

# Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating is unchanged amid 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 approval rating remains stable amid shutdown:** With the federal government shut down since Oct. 1, 46% of voters approve of Trump's job performance and 52% disapprove, unchanged over the past four weeks.
- **Shutdown makes a splash:** Half of voters say they've seen, read or heard "a lot" about the federal government shutdown, which is significantly higher than the 39% we measured at the start of the last shutdown, which began in late 2018 and ended in early 2019.
- **Reputational damage for Democrats:** While Trump saw no change to his approval ratings or his favorability ratings since last week, it was a different story for congressional Democrats, who saw their net favorability rating fall by 5 percentage points. That slide leaves Democrats in Congress 7 points underwater with all voters, the same net rating held by their Republican counterparts, who saw no change to their own standing.
- **But their health care push is resonating:** Voters are 28 percentage points more likely to report hearing something negative than positive about health care over the past week. That's a record-low net buzz rating in our weekly tracking that dates back to 2022, and comes as Democrats continue to sound the alarm about the looming expiration of Affordable Care Act premium subsidies at the end of 2025.

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