

18% Approval Drop in 8 Months for Argentine President Macri

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Those that disapproved of Macri most are those taking the brunt of his neoliberal economic policies.

Argentine President Mauricio Macri's approval rating has plummeted since he first assumed office, according to a study released Sunday, the most dramatic fall coming from [lower-income](#) regions, which have most severely felt the consequences of his economic policy.

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Entering office with a rating of 72 percent in January, Macri is now holding onto a 46 percent approval rating: a drop of about 18 percent, recorded a study conducted by Poliarquia Consultores.

Only 19 percent of respondents have a positive view of the situation in Argentina, compared to 42 percent that view it negatively; two-thirds found Macri responsible. Those that found the situation normal, or neutral, attributed it to former president Cristina Kirchner by 73 percent.

"Society evaluated the current situation critically and with great concern, but at the same time keeps high expectations with respect to the future," said Poliarquia Consultores Director Alejandro Catterberg.

Macri polled the worst among respondents with a primary education—a quarter of respondents that previously supported Macri now do not approve of him—and in the northern and southern regions most affected by high inflation and a [rise in the cost](#) of public utilities.