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TRUMP JOB APPROVAL FALLS IN WAKE OF COMEY DISMISSAL

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DURHAM, NH – President Donald Trump's approval rating has fallen among New Hampshire adults in the wake of his decision to fire FBI Director James Comey. This shift is consistent with a downward trend in recent national Gallup job approval numbers. While Republicans and Democrats remain largely unchanged in their opinions of the President's performance, the approval of Independents has significantly decreased. Disapproval of the president's job performance is at its highest point since the last quarter of George W. Bush's administration.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Poll***, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Five hundred (500) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between May 5 and May 15, 2017. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.4 percent.

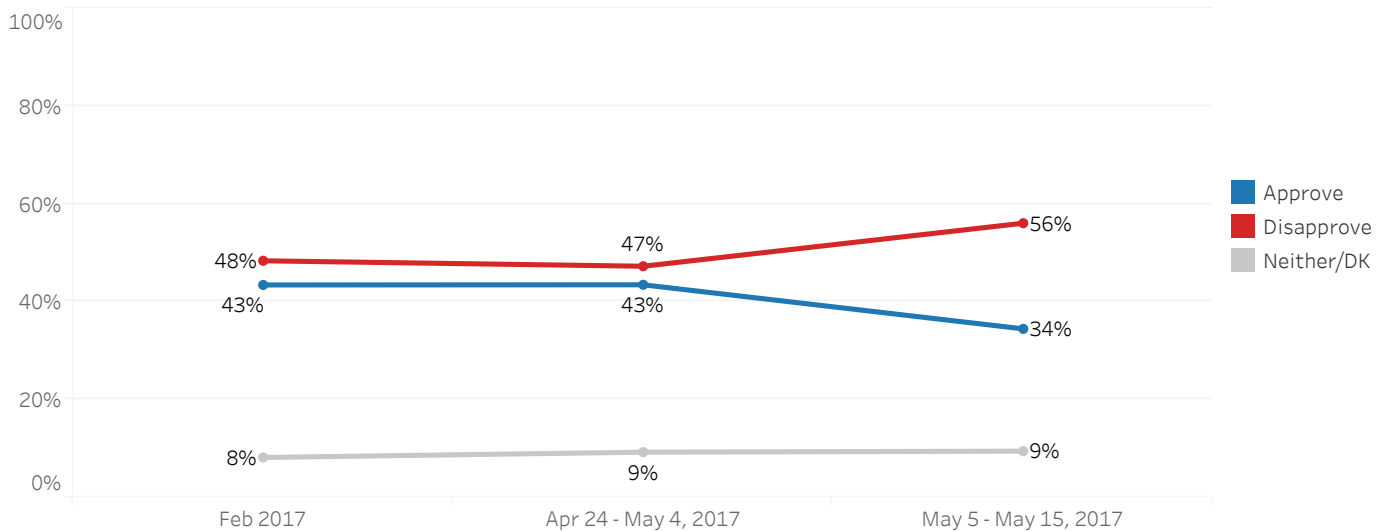
Presidential Approval

Only 34% of New Hampshire adults approve of Donald Trump's performance as President, 56% disapprove, and 9% are neutral. This represents a clear drop in approval of the President since earlier this month, when 43% approved and 47% disapproved.

This polling period (May 5 to May 15) largely took place after President Trump's decision to fire FBI Director James Comey on May 9 but before allegations that President Trump shared sensitive intelligence with Russian officials or Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein's decision to appoint a Robert Mueller as a Special Counsel to investigate possible links between Russia and the Trump presidential campaign.

The proportion of New Hampshire adults who disapprove of Trump's job performance (56%) is the highest disapproval of a President's performance since George W. Bush's last quarter in office.

