

NESOE Lesson – Student Version

Title: How Americans See Donald Trump Today

Level: Mid-Intermediate | Length: 60 minutes

Section 1 – Reading Passage

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Donald Trump remains one of the most influential and polarizing figures in American life. In 2025, many Americans see him through sharply different lenses—admiration, frustration, hope, or caution. Supporters view him as a bold outsider who challenges traditional political norms and speaks directly to the public. Critics see him as a divisive figure whose style can overshadow policy details. Yet no matter the perspective, his promises and statements continue to shape national conversation.

A recent example is Trump's announcement of a proposed "tariff dividend." In a Truth Social post on November 9, 2025, he promised that most Americans would receive a dividend of at least \$2,000 funded by tariff revenue. The promise made headlines and sparked strong reactions. Many people welcomed the idea, seeing it as financial relief during a period of high living costs. Others questioned how such a plan would be funded and whether the proposal could be implemented realistically.

Supporters argue that Trump's direct communication style makes his ideas feel bold and refreshing. They believe his approach shows confidence and a willingness to take action. Critics, however, raise concerns about the feasibility of his proposals and the economic impact of tariffs. Economists noted that tariff revenue alone may not cover the cost of a nationwide dividend, raising questions about sustainability.

Public reaction to Trump's \$2,000 promise reflects the broader way Americans see him today. For some, he is a symbol of strength who fights for the average American. For others, he is unpredictable, and his proposals require more scrutiny. Regardless of viewpoint, the promise demonstrates Trump's ongoing ability to influence national debate and capture public attention. Understanding how Americans respond to him provides insight into the country's political climate and the expectations people have of their leaders.

Section 2 – Vocabulary

Tariff, Dividend, Revenue, Feasibility, Sustainability, Scrutiny, Proposal, Economist, Polarizing, Implementation

Section 3 – Political Idioms

- On the fence – undecided
- Under fire – receiving criticism
- Hot-button issue – emotionally sensitive topic

- Dark horse – unexpected rising candidate
- Reach across the aisle – attempt cooperation between political parties

Section 4 – Common Grammar Mistakes

Incorrect: People is supporting the new proposal.

Incorrect: Trump promise \$2000 for every American.

Incorrect: Many Americans was unsure about the plan.

Incorrect: The economists says it will work.

Incorrect: The dividend are not explain clearly.

Section 5 – Fill-in-the-Blank (Words: tariff, scrutiny, revenue, sustainability, proposal, dividend, economist)

1. Many Americans welcomed the new _____ because it offered financial relief.
2. Some people questioned whether tariff _____ would be enough to fund the plan.
3. The plan faced public _____ when details were not fully explained.
4. Experts debated the long-term _____ of the idea.
5. Supporters believed the _____ was bold and helpful.
6. One _____ explained that the plan might cost more than expected.
7. The entire plan depends on how much _____ the government collects.

Section 6 – Conversation Prompts

- Do you think the \$2,000 tariff dividend is realistic? Why or why not?
- How do people in your country generally view political promises?
- Which idioms from the lesson best describe Trump's situation today?
- How does media influence the way people see political leaders?

Section 7 – Homework

Write a paragraph (120–150 words) explaining whether you think the \$2,000 tariff dividend is a good idea. Use at least three vocabulary words and one idiom from today's lesson.

