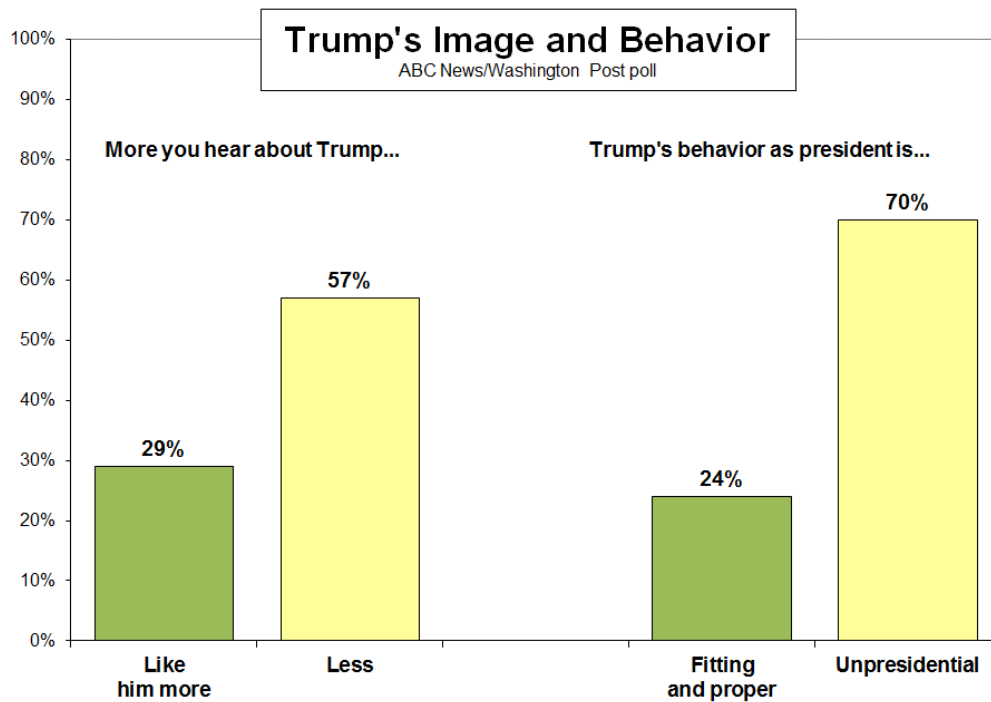


Public to Trump: #StopTweeting

Americans are highly disapproving of Donald Trump in personal terms, with his tweeting habit a major irritant: Seventy percent say he’s acted in an unpresidential manner since taking office, 68 percent don’t see him as a positive role model and 67 percent disapprove of his use of Twitter.

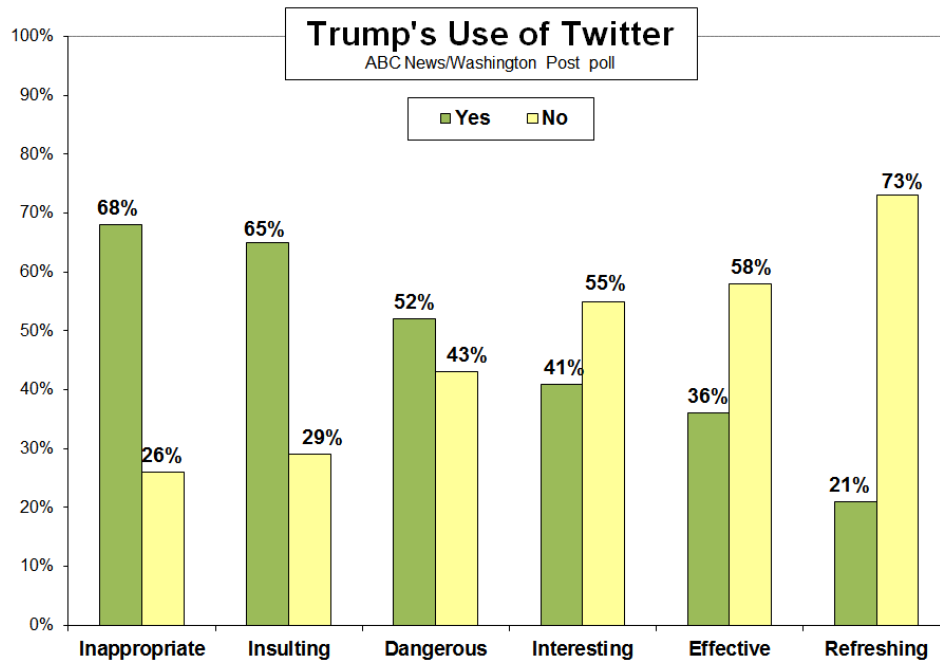
Fifty-seven percent in this ABC News/Washington Post poll also say that the more they hear about Trump the less they like him, vs. 29 percent who like him more. And 56 percent say unpresidential conduct by Trump is “damaging to the presidency overall.”



Trump’s behavior comes in for some criticism even in his own camp. Nearly four in 10 Republicans, 38 percent, say his conduct has been unpresidential rather than “fitting and proper” for a president. So do 48 percent of evangelical white Protestants and 55 percent of non-college-educated white men, two core Trump support groups.