Presidential Approval - Donald Trump

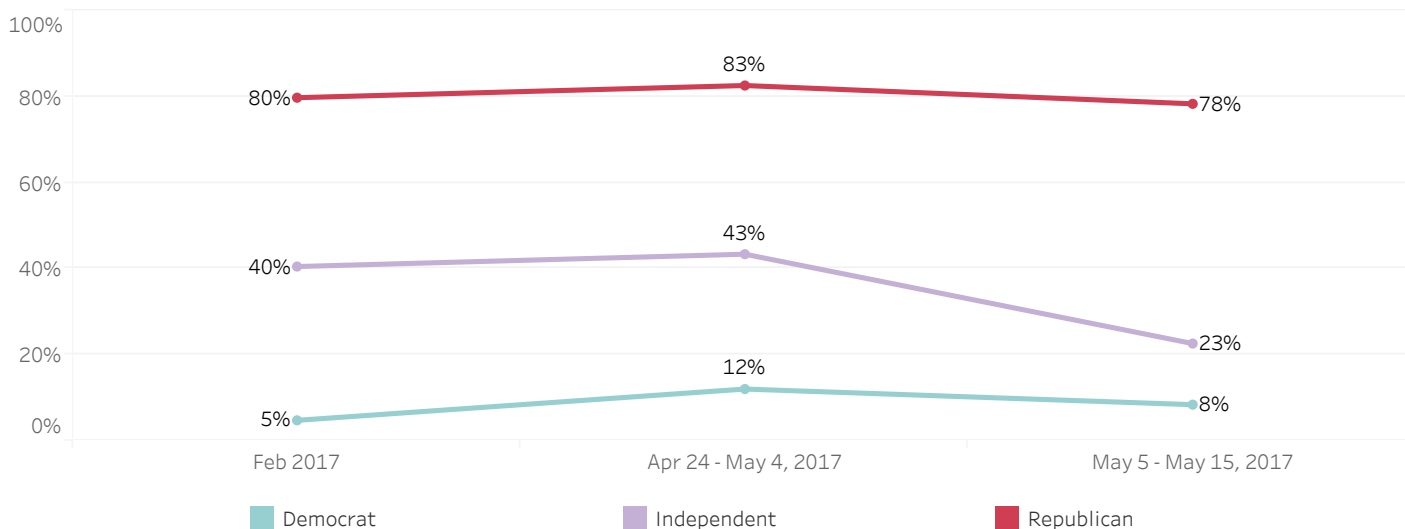


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Approval of President Trump remains high among Republicans and very low among Democrats but has decreased among Independents. Seventy-eight percent of Republicans approve of Trump's job performance, but only 23% of Independents and 8% of Democrats approve.

