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Poll: 60% of Americans disapprove of Trump



President Donald Trump is set to give the first State of the Union address of his second term on Feb. 24.
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Numbers lowest on issues such as inflation, tariffs

Kathryn Palmer
USA TODAY

Ahead of President Donald Trump's first State of the Union address of his second term, a new poll shows a majority of Americans disapprove of the president's job performance, especially on inflation, tariffs and foreign policy.

In a Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll released on Feb. 22 – two days before Trump's highly anticipated address to Congress – 60% of Americans said they disapprove of the way he is handling his role. Of that number, 47% indicated a strong disapproval. Another 39% said they

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Though the majority express negative opinions about the president, it still doesn't appear to translate into an automatic boon for the Democrats.

Dems call for tariff refunds after ruling

Idea of rebate checks floated amid skepticism

Jeanine Santucci
USA TODAY

After the Supreme Court ruled against President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs on imports, some Democrats are demanding that refunds be sent to Americans, the latest hypothetical plan to redistribute tariff income back to everyday Americans.

The nation's highest court on Feb. 20 ruled that Trump doesn't have the power to unilaterally impose the tariffs he enacted under an emergency powers law, which he has used as part of his foreign policy strategy with ever-changing rates on targeted countries.

Democrats including California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker have demanded refunds of at least \$1,700 per household, with Pritzker sending the Trump administration an invoice for that amount per family in his state.

"Donald Trump has been illegally taxing your groceries, furniture, and cars for over a year. Time for a refund," Newsom said.

Their idea follows months of speculation about Trump's long-floated plan to send \$2,000 tariff rebate checks to some Americans. The fate of that plan remains unclear. Meanwhile,

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U.S. wastewater systems often receive a 'D' grade

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USA TODAY

Officials and engineers have warned for decades of a growing crisis with the aging systems that handle the billions of gallons of water flowing from toilets, tubs and washing machines across the country every day.

So when news broke of the untreated wastewater spill into the Potomac River in January, it wasn't a surprise to industry experts.

"When you think about the number of miles of wastewater pipes in the ground, and the age of them, and the fact that for many, many years they have been underfunded, it's not surprising that things like this can occur," said Darren Olson, a professional engineer who chairs the Committee on America's Infrastructure for the American Society of

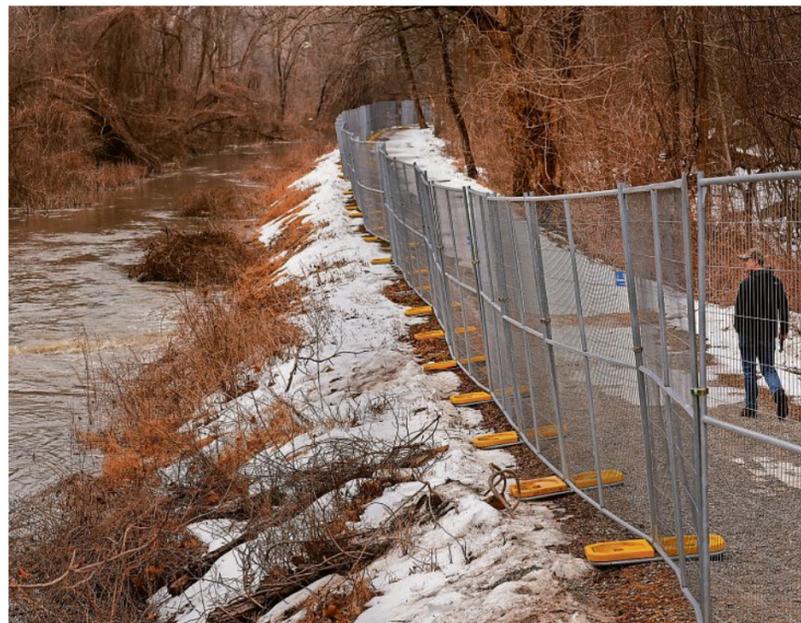
Civil Engineers.

The society produces a "report card" of letter grades for each category of the nation's infrastructure every four years. Wastewater consistently earns a "D."

An estimated 3 million to 10 million gallons of wastewater are spilled annually in the United States, but no national data exists showing total discharges, USA TODAY previously reported.

While the federal government used to fund more than 60% of infrastructure improvements, Olson said today the federal funds cover less than 10%, and the costs for repairing, maintaining and upgrading wastewater systems are increasingly shifting to customers and hiking their utility bills. The average residential wastewater bill has nearly doubled since 2010, according to the civil

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A fence separates the path from the C&O Canal where millions of gallons of untreated sewage were being diverted in Cabin John, Maryland, on Feb. 16. A section of the Potomac Interceptor, a sewage pipe, collapsed on Jan. 19.

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