

The Trump Presidency

A month into his second term, President Donald Trump's job approval stands at 48 percent to 47 percent disapproval, according to the latest [FiveThirtyEight polling average](#). The most recent [RealClear Politics \(RCP\) polling average](#) also shows almost identical approval rating, 49 percent approval to 48 percent disapproval. A [Pew Research Center survey](#) conducted January 27-February 2, 2025 shows his job approval at 47 percent, but about half of Americans (51%) disapprove of his job performance thus far.

Three polls offer limited but still informative observations of how Asian American adults view President Trump's job performance. A majority (51%) of Asian American respondents in the Pew Research Center survey indicate their disapproval, while 47 percent say they approve. Similarly, an [Emerson College national poll](#) conducted February 15-17, 2025 shows Asian American registered voters' disapproval at 51 percent to 44 percent. However, a February [Trafalgar/InsiderAdvantage poll](#) has Trump's approval rating by Asian American voters at 54 percent to 31 percent disapproval. Though not conclusive, these findings may suggest a slightly larger share of Asian Americans supporting Trump's policies than voting for him at time of the election. As indicated in [AAIPP's post-election voter survey results](#), Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) votes casted last November were 55 percent for former Vice President Kamala Harris and 40 percent for Trump. Such tendency is similarly shared by the American general adult population as observed in a [January 2025 New York Times – Ipsos poll](#). This poll reveals that the American public's support of Trump's policies exceeds their support for Trump. Many Americans who may dislike Trump but share his bleak assessment of the country's problems and support some of his most contentious prescriptions to fix them.

According to a recent [Wall Street Journal poll](#) conducted January 9-14, 2025, voters support many of the goals Trump has set for his second term. They are just not on board with all the ways he wants to accomplish them. Likewise, Asian American respondents in the Emerson College poll have mixed opinion on whether tariffs help or hurt American jobs. A plurality (40%) say tariffs would help create American jobs, 37 percent say they would eliminate American jobs, while 24 percent say they have no impact. 66 percent of Asian American voters oppose and 25 percent support eliminating the Department of Education. Almost half (49%) of Asian American voters oppose eliminating USAID, while 27 percent indicate their support.

[A December 2024 AAPI Data/AP-NORC poll](#) finds that AAPI adults show mixed support for various policies that Donald Trump proposed during the presidential campaign, with the highest approval for eliminating taxes on tipped earnings (48%). Roughly a third favor deporting all undocumented immigrants (38%), reducing the size of the federal workforce (35%), or increasing oil drilling on federal lands (30%). Support is lower for policies like imposing additional tariffs on imports (24%) or pardoning January 6th participants (14%).