



# The White House Ballroom and Washington, D.C. Beautification

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U.S. National Survey Results

This survey was conducted online within the United States from **May 28-29, 2026** among **1,005 registered voters** via the HarrisX Overnight Poll.

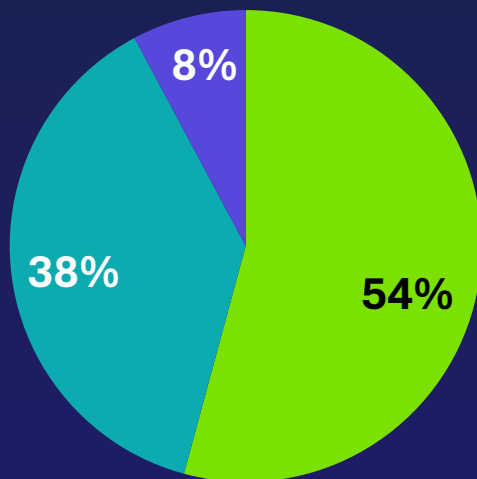
Respondents for the **HarrisX Overnight Poll** are recruited through opt-in, web-panel recruitment sampling. Recruitment occurs through a broad variety of professional, validated respondent panels to expand the sampling frame as wide as possible and minimize the impact of any given panel on recruiting methods.

The results reflect a **nationally representative sample of registered voters**. Results were weighted for age, gender, region, race/ethnicity, party, income, ideology, and education where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. The margin of error for the total sample is +/-3.1 percentage points.

# Voters don't see the White House ballroom as a serious issue and most think Trump is spending too much time on it

## Do you think President Trump is...

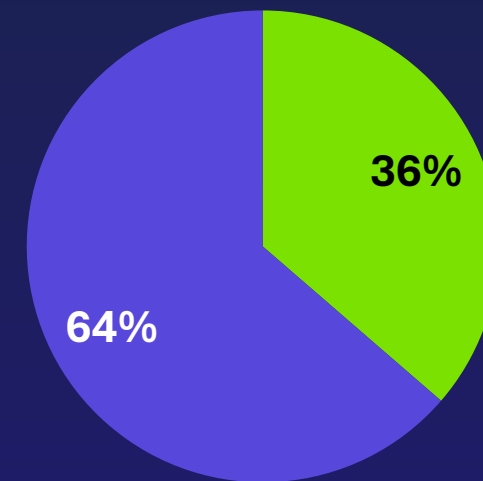
- Spending too much time on the White House ballroom
- Spending about the right amount of time
- Not spending enough time on the White House ballroom



	GOP	DEM	IND
Too much	27%	82%	57%
About right	66%	13%	33%
Not enough	6%	5%	10%

## Do you think that the White House ballroom is a serious issue getting an appropriate amount of attention, or it isn't a big issue either way and politicians should spend more time on other things?

- Serious issue getting an appropriate amount of attention
- Isn't a big issue either way



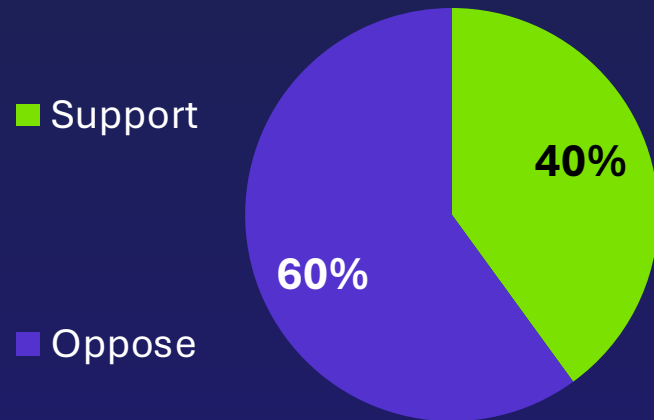
	GOP	DEM	IND
Serious issue	30%	43%	38%
Isn't a big issue	70%	57%	62%

DC5. Do you think that President Trump is...

DC6. Do you think that the White House ballroom is a serious issue getting an appropriate amount of attention, or it isn't a big issue either way and politicians should spend more time on other things?

