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Trump's approval slides, echoing Biden's numbers



President Donald Trump, left, and outgoing President Joe Biden attend Trump's inauguration in Washington on Jan. 20, 2025. KENNY HOLSTON-POOL VIA IMAGN IMAGES

Marquette: 58% of adults don't like Trump's performance

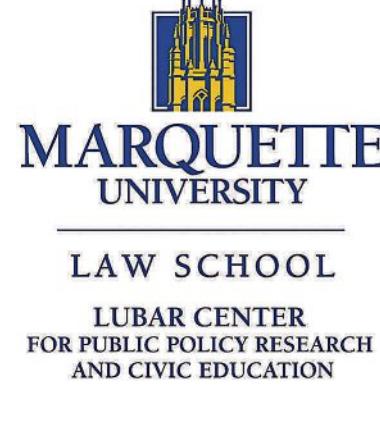


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At this point in his presidency four years ago, Democrat Joe Biden's job rating was tumbling. • He would never recover. • Is Republican President Donald Trump headed down the same path? • In the latest national poll by Marquette Law School, 42% of adults approve of the job Trump is doing, while 58% disapprove. • Trump's popularity is not "cratering," Marquette's polling suggests. • It is not "falling off a cliff." • But it has been slowly slipping since he took office more than a year ago. • Amid the volatility and abnormality of his second term, Trump's ratings have very gradually inched downward, toward the very negative realm where Biden spent most of his last three years in office.

Trump and Biden are very different presidents with very different political weaknesses, and there are important differences in the Trump and Biden first-year polling trends. Compared to Biden, Trump's presidency has been much more politically explosive, but his polling numbers have actually been steadier so far. That is because views of Trump are far more polarized and entrenched.

Going forward, that could mean Trump never sinks quite as far as Biden did because he has a larger core of



unshakeable support. But it also could make it hard for him to recover lost ground because people are so set in their attitudes about him, both pro and con.

Commonalities exist in the polling, too. The public soured toward both on their handling of inflation and the economy. Their standing among independents plunged during their first year. They both were, or became, almost universally disliked among the

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Note to readers

Due to the upcoming Presidents Day holiday, there will be no mail delivery on Monday, Feb. 16. Instead of receiving your Feb. 16 paper on Monday, you'll receive it in the mail on Tuesday, Feb. 17.



Stateview Commons, at 532 W. College Ave. in Appleton, no longer has a valid license to operate as a tourist rooming house. WM.

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Appleton upholds order for tourist rooming house to shut down

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A downtown Appleton tourist rooming house that was ordered to cease operation due to building code violations had its appeal of the order denied.

The Appleton Board of Health held a Feb. 11 hearing on the appeal and voted 7-0 to uphold the city's cease-and-desist order for Stateview Commons' tourist rooming house on the second floor of 532 W. College Ave.

A property inspection in March determined the tourist rooming house was in violation of building and fire codes. Appleton informed Keystone Futures LLC, doing business as Stateview Commons, in May that its tourist rooming house license wouldn't be renewed until the property was brought into compliance.

The license expired on June 30. Despite the expiration, the property continued to operate as a tourist rooming house without a valid license. As a result, the Health Department issued a cease-and-desist order in July.

Keystone appealed the order in August and proposed an interim safety plan. The city offered a conditional license agreement in September that, if executed, would have allowed the

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