

Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval ratings hold steady



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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

- **Perceptions of Trump's job performance hold steady:** For the second week in a row, 46% of voters approve and 51% disapprove of Trump's job performance. Both of those ratings are right in line with the averages for his second term in office so far (47% approval, 51% disapproval).
- **Shutdown remains the country's biggest story:** A majority of voters (56%) say they've seen, read or heard "a lot" about the government shutdown that began on Oct. 1, making it the most resonant news item we've tested for the fourth week in a row. The share of voters who say they've heard a lot about this shutdown is also slightly higher than [the 52% who said the same](#) at a similar point of the country's last shutdown, which began in late 2018 and ended in early 2019.
- **Health care buzz turns sour:** As notices of health insurance price increases disseminate ahead of the Nov. 1 start date for open enrollment for Affordable Care Act health plans, negative news coverage is resonating with Americans. Voters are 29 percentage points more likely to say they've heard something negative than positive about health care over the past week, a record low net buzz rating in our weekly tracking that dates back to late 2022.

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