

## US GOVERNMENT BY THE NUMBERS

Public opinion polls reflect a growing frustration with government polarization and gridlock, but have our leaders become less effective and more divided? See how our government is really working with statistics about Congressional partisanship, legislative and judicial productivity, and discord between Presidents and Congress.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

• Both the House and the Senate •

#### NUMBER OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

16,601	116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2021)
13,556	115 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2017-2019)
12,063	114 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2017)

#### NUMBER OF LAWS ENACTED

344	116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2021)
443	115 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2017-2019)
329	114 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2017)

#### PARTISAN BREAKDOWN

HOUSE	SENATE
232 Democrats	45 Democrats
198 Republicans	53 Republicans
5 Vacancies	2 Independents
116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2021)	116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2021)
193 Democrats	47 Democrats
235 Republicans	51 Republicans
7 Vacancies	2 Independents
115 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2017-2019)	115 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2017-2019)
186 Democrats	44 Democrats
246 Republicans	51 Republicans
3 Vacancies	2 Independents
114 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2017)	114 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2017)

(From Ballotpedia & From Govtrack)

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

• The White House & Cabinet •

#### # OF BILLS VETOES

10	Trump (2016-2020)
12	Obama (2008-2016)
12	Bush (2000-2008)

#### # OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS PASSED

220	Trump (2016-2020)
276	Obama (2008-2016)
291	Bush (2000-2008)

#### APPROVAL RATING

40.38%	Trump (2016-2020)
47.97%	Obama (2008-2016)
51.35%	Bush (2000-2008)

#### POPULAR VOTE SHARE

52.3%	Biden (2020)
46.1%	Trump (2016)
51.1%	Obama (2012)
51.1%	Obama (2008)

(From UCSB American Presidency Project)

### JUDICIAL BRANCH

• All Article III federal judges •

#### # OF DECISIONS ISSUED

63	2019 term
92	2009 term
85	1999 term

#### % OF LOWER COURT DECISIONS REVERSED/VACATED

66.7%	2019 term
71.1%	2009 term
59.7%	1999 term

#### % OF CASES ACCEPTED

2.9%	2016 term
2.1%	2014 term
5.5%	2012 term
2.8%	2010 term

From SupremeCourt.gov & Supreme Court Press

### PRO TIP

You can use POLITICO Pro's Legislative Compass to track bills from introduction to final passage and our Congressional Directory to learn more about the Representatives, Senators, and staffers writing them.