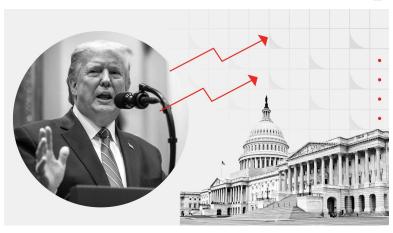
Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

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. 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 rating ticks down: The president's approval rating sits at 45%, down 1 percentage point from a week ago, while 52% of voters continue to disapprove of his job performance. Both figures are worse than his average approval ratings since he took office in January (47% approval, 51% disapproval).
- Congressional Democrats' popularity boost: Voters are now 5 points more likely
 to have a favorable than unfavorable view of Democrats in Congress, their best
 net favorability rating by far since Trump took office in January. Similarly, our
 latest poll is a very good one for the Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill: Both
 Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem
 Jeffries posted 2025-high net favorability ratings of -1 point and +5 points,
 respectively.
- Improving trade buzz: While voters remain more likely to say they've heard something negative than positive about trade over the past week (by 8 points), that's the best net buzz rating we've measured on that topic since the first weekend of Trump's presidency in January.
- Reiner-Trump story breaks through: The killings of actor and director Rob Reiner
 and his wife, Michele, was the most widely consumed news item we tested over
 the weekend, with roughly 4 in 5 Americans reported hearing "a lot" or "some"
 about it. Trump's own comments on his social media platform, Truth Social, about
 Reiner's death also made quite the splash: 60% of voters reported hearing at
 least something about the remarks, which attributed Reiner's death to "Trump
 derangement syndrome" and were roundly panned by influential voices in his
 party.

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