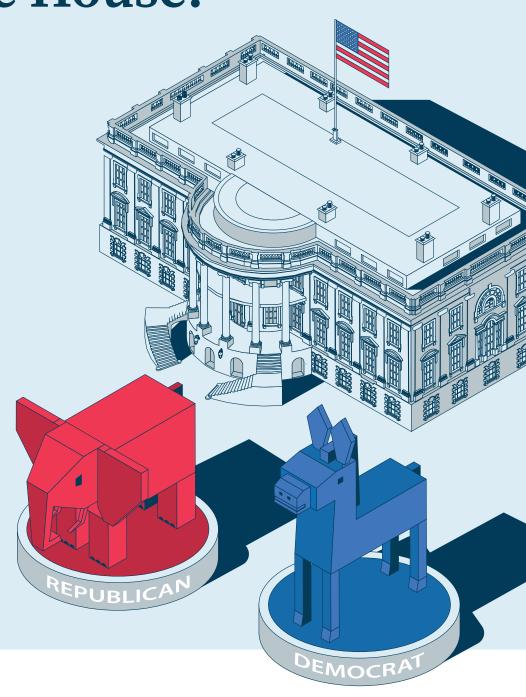
Does it Matter to the Market Who Wins the White House?

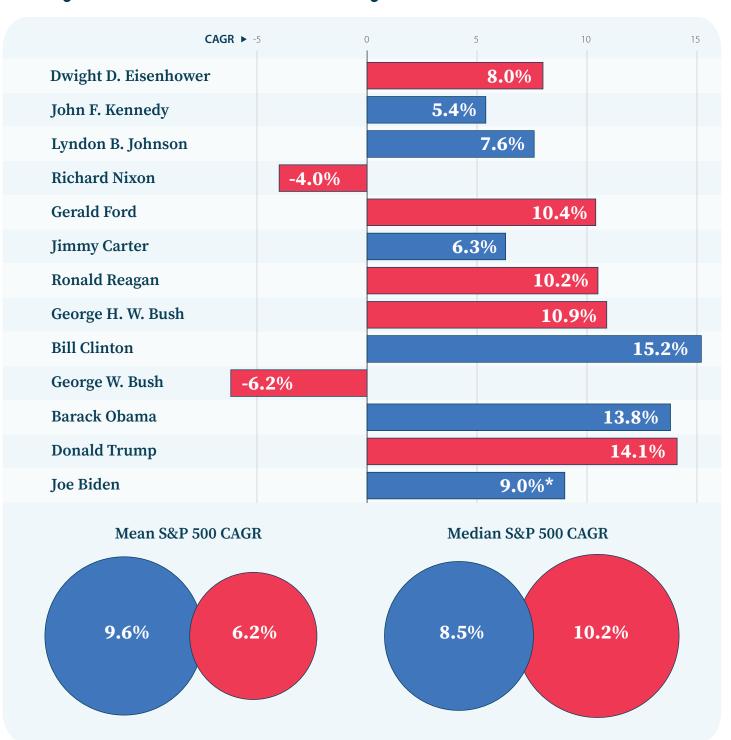




During election years, the focus is on the political horse race, but after the final poll closes, how does the market perform under Republican and Democratic presidents?

Market Performance by Presidential Party

History shows that the S&P 500 does not favor a clear "winner" between Democrats and Republicans.



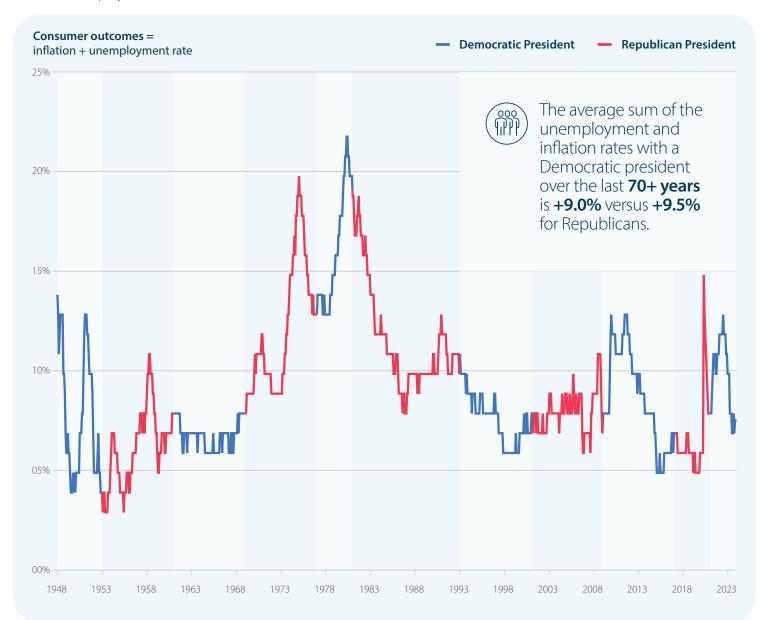
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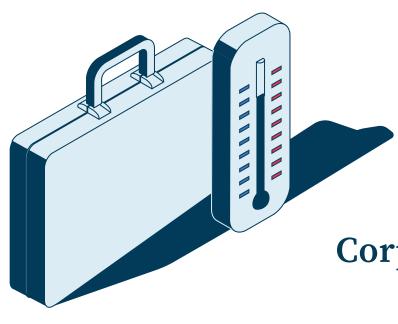
Source: Yahoo Finance 08/13/2024. CAGR for each presidential term begin on inauguration day. For example, the calculations for President Donald Trump were from January 20th, 2017 to January 20th, 2021. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Index definitions can be found at the end of this piece.

Consumer-oriented economic outcomes have been comparable across Republican and Democratic presidents over the last seven decades.

Consumer Outcomes by Presidential Party

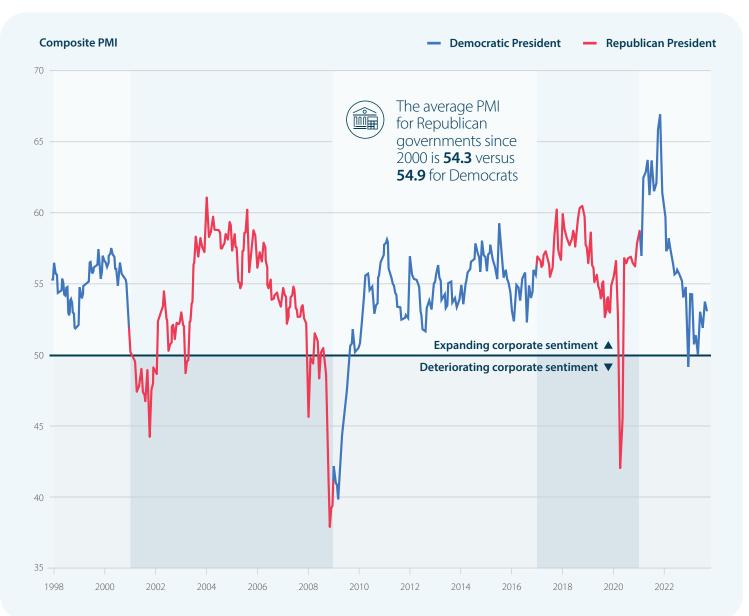
Presidential leadership has not been a key factor determining the U.S. inflation and unemployment rates since the late-1940s.





As with their consumer-related counterparts, corporate sentiment has also remained consistent regardless of the presidential party, on average.

Corporate Sentiment by Presidential Party



Informed Investing

Democratic and Republican presidents have historically similar economic track records, which highlights the importance of looking past the political noise and maintaining a diversified portfolio.



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