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Trump Not as Popular as Obama: Voters Give President 'F' Grade, Call Him Embarrassing, Poll Says

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President Donald Trump is doing much worse than President Barack Obama in his early months in office, a McClatchy-Marist poll released Friday found. More than 30 percent of Americans gave Trump an "F" grade for his job performance during his first two months in office. Obama was given an "F" from just 11 percent of voters [during his first months in the White House](#).

That means about 1 in 3 voters thinks Trump is failing at his job. And 51 percent disapprove of his work.

“There’s no honeymoon,” Lee Miringoff, who heads the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion in New York, which conducted the survey, told McClatchy. “He’s spending political capital that he didn’t acquire on Election Day. And he hasn’t done anything to cultivate it.”



President Donald Trump talks to journalists at the Oval Office of the White House after the AHCA health care bill was pulled before a vote in Washington, March 24, 2017.
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Not everyone is a Trump critic. About 38 percent approved of his performance and 22 percent gave him a "B" grade. Another 15 percent of registered voters each graded him "A," "C" or "D."

Obama got an "A" or "B" from 58 percent of voters surveyed in the early months of his presidency in 2009.

Voters are unhappy with Trump because of his personality, not just his policies. Nearly 60 percent of Americans said his behavior was embarrassing, while 31 percent said he had made them proud.

"Every time he speaks . . . it is so negative," Whitney Milton, 31, a professional singer from Atlanta who participated in the poll, [told McClatchy](#). "I have never seen someone who has riled up so many people."

The poll taken from March 22 to 27 surveyed 1,062 adults, including 906 registered voters. The margin of error was 3 percentage points.

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