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This is what happens when the Trump cultists refuse to acknowledge anything outside their extremely insular bubble: they can't grasp that the majority of the country thinks he sucks and voted him out.

Check out the framing of this question from Fox News host [@DavidAsmanfox](#). Embarrassing.
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— Aaron Rupar ([@atrupar](#)) [January 2, 2021](#)

Not once in 4 years of Gallup's 3-day tracking of Trump's approval rating was it ever higher than 49%.

He was the least popular incumbent since Carter to run for re-election. It's not shocking that he got his ass kicked in the election. <https://t.co/7BSCQR2vI2>

Donald Trump's Presidential Job Approval Ratings

	Approval rating	Dates
	%	
Latest job approval rating	39	Dec 1-17, 2020
Term average to date	41	Jan 20, 2017-present
Highest job approval rating to date	49	Five times, last on May 1-13, 2020
Lowest job approval rating to date	35	Four times, last on Dec 11-17, 2017

GALLUP

But if you do nothing other than consume conservative media, you'd be under the false impression that he's popular, that his ideas are popular, and that the people who oppose him are a small group of haters.

In Gallup's last update before the election, Trump had a -6 net approval rating. The last time it was a net positive was in May when it was +1.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way
Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
	%	%	%
2020			
2020 Dec 1-17	39	57	5
2020 Nov 5-19	43	55	2
2020 Oct 16-27	46	52	1
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	43	55	2
2020 Sep 14-28	46	52	2
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	42	56	2
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	42	55	4
2020 Jul 1-23	41	56	3
2020 Jun 8-30	38	57	4
2020 May 28-Jun 4	39	57	4
2020 May 1-13	49	48	3
2020 Apr 14-28	49	47	4
2020 Apr 1-14	43	54	4
2020 Mar 13-22	49	45	6
2020 Mar 2-13	44	52	4
2020 Feb 17-28	47	51	2
2020 Feb 3-16	49	48	3
2020 Jan 16-29	49	50	1
2020 Jan 2-15	44	53	3

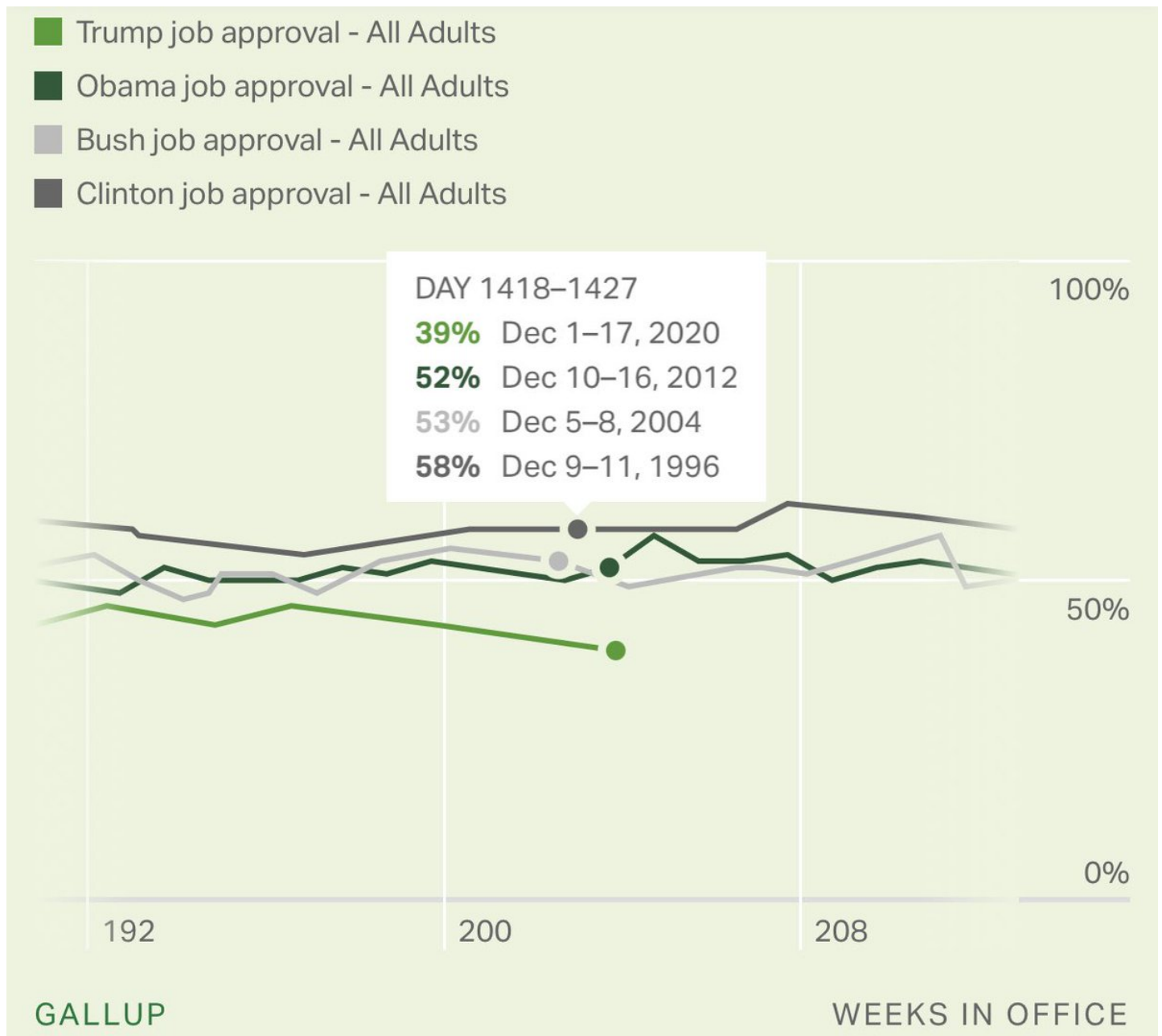
And here's how you get numbers like that: you do absolutely nothing to try to win over people who aren't already part of your base. Look at those numbers among independents.

