#) Republicans would shoulder slightly more blame than Democrats if the government shuts down, and more see a funding lapse as likely compared with the March standoff.
- **Perceptions of Trump's national security handling improve:** After four straight weeks of decline, voter approval of Trump's handling of national security issues have rebounded, with 50% approving and 42% disapproving. Similarly, there was an improvement in sentiment about how he's handling immigration issues following last week's fatal shooting at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Dallas: 51% approve, up from 49% in the previous survey.
- **The Comey indictment's resonance:** Two in 3 voters (66%) said they'd heard about the Justice Department's indictment of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey on charges of obstruction of justice and making false statements to Congress, similar to the share who said the same of Trump's calls for prosecutions of Democratic political opponents such as California Sen. Adam Schiff and New York Attorney General Letitia James. Awareness of Comey's indictment today is less than the 74% who heard about his 2017 firing.

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