

Trump's glaring error ridiculed as president 'doesn't understand elementary school math'

U.S. President Donald Trump is being mocked online for fumbling basic math during a press conference Monday

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President Donald Trump is facing criticism again for his sub-par math skills.

Online critics are making fun of the president after a clip went viral of him fumbling simple math equations while discussing his efforts to lower the costs of prescription drugs at a press conference conducted at Mar-a-Lago in West Palm, Florida, Monday, where he announced that he ordered the Navy to build two new battleships that will be named after him. He has made the exaggerated remark on several occasions before while discussing the issue.

"We're bringing down drug prices by 1000%, 1200%, 1300%, 1400%," Trump said Monday. "A drug that sells for \$10 in London is costing \$130 in New York. We are bringing it down to \$20. You can do your own math. But it's 2000%, 3000%."

However, the actual calculation, based on the figures provided by the president, would be a roughly 85% reduction—84.6% to be exact—if prices dropped from \$130 to \$20.

Online critics, including notable figures, came out swinging against the president for his inadequate math abilities.

"I guess this is why he thinks all prices are coming down, he literally does not understand basic-level math," wrote Tahra Hoops, director of economic analysis at the Chamber of Progress, on X. "\$130 reduced to \$20 is an 84% decrease. This is 3rd grade math," one X user responded. "Our president doesn't understand 3rd grade math."

"By this kind of math Trump's approval rating is down 400%," another X user joked after several polls found the president's approval rating on the economy and immigration has dropped.

A third X user took a personal jab at the real estate mogul, writing, "With math like that, it's no wonder why he had so many bankruptcies. And also, it's no wonder why he's been convicted of financial fraud."

"Trump might want to take a class in math as you can't bring a price down by 1000% as that would mean the manufacturer was paying you to take it. Trump's exaggerations make him look stupid," a fourth X user argued.

Trump similarly showcased his poor math skills while discussing the same subject at his final rally of the year Friday in North Carolina.

The president faced similar criticism for his inability to make simple math calculations after a clip of the speech went viral.

"We cut the cost of prescription drugs by 300 [or] 400 [or] 500 and even 600%," Trump declared at the North Carolina rally Friday.

Trump's Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick addressed Trump's frequent misstatements during a recent Fox News appearance after host John Roberts criticized the president's math skills.

"What he's saying is if a drug was \$100 and you bring the drug down to \$13, right?", the Trump-whisperer Lutnick said, though not to Robert's satisfaction. "If you're looking at it from \$13, it's down seven times."