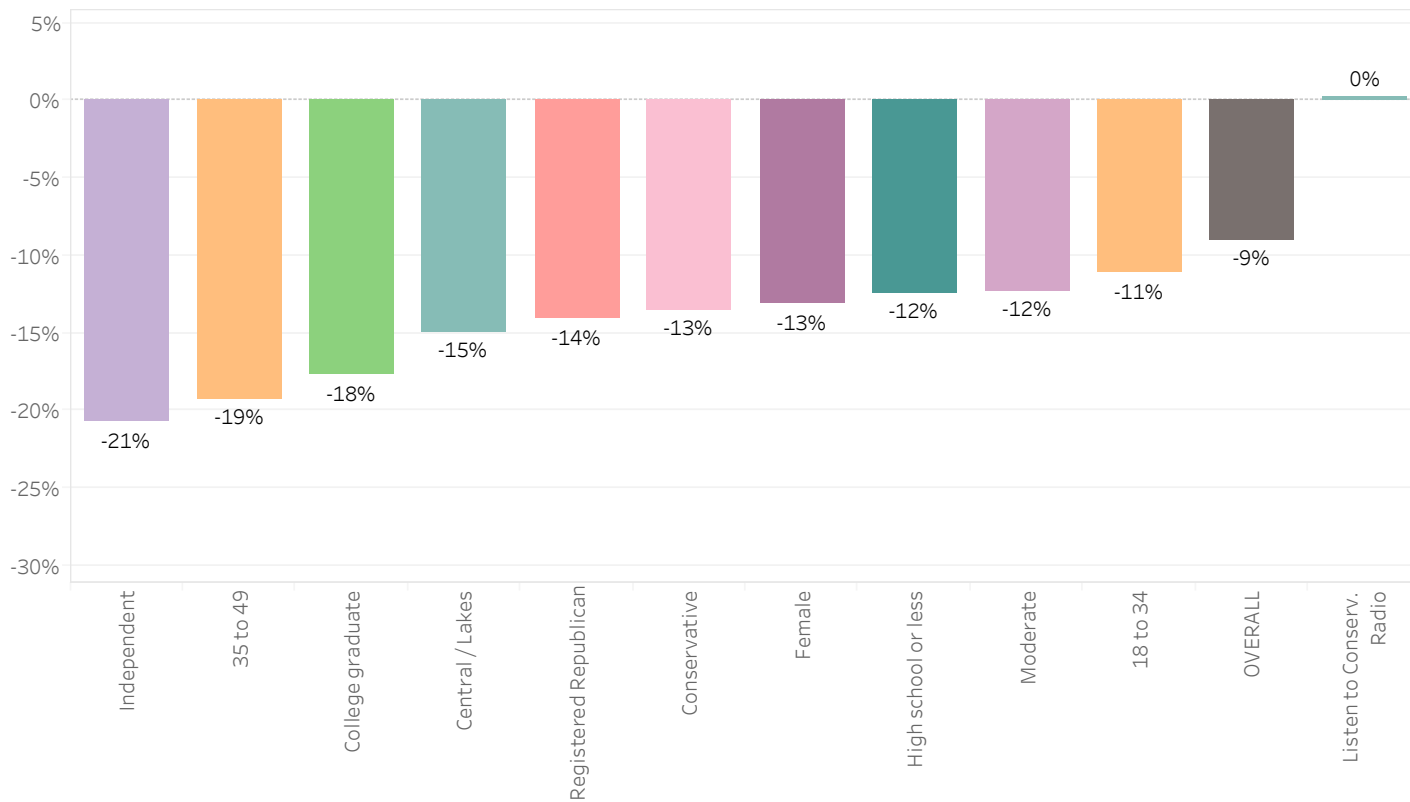
Presidents Obama and Bush did not see their approval among Independents dip below 30% until well into their second terms.

Presidential Approval by Party ID



Approval of Trump's job performance has fallen among nearly every demographic group since the period between April 24 and May 4. Approval has fallen most dramatically among Independents (-21%), those aged 35 to 49 (-19%), college graduates (-18%), Central/Lakes Region residents (15%), registered Republicans (-14%), self-described conservatives (-13%), and women (-13%). Among those who frequently listen to conservative radio there has been no change in approval of Trump.

**Presidential Approval by Selected Demographics:
Change in Approval Between April 24 - May 4 and May 5 - May 15 Periods**



Granite State Poll Methodology

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The random sample used in the Granite State Poll was purchased from Marketing Systems Group (MSG), Horsham, PA. MSG screens each selected telephone number to eliminate non-working numbers, disconnected numbers, and business numbers to improve the efficiency of the sample, reducing the amount of time interviewers spend calling non-usable numbers.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households. Additionally, data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions.

For more information about the methodology used in the Granite State Poll, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at andrew.smith@unh.edu.

Granite State Poll, Spring 2017 Demographics

| | | N | % |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sex of Respondent | Female | 256 | 51% |
| | Male | 245 | 49% |
| Age of Respondent | 18 to 34 | 127 | 27% |
| | 35 to 49 | 109 | 23% |
| | 50 to 64 | 146 | 31% |
| | 65 and older | 91 | 19% |
| Level of Education | High school or less | 172 | 35% |
| | Technical school/Some college | 165 | 33% |
| | College graduate | 103 | 21% |
| | Postgraduate work | 55 | 11% |
| Region of State | Central / Lakes | 86 | 17% |
| | Connecticut Valley | 60 | 12% |
| | Manchester Area | 89 | 18% |
| | Mass Border | 125 | 25% |
| | North Country | 52 | 10% |
| | Seacoast | 87 | 17% |
| Registered to Vote | Reg. Democrat | 116 | 23% |
| | Reg. Undeclared/Not Reg. | 274 | 55% |
| | Reg. Republican | 105 | 21% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 212 | 44% |
| | Independent | 113 | 24% |
| | Republican | 156 | 32% |

