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# The Washington ImPACT

## The 101 on the 202

### FY24 appropriations

- President Biden released a \$6.8 trillion FY24 budget proposal on March 9
- With Republicans in control of the House, it is highly improbable that the plan in its current state will pass
- Over the next few months, congressional leaders and appropriators in the House and the Senate will draft their own budget proposals for FY24

### Silicon Valley Bank was seized by US banking regulators in the largest bank failure since 2008

- SVB collapsed within two days after the company told investors late on March 8 that it needed to raise \$2.25 billion to recoup losses from devalued bond purchases
- Customers were concerned about the future of the bank and began pulling out their funds in a bank run that crippled the company on March 9
- The FDIC established a new bank, the Deposit Insurance National Bank of Santa Clara (DINB), into which all SVB's deposits were transferred
- While only deposits up to \$250,000 are insured by the federal government, the Treasury, Federal Reserve, and FDIC released a joint statement on March 12 ensuring all depositors access to their funds (including uninsured amounts)

### Trivia



When was the last time Congress passed all its required appropriations bills before the start of the new fiscal year?

A 1997

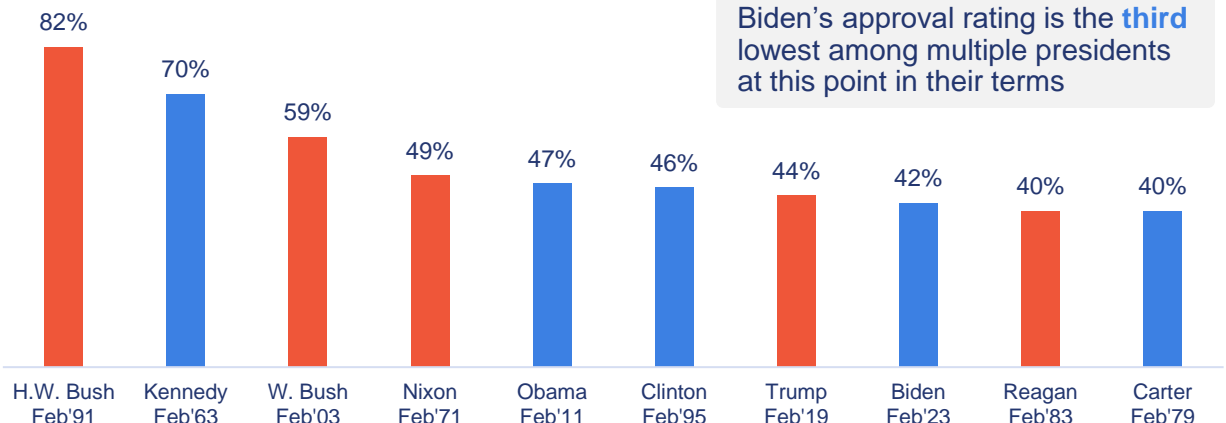
B 2003

C 2011

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## Comparative presidential approval ratings

GALLUP, IN FEBRUARY OF EACH PRESIDENT'S THIRD YEAR



Biden's approval rating is the **third** lowest among multiple presidents at this point in their terms



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## The Look Ahead



### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress priorities

With committee rosters fully fleshed out and the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress ready to begin in full, lawmakers will set their sights on two key issues this month.

### 2023 Farm Bill

- The 2018 Farm Bill expires in 2023, making the 2023 Farm Bill one of the biggest legislative priorities of the year
- The Democratic Senate and Republican House will need to work together to pass a bipartisan bill funding food, nutrition, and agriculture programs
- If the divided Congress fails to compromise on high profile issues like climate and SNAP funding, they may be forced to pass a continuing resolution

### SVB collapse

- Democrats have proposed congressional hearings and new legislation to respond to the collapse of SVB
- Republicans are divided on the issue; some conservative lawmakers have denounced the government's intervention, while others have acknowledged the federal government's ability to handle the situation
- Congressional hearings on the SVB collapse could gain bipartisan support, but legislation increasing regulatory safeguards for banks is unlikely to pass due to the Republican majority in the House

## President Biden's FY24 budget request by cabinet department

BASE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

