

# The Washington ImPACT

## The 101 on the 202

### House Freedom Caucus threatens to induce a government shutdown

- With Congress unlikely to complete work on appropriation bills by the September 30 deadline, leadership has called for a short-term funding solution via continuing resolution to provide themselves with more time to pass the new spending bills
- On August 21, the House Freedom Caucus announced that it would oppose any stopgap funding measures unless it includes several concessions on key policy priorities
- The group cited the need to rein in inflationary spending and the “out-of-control federal bureaucracy”

### Eight GOP presidential candidates took the stage in the first 2024 primary debate in Milwaukee on August 23

- Ron DeSantis, Vivek Ramaswamy, Chris Christie, Nikki Haley, Tim Scott, Asa Hutchinson, Doug Burgum, and Mike Pence attended the first GOP primary debate
- Key issues discussed during the debate included Trump and January 6, abortion, Ukraine, and the economy
- Frontrunner and former President Donald Trump opted to skip the debate in favor of releasing a pre-recorded interview with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson

### Trivia

When did Congress last pass appropriations by the Oct. 1 deadline?

**A** FY1972

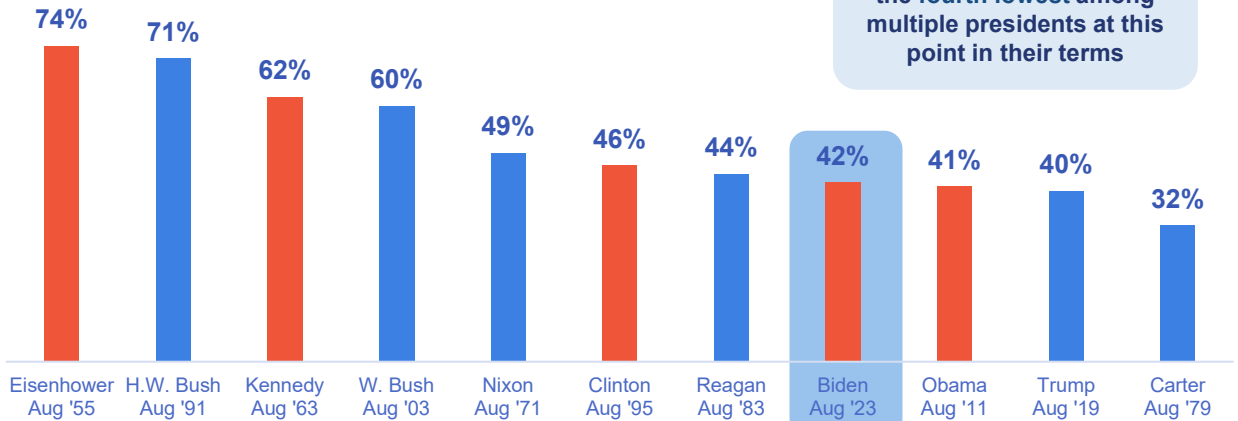
**B** FY1997

**C** FY2004

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## Comparative presidential approval ratings

GALLUP, IN AUGUST OF EACH PRESIDENT'S THIRD YEAR



Sources: Politico, X, HuffPost, Washington Post, Gallup, Vox, NYT, PBS.

# The Look Ahead



## Key legislative priorities

Congress is focusing on FY2024 appropriations in September ahead of the start of the new fiscal year on October 1.

### FY2024 Appropriations

- Congress needs to pass appropriations legislation for FY2024 or enact a continuing resolution to fund the government before the new fiscal year begins on October 1
- The House Freedom Caucus will not support a continuing resolution that does not address the “weaponization of the Justice Department and FBI”, increasing the likelihood of a government shutdown

### 2023 Farm Bill

- The 2018 Farm Bill expires on September 30, but Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) reported that the Farm Bill is not likely to be reauthorized prior by that deadline
- Congress is instead using December 31 as the new deadline
- The projected total cost for the 2023 Farm Bill is \$1.463 trillion, covering agriculture, conservation, nutrition programs, and research spending

**If appropriations are not passed by October 1, a government shutdown could occur**

## 3 WAYS TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



### Continuing resolution

Provides budget authority for federal agencies and programs to operate until regular appropriations are enacted

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### Omnibus bill

Package of appropriations bills passed together, rather than in the traditional separate manner

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### Cromnibus bill

Combination of long-term omnibus spending bills and short-term continuing resolution for some programs

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