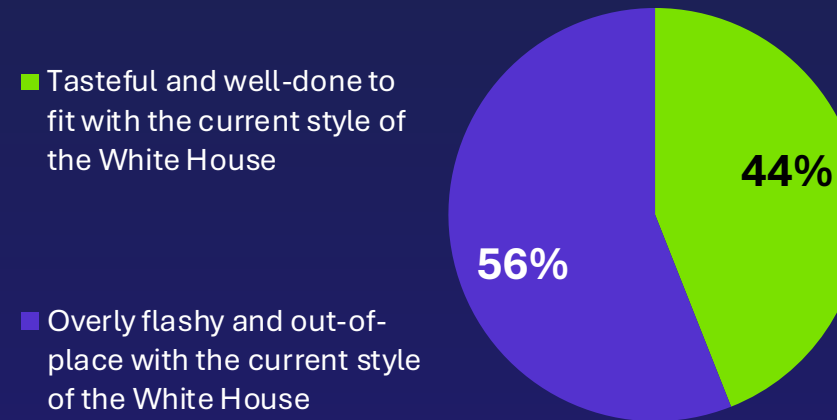
# Most voters oppose construction of a new White House ballroom and believe it looks out-of-place with the building's current style

Do you support or oppose the construction of a new White House ballroom?



	GOP	DEM	IND
Support	70%	15%	33%
Oppose	30%	85%	67%

Based on what you have seen, do you think that the White House ballroom under construction looks...



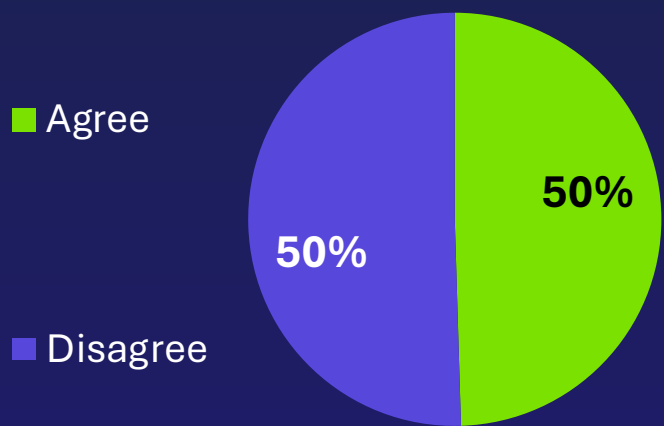
	GOP	DEM	IND
Tasteful and well-done	75%	21%	35%
Overly flashy and out-of-place	25%	79%	65%

DC2: Do you support or oppose the construction of a new White House ballroom?

DC7. Based on what you have seen, do you think that the White House ballroom under construction looks...

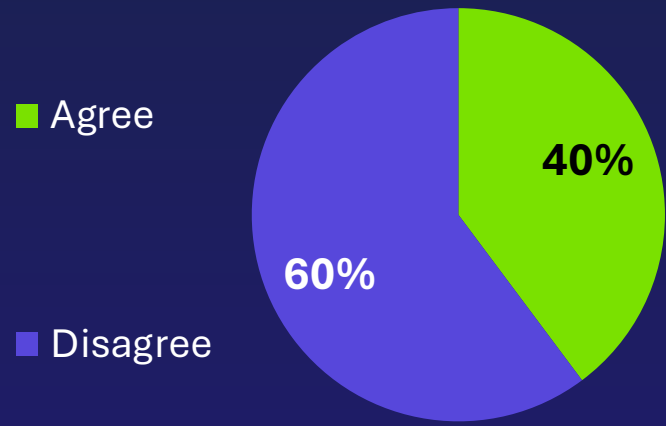
# Half believe the White House needs renovations, but voters are less convinced about the ballroom

The White House needs renovation after many decades, including the construction of space for modern diplomatic and social events and a new security bunker under the historical building



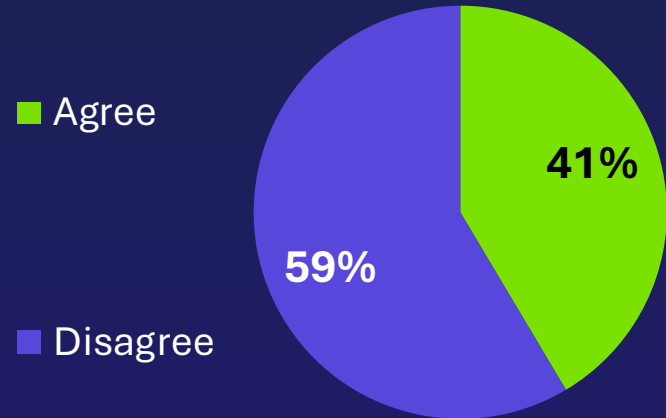
	GOP	DEM	IND
Agree	75%	26%	45%
Disagree	25%	74%	55%