Donald Trump Job Approval by Party Identification

	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
	%	%	%
2020			
2020 Dec 1-17	87	34	6
2020 Nov 5-19	90	39	3
2020 Oct 16-27	95	41	3
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	94	35	4
2020 Sep 14-28	94	39	7
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	92	36	4
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	90	39	5
2020 Jul 1-23	91	34	4
2020 Jun 8-30	91	33	2
2020 May 1-12	85	30	5

Just look how he compared to each of the previous 3 presidents at this point.

He banked on the Electoral College being tilted enough in favor of red states to get him re-elected. Turns out that it's not "get 39% approval rating POTUS re-elected" level tilted.



Each of these "can you BELIEVE Biden got x number of votes more than Obama?!" takes ignore a.) population growth, and b.) highest turnout ever because people really, really wanted to kick him out of office because he's wildly unpopular

You could tell me that a ham sandwich got 85 million votes, and as long as it was running against Trump, I'd think, "Yeah, that tracks."

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Policies supported by Democrats are often treated in the press as “extreme,” even if they’re supported by a majority of the country.

For instance, while it may not be apparent because of congressional inaction, but legislative measures to curb gun violence through things like bans on [high-capacity magazines](#), [extreme risk protection orders](#), and bans on the sale of [semi-automatic weapons](#) are actually pretty popular. A majority of Americans — including [more than half of Republicans](#) — support banning so-called “assault weapons,” with the specific number [depending on how the particular question is framed](#).

Similarly, [both Democrats and Republicans support legislation](#) that would make it illegal to discriminate against LGBTQ people in employment. Still, the Equality Act, a bill that would codify those protections into law, languishes in the Senate after passing the House of Representatives almost entirely along party lines (the bill has 237 Democratic [co-sponsors](#) in the House, but only three Republicans signed onto it). And despite the belief of 79% of Republicans and 94% of Democrats that it should be illegal for doctors to refuse to treat transgender people, the Trump administration has [continued to try to implement rules](#) that would allow doctors and insurance companies to do exactly that. While those efforts have thus far been [stymied by the court system](#), pushback from Republican legislators has been virtually nonexistent.

On this point, I think it's worth exploring why it is that the press constantly scolds Democrats for supporting progressive policies are "out of step with America," while those are policies are actually pretty popular. <https://t.co/4KGMzeOuFV>

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Trump spent his time in office fighting for policies that *barely* even played well with Republican voters. For instance, he devoted time and resources to enacting policies about trans people in the military or accessing healthcare. <https://t.co/CV3871q9Ai> <https://t.co/6qKK7wq023>

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As President Donald Trump's ban on most transgender military servicemembers continues to face legal challenges, 71% of Americans support allowing openly transgender men and women to serve in the military.

U.S. Support for Transgender People Serving in the Military

Do you favor or oppose allowing openly transgender men and women to serve in the military?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
	%	%	%
National adults	71	26	2
Republicans	43	53	4
Independents	78	20	2
Democrats	88	11	1
Military veterans	56	43	1
Nonveterans	73	25	2
Men	64	34	2
Women	79	20	2
18-29	84	15	2
30-49	73	25	2
50-64	66	32	2
65+	66	33	1

May 15-30, 2019

The tl;dr is that Trump probably would have done better had he not obsessed with right-wing culture war crap and instead just worked on, you know, trying to govern as though he wants the support of everyone.

Like hey, you know what's actually really popular but is constantly treated like the most extreme policy on the face of the earth? Taxing the rich <https://t.co/bQVPLiFrKb>

But it may have broad public support, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll that found nearly two-thirds of respondents agree that the very rich should pay more.

Among the 4,441 respondents to the poll, 64% strongly or somewhat agreed that “the very rich should contribute an extra share of their total wealth each year to support public programs” - the essence of a wealth tax. Results were similar across gender, race and household income. While support among Democrats was stronger, at 77%, a majority of Republicans, 53%, also agreed with the idea.

A wealth tax is levied on an individual's net worth, such as stocks, bonds and real estate, as well as cash holdings, similar in concept to property taxes. It is separate from an income tax, which applies to wages, interest and dividends, among other sources.

Asked in the poll if “the very rich should be allowed to keep the money they have, even if that means increasing inequality,” 54% of respondents disagreed.

“Rich people have a right to blow their money on Lamborghinis and world-wide cruises or whatever,” said Esin Zimmerman, 53, a lifelong Republican from Madison, Minnesota, who wants higher taxes for the wealthy. “But that money could be used in other ways that help people.”

And you know what wasn't popular? Trump's tax cut. <https://t.co/e6sZWFm45C>

If you're wondering why the framing of these things are often so tilted to show GOP policies as mainstream and Dem policies as extreme, it's media decision-makers looking out for their own interests.

Conversely, many of the policies Trump and congressional Republicans have promoted remain relatively unpopular. Trump's 2017 move to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement was supported by [just 28%](#) of Americans. In 2019, as Trump's ban on transgender people serving in the military was enacted, a Gallup poll found that [just 26%](#) of American adults thought trans people shouldn't be allowed to serve. And as Trump and Republicans tried to work their tax plan through Congress in 2017, a Reuters/Ipsos poll based on the administration's "framework" document found that just 15% of registered voters thought tax reform should take priority over other issues, and [just 28%](#) of those who were familiar with the plan supported it. Even so, the unpopular bill was pushed through Congress largely along party lines, and nearly a year later, was supported by only [39% of Americans](#).