

Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Trump's approval rating bounces back post-shutdown



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump's approval, favorability ratings bounce back:** The share of voters who approve of the president's job performance ticked up from 44% to 46% over the past week as his disapproval rating declined from 54% to 52% — a welcome sight for Trump, who was coming off of his worst ratings of his second term just before the government reopened on Nov. 13. His favorability ratings, which were at a year-plus low last week, saw a similar improvement: 46% of voters now view him favorably, up from 43%, while 52% view him unfavorably, down from 55%.
- **Voters sour on Schumer at end of shutdown:** Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and the eight members of his caucus responsible for the Senate's successful vote to reopen the government last week drew plenty of flak from influential left-of-center voices, criticism that appears to have filtered down to the party's voter base. Schumer's net favorability rating among all voters fell from -7 percentage points to -12 points over the past two weeks, fueled by an 18-point drop among Democratic voters (from 36 points to 18 points).
- **Epstein news continues to find an audience:** A majority of voters (62%) said they'd heard at least something about the House Oversight Committee's release of a 2019 email from Jeffrey Epstein in which he claimed that Trump knew that he was sexually abusing underage girls, similar to the 63% who said they'd heard about the House's upcoming vote that would compel the administration to release its files on Epstein, the deceased financier and convicted sex trafficker.



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■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Don't know/No opinion
■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove

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