

Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating dips to second-term low



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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 hits second-term low:** Voters are 10 percentage points less likely to approve than disapprove of Trump's job performance (44% to 54%), setting a record low since he took office in January. Similarly, his net favorability rating is 12 points underwater, the lowest we've measured in more than a year since before the July 2024 attempt on his life.
- **The shutdown continues to steal the show:** 63% of voters say they've seen, read or heard "a lot" about the government shutdown, making it the top news on voters' minds for the sixth week running. Another 48% heard a lot about the Federal Aviation Administration's warning about widespread flight cancellations. Just 35% of voters heard a lot about the Trump administration's announcement that it would issue some SNAP funding under judicial order, far less than the 61% who reported hearing about the initial funding lapse in the prior survey.
- **Voters sour on Trump's issue handling, too:** Perceptions of Trump's handling of health care, the economy, Medicare and Social Security, the national debt and energy set new record lows over the weekend. After weeks of Democratic attacks on health care and the economy, more Americans reported hearing negative things about those two issues than at any other point since Trump returned to office.
- **Republicans in Congress facing blowback:** The popularity of the GOP's brand on Capitol Hill has soured over the past month, with our latest survey showing the net favorability rating for Republicans in Congress 12 points in the red — their worst showing in 2025 — compared to a 7-point deficit at the start of the shutdown. Democrats, on the other hand, have largely made up for a popularity hit they sustained after the shutdown's first week.

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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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