Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating ticks down

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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 slip**: Trump's net approval rating is 7 percentage points underwater, with 45% approving and 52% disapproving. It marks a marginal decline from a 5-point deficit in the previous two weeks. (Sentiment about his job performance has been relatively stable throughout the government shutdown that began on Oct. 1.)
- **SNAP lapse garners heavy coverage**: A majority of voters (60%) say they've seen, read or heard "a lot" about the shutdown, up from 56% last week. A similar share of voters (61%) say they'd seen, read or heard a lot about the lapse in SNAP benefit distribution on Nov. 1 due to the shutdown, roughly double the share who said the same of the pending expiration of enhanced Affordable Care Act premium subsidies at the end of the year.
- **Democrats' popularity improves**: Democrats in Congress have regained the popularity they lost at the beginning of the government shutdown, with voters only 2 points more likely to view them unfavorably than favorably. Republicans are 8 points underwater with the electorate, in line with their standing in early October as our surveys continue to show stability in the generic congressional ballot, with Democrats still leading by 3 points.
- **Trade buzz improves**: Voters are increasingly reporting hearing positive things about trade following news that Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to a yearlong truce that rolls back some tariffs between the two countries. Voters are now only 11 points more likely to say they've heard something negative than positive about trade over the past week, up from 21 points last week to mark the best net buzz score we've captured since mid-May, after the first trade truce announced by the two countries this year.

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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

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