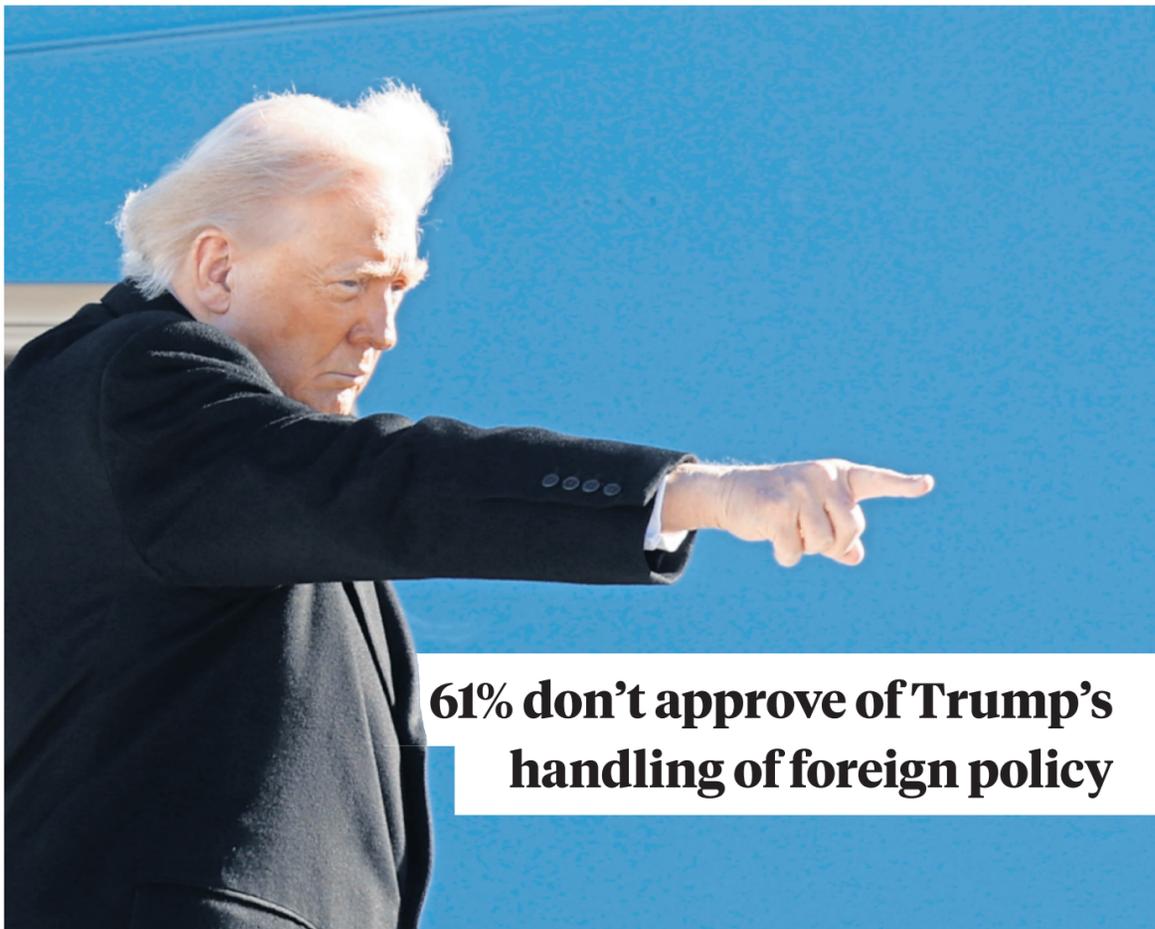




## ROAD TRIP

THE MICHIGAN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM REBOUNDED FROM LAST WEEK'S LOSS TO WISCONSIN, OPENING THEIR EXTENDED WEST COAST ROAD TRIP WITH AN 82-72 WIN OVER WASHINGTON. **B1**



## 61% don't approve of Trump's handling of foreign policy

"NATO becomes far more formidable and effective with Greenland in the hands of the UNITED STATES," says President Donald Trump. "Anything less than that is unacceptable." Greenland is part of the realm of Denmark, a NATO ally. *Luis M. Alvarez, AP*

The president has called for the U.S. to be in charge of Venezuela and Greenland.

Linley Sander *Associated Press*

More than half of U.S. adults believe President Donald Trump has "gone too far" in using the U.S. military to intervene in other countries, according to a new AP-NORC poll.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research was conducted Jan. 8-11, after Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's capture. It found that 56% of U.S. adults think Trump has overstepped on military interventions abroad, while majorities disapprove of how the Republican president is handling foreign policy in general and Venezuela in particular.

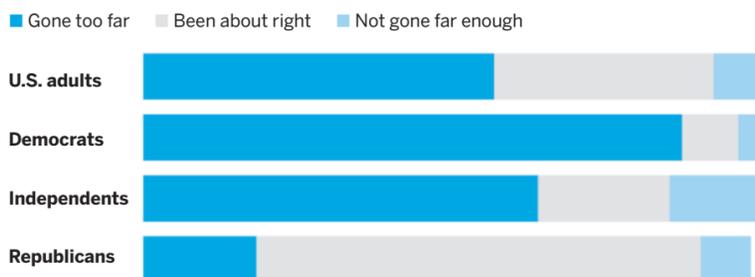
The findings largely cut against Trump's aggressive foreign policy stance, which has recently included efforts to exert control over Venezuelan oil, calls for the U.S. to take over Greenland and warnings that the U.S. would provide aid to people protesting in Iran.