A new White House ballroom is needed to avoid the deployment of costly temporary structures like big tents on the South Lawn every time the White House is hosting an event



	GOP	DEM	IND
Agree	68%	18%	31%
Disagree	32%	82%	69%

A new White House ballroom needs to be built for security and protective reasons



	GOP	DEM	IND
Agree	70%	19%	32%
Disagree	30%	81%	68%

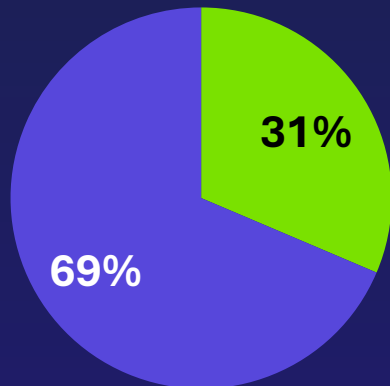
DC2A: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

# Voters want Congress or an independent body to oversee changes to the White House or federal structures

Do you believe that President Trump should have final decision-making authority over changes to \_\_\_ or should there be oversight from an independent body or Congress?

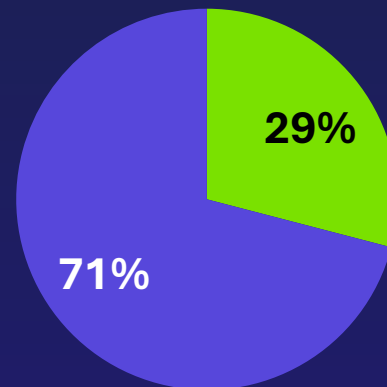
- President Trump should have final decision-making authority
- There should be oversight from an independent body or Congress

The White House



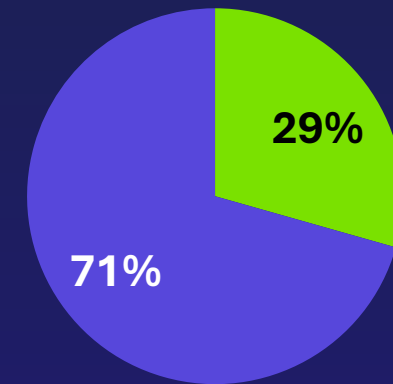
	GOP	DEM	IND
President Trump	56%	12%	24%
Independent body or Congress	44%	88%	76%

Federal Government Buildings



	GOP	DEM	IND
President Trump	52%	10%	22%
Independent body or Congress	48%	90%	78%

Federal Parks and Monuments



	GOP	DEM	IND
President Trump	52%	15%	19%
Independent body or Congress	48%	85%	81%

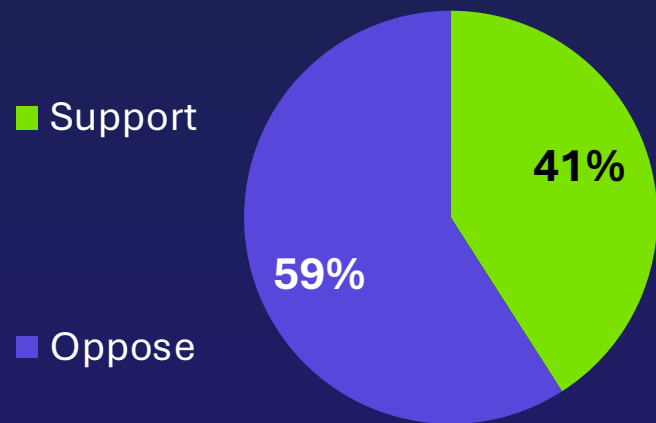
DC4. Do you believe that President Trump should have final decision-making authority over the changes to the White House or should there be oversight from an independent body or Congress?

DC4B. Do you believe that President Trump should have final decision-making authority over changes to federal government buildings or should there be oversight from an independent body or Congress?

DC4C. Do you believe that President Trump should have final decision-making authority over changes to federal parks and monuments or should there be oversight from an independent body or Congress?

