**Ever since it was created 30 years ago, The Simpsons, the longest running prime-time (黄金时间) TV show in the country, has become part of US life. So when TV critics Alan Sepinwall and Matt Zoller Seitz ranked the 100 greatest comedies and dramas broadcast in the US, it came as no surprise that The Simpons was their top choice.  
  
 This was the show that changed the very concept (概念) of cartoons in Western society. Before it appeared, cartoons were considered a way to learn and have fun, not serious adult entertainment. The Simpsons changed this. The genius (过人之处) of the show is that it has something to offer both adults and children.  
  
 It’s a hugely entertaining program that’s also full of satire (讽刺) and clever humor. A remark by Chitra Ramaswamy in The Guardian gave a sense of the esteem (敬重) in which The Simpsons is held: “Nothing before or since has matched its capacity to be at once so profoundly (深刻地) clever and so unbelievably stupid.”  
  
 The show’s creator Matt Groening, and the brilliant team that works with him, make fun of the US government, social customs, and of course, the idea of family life. But unlike most classic US prime-time TV characters, the Simpsons are a dysfunctional (功能失调的) family.  
  
 Bart, the boy, is always in trouble – both at home and at school. That may be in part because of his paternal (父亲的) example. Homer Simpson, perhaps the most iconic character, is a beer-swilling (喝着啤酒的), overweight slob (懒汉) who is normally found in front of the TV. And Marge, Homer’s wife and the mother of the family, spends most of her time cooking, cleaning or trying to fix the messes that Bart and Homer make.  
  
 The smartest member of the family is daughter Lisa, who excels (表现出色) at school but is no goody-goody (讨好卖乖的人) – Lisa never misses an opportunity to challenge authority. The youngest member of the family is baby Maggie, who will likely be as much of a handful as her brother and sister when she grows up – if she ever grows up, that is.  
  
 But although the Simpsons are a problem family, viewers are always on their side. One of the reasons the show has remained so popular all these years is that the characters are so likeable. Millions of us identify with them. They are a working class family struggling to make ends meet. They aren’t perfect, but then, who is? And after 30 years, this is still what strikes a chord (引起共鸣) with millions of viewers worldwide.**

**The first 100 days of a US \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (president / presidency) only accounts for a small part of a four-year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (term / semester), but it’s considered a landmark and often sets the tone (基调) for the administration (政府).  
  
 April 29 marked US President Donald Trump’s 100th day in office. So how has he performed?  
  
 One important move was Trump’s successful appointment (任命) of Neil Gorsuch, a conservative (保守派的) justice, to the Supreme Court (最高法院). This was a key promise \_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) to many of the conservative voters who backed Trump in November, reported the Los Angeles Times.  
  
 Another major move was \_\_\_\_\_\_ (formal) leaving the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. This is a trade deal that aims to create a free trade area \_\_\_\_\_\_ (span) from Japan to Chile. But Trump claimed it would hurt American workers and undercut (削弱) US companies. He believes that cheaper labor (劳工) in developing countries means that many low-skilled jobs in the US have been taken away, according to Business Insider.  
  
 But Trump has also met several \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fail).  
  
 Soon after taking office, he signed an executive (行政的) order banning visitors from seven mainly Muslim countries. But it was seen as illegal and discriminatory (歧视的) by US courts and was overturned. A revised (修订的) ban met the same fate.  
  
 Trump was a businessman and had no government experience before winning the White House seat.  
  
 “If you’re the CEO of a company, you can say stuff and people will do what you want. But the presidency of the US is not like that in any respect,” Casey Dominguez, a professor of political science at the University of San Diego, US, told The San Francisco Chronicle.  
  
 What’s more, a recent survey by ABC News and The Washington Post showed Trump approached his 100th day in office with the lowest level of support of any modern president.  
  
 According to the survey, 42 percent of people said they approved of Trump’s performance, while 53 percent said they disapproved.  
  
 Despite the controversies (争议), Trump seems to be satisfied with his achievements. “No administration has accomplished more in the first 90 days,” Trump said on April 23, according to The New York Times.  
  
 In fact, early setbacks and controversies are common for new presidents. Former US President Barack Obama faced an economic meltdown (崩溃) when he took over in 2009 and was forced to immediately make tough decisions on how to end it. He took a series of measures and the situation improved gradually. Obama won a second term in 2012.  
  
 “You can use the first 100 days to try to understand some of the style of a presidency,” Julian E. Zelizer, a scholar from Princeton University, US, told the Los Angeles Times. “But we really need to limit our analysis to that.”  
  
 As Trump has only just reached the 100-day point in his first term as president, it remains to be seen whether he will do well enough to be elected (选举) for a second.**