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GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: We're gonna get the latest now on President Trump. With midterms less than a month away and his poll numbers at record lows, the President is hitting the trail in deep-red states to shore up Republicans facing strong headwinds. Chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce has the story. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, George. And as we head into this final sprint, President Trump is ramping up his campaign appearances in red states that he won, playing defense for the GOP on their home turf. This morning, with less than a month until the midterms, President Trump is hitting the campaign trail in deep-red states, hoping to boost turnout with his base.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: It's the most important midterm election we've ever had.

BRUCE: Today, he heads to Nebraska, a state he won by 20 points to campaign for incumbent Senator Pete Ricketts, as he faces union leader Dan Osborne, an independent who's backed by Democrats. And, on Wednesday, Trump's back in Texas, his second stop in the span of a week to bolster Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who's trailing in the polls behind Democrat James Talarico. Trump has been blitzing traditional Republican strongholds. In the past week, visiting Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Ohio, all states he won by double digits, but that could now determine control of Congress.

TRUMP: Nobody counted on the fact that Trump was going to go out and campaign for all these people.

BRUCE: The President is urging voters to act like he's on the ballot. But it comes as he's facing record-low approval numbers, and with Americans feeling the economic fallout from the war with Iran: at the pump, gas now averaging \$4.30 a gallon, diesel at \$6.30.

"IOWA FARMER" DAN PEDERSON: You just cannot keep these high-priced fuel going for another six to nine months. It — just — it's unsustainable. It's just crazy.

BRUCE: And President Trump is expected to keep up this pace of campaigning over the next 29 days. Reminder of the math here. Of course, Democrats need a net gain of four seats to take the Senate, just a net gain of three seats to take the House, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Okay. Mary Bruce, thanks very much.