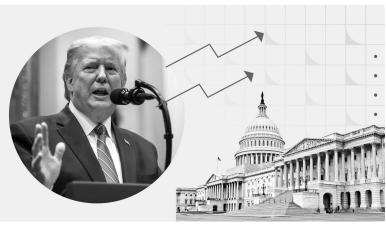
# **Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington**

Democrats retake lead on the economy





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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. For weekly updates of our generic ballot tracking, go to our page Tracking the 2026 Midterm Elections.

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Trump's approval ratings hold steady: For the third week in a row, the president's approval rating sits at 45% while his disapproval rating remains at 52%. Both figures are a bit worse than his average job performance ratings since he took office in January (47% approval, 51% disapproval).
- Democrats retake lead on the economy: Voters trust congressional Democrats more than their Republican counterparts to handle the economy by 2 percentage points, their largest lead on the issue since September.
- Buzz on health care remains negative: As the Senate prepares for an expected failed vote on a Democratic plan to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies past their current expiration date at the end of the year, Americans continue to report hearing negative things about the health care system. Voters are 25 points more likely to say they've heard something negative than positive about health care over the past week, which is in line with recent findings but slightly better than it was during most of the government shutdown in October and its aftermath in November.



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