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Below is the first of a series of monthly briefings prepared by The White House Office of Political Affairs. Each month, we will share political insights collected from within The White House and around the country – political intelligence, survey data and other information not covered by the mainstream media.

SETTING THE LANDSCAPE

Republicans currently hold a 51-49 advantage in the Senate and a 238-193 advantage in the House. 35 Senate seats will be contested this November – 26 held by Democrats or Independents and 9 by Republicans. All 435 House seats are up for election this year.

In 35 out of the 38 midterm elections since the end of the Civil War, the sitting President's party has lost House seats – the exceptions being 1934 (Great Depression Era/Roosevelt), 1998 (onset of impeachment proceedings/Clinton) and 2002 (post-September 11th/Bush). Since 1913, when the 17th Amendment was adopted (and the direct election of Senators began), the President's party has lost seats in 19 of 26 elections.

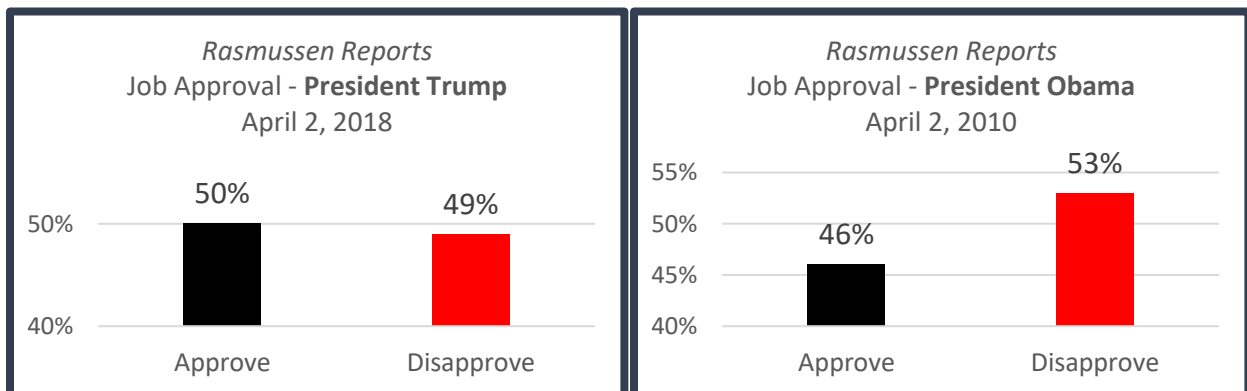
MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF CONGRESS

This past Tuesday, Republican Debbie Lesko won a special election against Democrat Hiral Tiperneni in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Lesko will be the new Representative for the suburban Phoenix district. President Trump called and spoke to our newest Member of Congress following her victory to offer his congratulations.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Rasmussen Reports

Rasmussen Reports' April 2, 2018 daily tracking survey placed **President Trump's job approval at 50 percent approve, 49 percent disapprove – a net positive of 1 percent**. Why is this notable? At the same 1+ year mark in Barack Obama's presidency eight years ago, Rasmussen polled President Obama's job approval at 46 percent approve, 53 percent disapprove – a net negative of 7 percent.



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Quinnipiac University

President Trump's job approval improved by a net 7 points since March, according to Quinnipiac University's April survey. According to Quinnipiac, **the President's job approval currently stands at its highest point since March 2017.**

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Ohio

President Trump unveiled his **Infrastructure Initiative** at the **International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18** Training Site in **Richfield, Ohio**. The President's Infrastructure Initiative has a target of \$1 trillion in infrastructure investment funded through a combination of new Federal funding, incentivized non-Federal funding, and newly prioritized and expedited projects. **President Trump was proud to stand with Ohio Congressman Jim Renacci** and members of Local 18, a union that serves over 15,000 members from 85 of Ohio's 88 counties.



President Trump and Congressman Jim Renacci in Ohio

West Virginia

President Trump visited White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia to highlight the positive effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The President hosted a roundtable discussion involving local companies who extended benefits to their employees as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, families positively impacted by the President's enactment of the legislation, and elected officials from West Virginia, **like Congressman Evan Jenkins and Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, who support President Trump's pro-growth economic agenda.** The President spoke with members of the Lilly and Hodge Families, who will save \$3,563 and \$2,417 (respectively) due to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

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President Trump and White Sulphur Springs Mayor Bruce Bowling, Congressmen Evan Jenkins, David McKinley & Alex Mooney, and Attorney General Patrick Morrisey

Missouri

In St. Louis, the President met with the CEOs and employees of 10 Missouri-based companies for a roundtable discussion related to the benefits of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 at Boeing Defense, Space & Security. All 10 companies who spoke with President Trump have announced bonuses, wage increases, or other investments for their employees or customers as a result of the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Boeing alone has delivered \$100 million in charitable donations, \$100 million for workforce development, and \$100 million for infrastructure and facilities.

Iowa

Assistant to the President **Ivanka Trump** joined **Governor Kim Reynolds** for a tour of the Waukee Innovation and Learning Center. They met with students and faculty and discussed skills-based training and tech education demonstrating the President and Governor's shared commitment to workforce and high-tech skills development.



Assistant to the President Ivanka Trump and Governor Kim Reynolds

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DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Tax Policy Center's April analysis, **the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will deliver residents of North Dakota the largest tax cut of any state in the country.** Thanks to the legislation proudly signed into law in December by President Trump, **the average North Dakotan will see a 10.8% drop in their average tax burden.** Below is a look at how North Dakota's federal representatives voted on the legislation:

Senator John Hoeven:	Voted YES on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
Senator Heidi Heitkamp:	Voted NO on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
Congressman Kevin Cramer:	Voted YES on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act