
When Trump Goes Low...

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U.S. President Donald Trump's approval rating fell to a new low over the weekend.

According to Gallup, Trump's approval rating dropped to 36 percent – one point lower than his previous worst. It fell below former Presidents Barack Obama's and Bill Clinton's lowest scores of 38 and 37 percent, respectively. Other former presidents such as George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and Richard Nixon all had approval ratings lower than 36 percent at least once, said Gallup.

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Trump entered office posting numbers that ranked him among the most unpopular presidents to occupy the White House. But approval ratings are inconstant, which means Trump's numbers will likely fluctuate throughout his presidency. The Republicans' inability to dismantle Obamacare – their first agenda item – is likely responsible for the president's current dismal performance as reported by Gallup.

In mid-January, Trump was 8 points higher with a 44 percent approval and a 51 percent disapproval rating during his transition period. His predecessor, President Barack Obama, enjoyed almost twice as high approval rating (83 percent) during his 2008 transition period. And, George W. Bush – who, like Trump, lost the popular vote – posted a very respectable 61 percent approval rating during his transition to enter the White House.

It is unclear how the sagging approval will affect Trump moving forward. While he won last year's electoral vote as a widely disliked candidate, he had competed against another unpopular choice, Hillary Clinton.