Specific to Twitter, word associations with Trump’s tweets are broadly negative in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#). Sixty-eight percent find them “inappropriate,” 65 percent “insulting,” 52 percent even “dangerous.” Fewer apply more positive descriptions: “Interesting,” 41 percent; “effective,” 36 percent; or “refreshing,” 21 percent.

Such views are an important element of Trump’s poor job performance ratings. As reported Sunday, just 36 percent of Americans approve of his work in office overall, a record low at the six-month mark, and two-thirds distrust him to represent the United States in negotiations with other world leaders.



There are sharp differences among groups in response to Trump’s tweets, even beyond typical partisan and ideological divisions. While 58 percent of men call them inappropriate, that jumps to 78 percent among women. Conversely, just 29 percent of women see his tweets as interesting, vs. 54 percent of men. Forty-six percent of whites see them as dangerous, rising to 65 percent of nonwhites. Even among Republicans, well fewer than half, 41 percent, say they’re refreshing.

SAY WHY? – In an open-ended question, negative personal attributes – rather than policy positions – are most mentioned as the top complaints by people who disapprove of Trump: acting inappropriately (13 percent), being ill-informed (12 percent) and making false statements (also 12 percent). Among his approvers, the economy and jobs top the list (cited by 11 percent total), followed by positive attributes – speaking his mind (9 percent) and strong leadership (again 9 percent).

The broad sense of inappropriateness by Trump informs another result – just 30 percent see him as a positive role model for young people, vs. 68 percent who say not. Among groups, half of white evangelicals see him as a good role model, fewer than might be expected in a key support group. And among young adults themselves, age 18 to 29, he’s seen as a good role model by just 19 percent.

An even worse result on this question has been seen before – as few as 18 percent of Americans saw Bill Clinton as a positive role model. Clinton earned that approbation by having an affair

with a White House intern; Trump's, by contrast, seems rooted in what he says – 140 characters at a time.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone July 10-13, 2017, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 35-23-35 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt Associates of Cambridge, Mass. See details on the survey's methodology [here](#).

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ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com at <http://abcnews.com/pollingunit>.

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Full results follow.

1, 4-17 previously released; 18-26 held for release.

*= less than 0.5 percent

2. (IF APPROVE) What do you approve of most in Trump's presidency so far?

	7/13/17
Speaking his mind/not being politically correct	9
Strong leadership/determination	9
Improving economy	6
Keeping jobs/creating jobs	6
Preventing illegal immigration/protecting borders/ building wall	6
Keeping his promises	6
Foreign affairs	6
Fighting terrorism/Islamic State	4
Health care law/effort to repeal Obamacare	3
Change from Obama/Democrats	2
Travel ban in Muslim-majority countries	2
Shaking things up/draining swamp	2
Criticizing media	1
Cutting regulations	1
Cutting the budget/reducing the size of government	1
Dropping out of the Paris Climate agreement	1
Neil Gorsuch/Supreme Court nomination	1
Everything	9
Other	17
No opinion	8

3. (IF DISAPPROVE) What do you disapprove of most in Trump's presidency so far?

	7/13/17
Inappropriate way he talks and acts	13
Being ignorant/ignorant about policy	12
Lies/false statements	12

Immigration/The wall	7
Health care	7
Twitter/tweeting	5
Russia/Russia investigation	4
Travel ban in Muslim-majority countries	3
Corruption/Ethics	1
Dropping out of Paris Agreement/global warming	1
Environmental protection	1
North Korea	1
Taxes	1
Fired FBI director/James Comey	*
Budget cuts to food stamps/safety net	*
Everything	12
Other	17
No opinion	2

Thinking more about the president,

27. Would you say that the more you hear about Trump (the more you like him), or the more you hear about Trump (the less you like him)?

	Like more	Like less	Makes no difference (vol.)	Haven't heard enough	No opinion
7/13/17	29	57	11	NA	3
Trend among leaned Republicans:					
7/13/17	62	18	16	NA	4
10/18/15*	47	45	5	0	3

28. Since taking office, do you think Trump has acted in a way that's (fitting and proper for a president of the United States), or has he acted in a way that's (unpresidential)? (IF UNPRESIDENTIAL) Do you think that's damaging to the presidency overall, or not damaging?

	Fitting and proper	NET	Unpresidential Damaging	Not damaging	No opinion
7/13/17	24	70	56	14	6

29. Do you think the following statement applies to Trump, or not? He's a positive role model for young people.

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/13/17	30	68	3

Bill Clinton:

9/13/98*	18	79	3
8/23/98*	21	75	4

*ABC News

30. Do you approve of Trump's use of Twitter? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	Approve Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Disapprove Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
7/13/17	24	13	11	67	15	53	9

31. For each word I say, please tell me if it does or does not reflect your opinion of Trump's tweets. Do you find them [ITEM]?

7/13/17 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. refreshing	21	73	6
b. inappropriate	68	26	6
c. interesting	41	55	4
d. insulting	65	29	6
e. effective	36	58	7
f. dangerous	52	43	5

*Half sample asked items a-c, other half asked items d-f

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