Many did see the Trump administration's recent intervention in Venezuela as a "good thing" for stopping the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S. and a benefit for the Venezuelan people, but fewer say it's a positive for U.S. national security or the U.S. economy.

Republicans are mostly following Trump's lead, despite the sharp contrast with the "America First" platform he ran on. But few Republicans want Trump to go further, underscoring the risks of a continued focus abroad.

### HAS TRUMP 'GONE TOO FAR' ON INTERVENTION ABROAD?

Percent who say Trump has \_\_\_\_\_ in using the U.S. military to intervene in other countries:



Responses of "don't know" are not shown. Results are based on interviews with 1,203 U.S. adults conducted Jan. 8-12, 2026. The margin of error is ±3.9 percentage points for the full sample.

Source: The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

### MOST REPUBLICANS BACK TRUMP

While the U.S. used its military power in Venezuela to capture Maduro, Trump has also made recent comments about seizing Greenland "the hard way" if Denmark's leaders do not agree to a deal for the U.S. to take it over, and he has warned Iran that the U.S. will come to the "rescue" of peaceful protesters.

Democrats and independents are driving the belief that Trump has overstepped. About 9 in 10 Democrats and roughly 6 in 10 independents say Trump has "gone too far" on military intervention, compared with about 2 in 10 Republicans.

The vast majority of Republicans, 71%, say Trump's actions have been "about right," and only about 1 in 10 want to see him go further.

About 6 in 10 Americans, 57%, disapprove of how Trump is handling the sit-

uation in Venezuela, which is slightly lower than the 61% who disapprove of his approach to foreign policy.

Both measures are in line with his overall job approval, which has largely remained steady throughout his second term.

### VENEZUELA INTERVENTION

Many Americans see some benefits from U.S. intervention in Venezuela.

About half of Americans believe the U.S. intervening in Venezuela will be "mostly a good thing" for halting the flow of illegal drugs into the country.

Close to 4 in 10, 44%, believe the U.S. actions will do more to benefit than harm the Venezuelan people, who lived under Maduro's dictatorship for more than a decade.

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### PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

## Suspended Ford worker ends fundraisers that raised \$800,000

TJ Sabula said he appreciates the outpouring of support, but asked potential donors to "look for other causes."

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The Ford factory worker who was suspended from his job after yelling "pedophile protector" at President Donald Trump has stopped accepting donations to a pair of crowdfunding campaigns benefiting him.

On Thursday, TJ Sabula put an end to the fundraisers after they combined to raise more than \$800,000.

Sabula did not start either of the two campaigns, but was made the beneficiary of both. One campaign was started by a family friend, while the other did not identify the creator's relationship to Sabula. Both campaigns sought donations to help Sabula pay his bills while he awaits Ford's decision on his employment.

"We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support! At this time we are closing donations to this campaign and encourage you to look for other causes and organizations to support. We appreciate every single donation, comment, share, and sign of support!" reads a message left by Sabula on one of the fundraiser pages, while a similar statement was shared by the creator of the second campaign.

In total, the two campaigns raised \$811,010 for Sabula.

As news of Sabula's actions spread, donations began pouring in from people who supported him. That included legendary professional wrestling manager Jim Cornette, who, along with his wife, Stacey Cornette, donated \$5,000. That donation was tied for the largest single donation made to the fundraisers.

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President Donald Trump tours Ford's River Rouge complex in Dearborn on Tuesday. A line worker who heckled the president during the tour was suspended, but since then, two fundraisers for the worker, TJ Sabula, have generated more than \$800,000 as of Thursday morning. *Mandel Ngan, AFP/Getty Images/TNS*

## Slotkin says she's under investigation for November video

Six Democrats told troops they can refuse illegal orders.

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, says federal prosecutors are investigating her after she participated in a November video on American troops refusing illegal orders.

Slotkin told The New York Times on Monday that an email was sent to the Senate's sergeant-at-arms from the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

In it, U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro requested an interview with Slotkin or her attorney.

The November video, which received wide media coverage, featured Slotkin and

five other Democrats advising U.S. military members that they can refuse illegal orders they've been given.

Trump, on social media, described the video as "seditious behavior, punishable by death."

Since then, U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced plans to investigate U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Arizona, for misconduct for his participation in the video.

Kelly, a retired Navy captain, was a military pilot who flew missions in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

He could lose his rank and military pension under a successful misconduct investigation.

Slotkin is a former CIA intelligence analyst who also served in Iraq. She said she needed 24/7 security after Trump called her and the others in the video "traitors."

The November video came amid concerns about strikes by the U.S. military on boats in the Caribbean, as well as U.S. troops being sent to certain American cities to help control crime.

Slotkin told the Times that Trump's administration is trying to intimidate her with the investigation.

"Facts matter little, but the threat matters quite a bit," she said. "The threat of legal action; the threat to your family; the threat to your staff; the threat to you."