Presidential Approval

“Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?”

| | Approve | Disapprove | Neither/DK | N |
|----------------------|---------|------------|------------|-----|
| Feb 2017 | 43% | 48% | 8% | 501 |
| Apr 24 - May 4, 2017 | 43% | 47% | 9% | 508 |
| May 5 - May 15, 2017 | 34% | 56% | 9% | 494 |

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| | | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>Neither/DK</u> | <u>N</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| STATEWIDE | | 34% | 56% | 9% | 494 |
| Registered to Vote | Reg. Democrat | 8% | 88% | 3% | 114 |
| | Reg. Undeclared/Not Reg. | 30% | 56% | 14% | 270 |
| | Reg. Republican | 74% | 21% | 5% | 105 |
| Party ID | Democrat | 8% | 88% | 4% | 211 |
| | Independent | 23% | 52% | 25% | 110 |
| | Republican | 78% | 17% | 4% | 155 |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 6% | 91% | 3% | 111 |
| | Moderate | 29% | 59% | 12% | 228 |
| | Conservative | 68% | 25% | 7% | 119 |
| Media | Listen to Conserv Radio | 86% | 11% | 2% | 56 |
| | Listen to NHPR | 24% | 72% | 5% | 139 |
| | Read Boston Globe | 25% | 70% | 5% | 59 |
| | Read Local Newspapers | 31% | 57% | 12% | 179 |
| | Read Union Leader | 40% | 49% | 12% | 99 |
| | Watch WMUR | 35% | 56% | 9% | 279 |
| Age of Respondent | 18 to 34 | 29% | 59% | 13% | 127 |
| | 35 to 49 | 25% | 65% | 11% | 107 |
| | 50 to 64 | 42% | 53% | 6% | 144 |
| | 65 and older | 39% | 50% | 10% | 88 |
| Sex of Respondent | Female | 29% | 63% | 8% | 252 |
| | Male | 40% | 49% | 11% | 242 |
| Level of Education | High school or less | 35% | 52% | 13% | 172 |
| | Technical school/Some college | 40% | 49% | 11% | 161 |
| | College graduate | 28% | 67% | 5% | 103 |
| | Postgraduate work | 24% | 72% | 3% | 53 |
| Frequency Attend Relig. Service | Once a week or more often | 50% | 37% | 13% | 86 |
| | Once or twice a month | 50% | 50% | | 25 |
| | Few times a year | 30% | 61% | 9% | 159 |
| | Never | 27% | 63% | 10% | 202 |
| 2016 Presidential Election Vote | Donald Trump | 87% | 8% | 5% | 151 |
| | Hillary Clinton | 2% | 94% | 4% | 184 |
| | Other | 16% | 67% | 17% | 56 |
| | Did Not Vote | 15% | 58% | 26% | 75 |
| Gun Owner in Household | Gun Owner | 47% | 45% | 8% | 211 |
| | Not Gun Owner | 22% | 66% | 11% | 268 |
| Labor Union Member | Not Union Member | 35% | 56% | 9% | 417 |
| | Union Member | 32% | 55% | 13% | 70 |
| Veteran/Active in Household | Active/Veteran Military | 42% | 45% | 13% | 127 |
| | Not Active/Veteran Military | 32% | 60% | 8% | 364 |
| Region of State | Central / Lakes | 31% | 62% | 7% | 86 |
| | Connecticut Valley | 30% | 62% | 9% | 59 |
| | Manchester Area | 41% | 50% | 8% | 87 |
| | Mass Border | 35% | 53% | 12% | 125 |
| | North Country | 35% | 56% | 10% | 51 |
| | Seacoast | 33% | 57% | 10% | 87 |
| Congressional District | 1st District | 37% | 55% | 9% | 292 |
| | 2nd District | 31% | 58% | 10% | 202 |