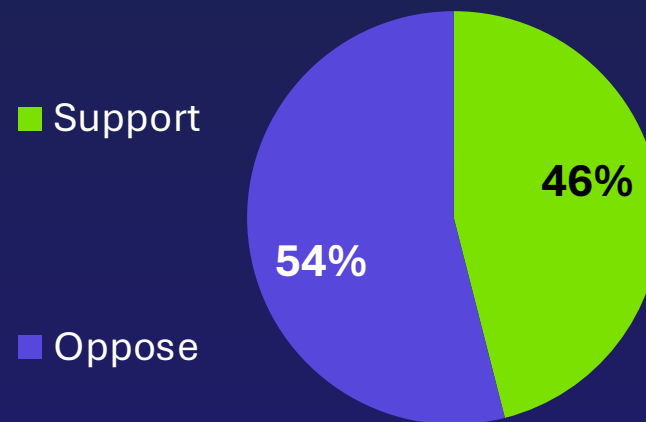
# Improving D.C.'s public parks has widespread support, but other Trump beautification projects draw more opposition

Painting the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool blue



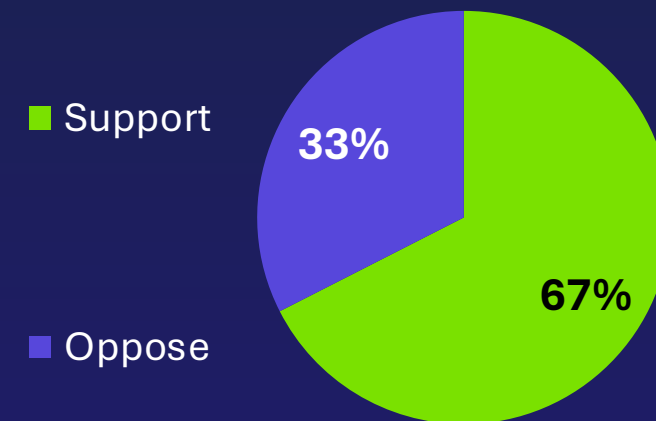
	GOP	DEM	IND
Support	63%	21%	37%
Oppose	37%	79%	63%

Building a United States Triumphal Arch in Washington, D.C. to celebrate America's 250th anniversary



	GOP	DEM	IND
Support	69%	28%	40%
Oppose	31%	72%	60%

Improving urban parks in Washington, D.C. in advance of America 250

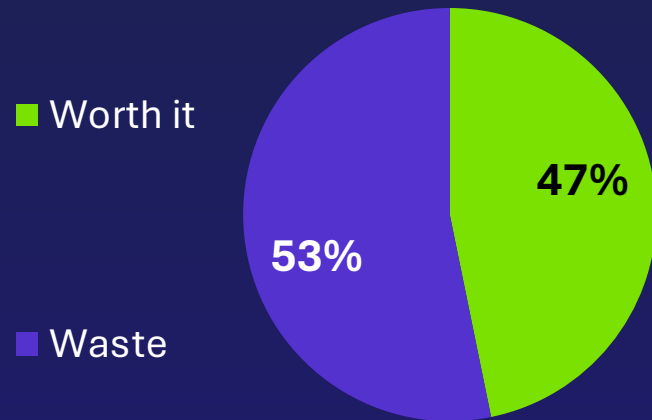


	GOP	DEM	IND
Support	83%	57%	63%
Oppose	17%	43%	37%

DC8. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

# Voters are closely split on whether the beautification projects are worth it or a waste, and most believe Trump is pushing them due to ego

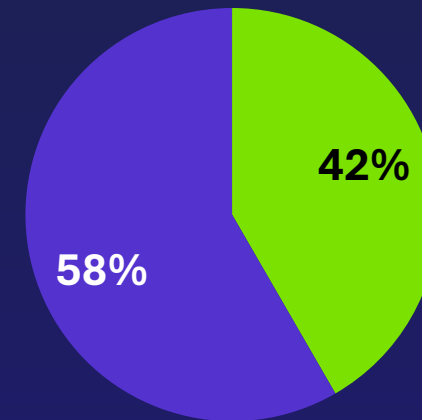
Are these projects a waste of taxpayer dollars or is it worth it to improve the nation's capital in advance of America 250 and beyond?



	GOP	DEM	IND
Worth it	72%	27%	40%
Waste	28%	73%	60%

Do you think that President Trump is pushing these projects ...

- Because he wants to make Washington, D.C. and the White House more beautiful for the American people
- Because of ego and wanting to put his personal stamp on Washington, D.C., the White House, and the federal government



	GOP	DEM	IND
To make D.C. beautiful	68%	20%	34%
Because of ego	32%	80%	66%

DC9. Are these projects a waste of taxpayer dollars or is it worth it to improve the nation's capital in advance of America 250 and beyond?

DC10. Do you think that President Trump is pushing these projects ...