Tracking Public Opinion of Trump's Washington

Approval rating sinks amid immigration and foreign policy tensions

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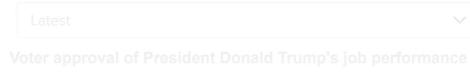
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Trump's approval rating slips**: Voters are 8 points more likely to disapprove than approve of Trump's job performance (53% to 45%), doubling the deficit he faced heading into the new year following his military actions in Venezuela and the high-profile fatal shooting of a woman by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer in Minneapolis, Minn.

- **Trump hits record lows on key issues**: Voters' perceptions of Trump's handling of immigration, foreign policy and national security have fallen to record lows amid one of the worst news environments of the president's second term. Trump's approval rating on foreign policy issues is now underwater, and voters are almost evenly divided about his approaches to immigration and national security, which have traditionally been the president's best issues.

- **ICE shooting makes waves**: Three in 5 voters said they had seen, read or heard "a lot" about the fatal shooting by an ICE officer in Minneapolis, giving the event similar real-time weight as some of last year's most salient moments such as Pope Francis' death. Along with a surge in negative attention on immigration, the kind of news voters are taking away about public safety and crime has soured to its worst point since Trump's saber-rattling at U.S. cities last fall.

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