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Reporters raised their hands during a news conference with President Trump Thursday.

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Majorities of Americans believe Trump “keeps his promises,” “is a strong and decisive leader,” and “can bring about the changes this country needs,” a new [Gallup poll](#) found.

But less than half of the respondents say Trump “can manage government effectively,” “inspires confidence,” “cares about the needs of people like you,” and “is honest and trustworthy.”

About two-thirds of Americans also said they believe world leaders “do not have much respect” for Trump, according to [Gallup](#).

Gallup noted that Trump’s job approval rating at the time of the poll, conducted between Feb. 1 and 5, was 42 percent. That was the lowest such rating this early in a presidency since 1945, when Gallup began tracking presidential job approval.



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Gallup said the low job approval rating suggests that “the credit the public gives Trump for possessing several of these qualities [like keeping promises and being a strong and decisive leader] doesn’t necessarily translate into broad approval of the way he is performing his job as president.”

The results, based on interviews with a random sample of 1,035 adults nationwide, also highlighted how Democrats and Republicans are worlds apart in their views of Trump.

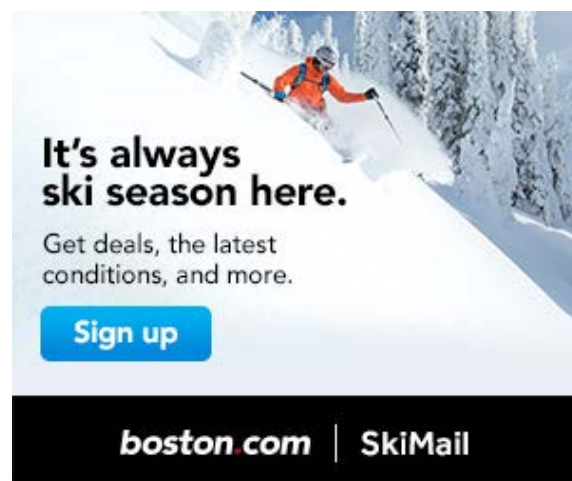
For example, 81 percent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents said that Trump “is honest and trustworthy” compared with just 9 percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the survey showed.

Gallup [reported](#) that the number of Republicans who said

they were satisfied with the way things are going in the United States was up sharply in a survey conducted this month compared to a survey last month, while the opposite was true among Democrats.

The polling company said it has seen “similar realignments in Democrats’ and Republicans’ satisfaction with how things are going in the country after a president of a new party takes office.”

Results of another recent poll conducted by the [Pew Research Center](#) show that Americans’ early impressions of Trump are “strongly felt” and “deeply polarized.”



How Americans view President Trump

This graphic shows the percentage of people polled who said each quality or characteristic applies to President Trump.

Keeps his promises



Is a strong and decisive leader



Can bring about the changes this country needs



Cares about the needs of people like you



Inspires confidence



Can manage the government effectively



Is honest and trustworthy



How Democrats v. Republicans view President Trump

This graphic shows the percentage of Democrats and Democratic leaners who said each quality or

characteristic applies to President Trump vs. the percentage of Republicans and Republican leaners who did.

Quality/Characteristic	Democrats/Leaners	Republicans/Leaners
Keeps his promises	36%	91%
Is a strong and decisive leader	29%	94%
Can bring about the changes this country needs	20%	93%
Cares about the needs of people like you	9%	89%
Inspires confidence	13%	81%
Can manage the government effectively	8%	86%
Is honest and trustworthy	9%	81%

SOURCE: Gallup interviews with a random sample of 1,035 adults nationwide conducted Feb. 1-5, 2017.

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