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The Latest on the  
Economy



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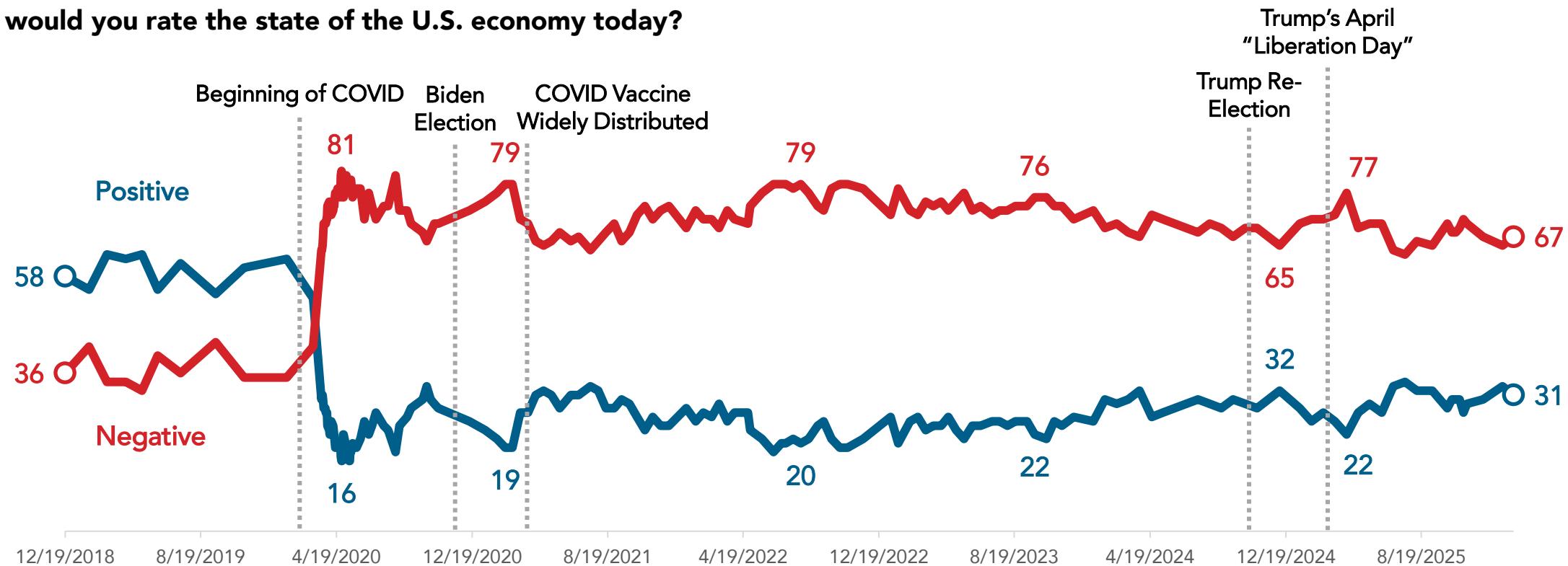
## Key Takeaways:

- Two in three Americans rate the United States economy negatively.
- A majority of Americans feel uneasy about their personal financial situation over the next few months. While Americans were more optimistic when Trump was first elected in his second term, unease spiked after his “Liberation Day” tariffs in April 2025 and have struggled to recover since.

# A Majority of Americans Continue to Rate the Economy Negatively

Views of the economy remain deeply negative, with two in three Americans (67%) saying they feel negatively about the state of the U.S. economy today.

**How would you rate the state of the U.S. economy today?**



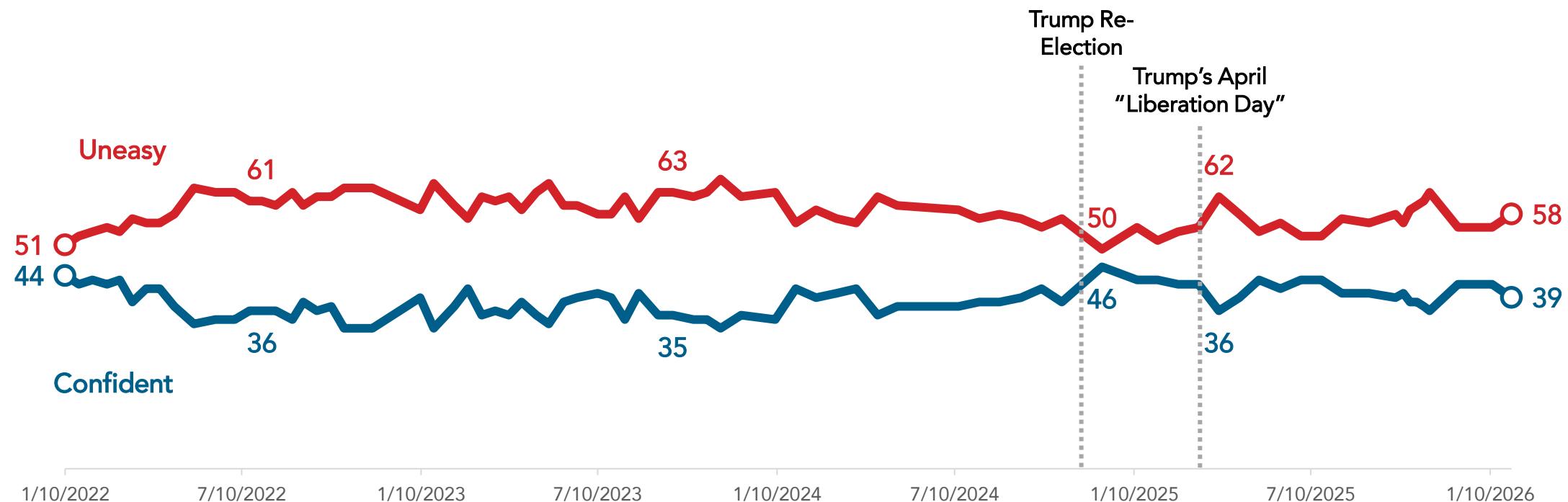
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# On Their Own Personal Financial Situations, a Majority of Americans Remain Uneasy

In Trump's second term, while Americans were more optimistic after his victory (just net -4 confident), his "Liberation Day" tariffs in April 2025 spiked that unease (net -26 confident), and numbers have hardly rebounded since (now at net -19 confident).

**Thinking about your personal financial situation over the next few months, do you feel confident or uneasy?**



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## About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO.

## About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from January 29-February 1, 2026. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables. The margin of error for the full sample at the 95 percent level of confidence is +/- 3.1 percentage points. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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