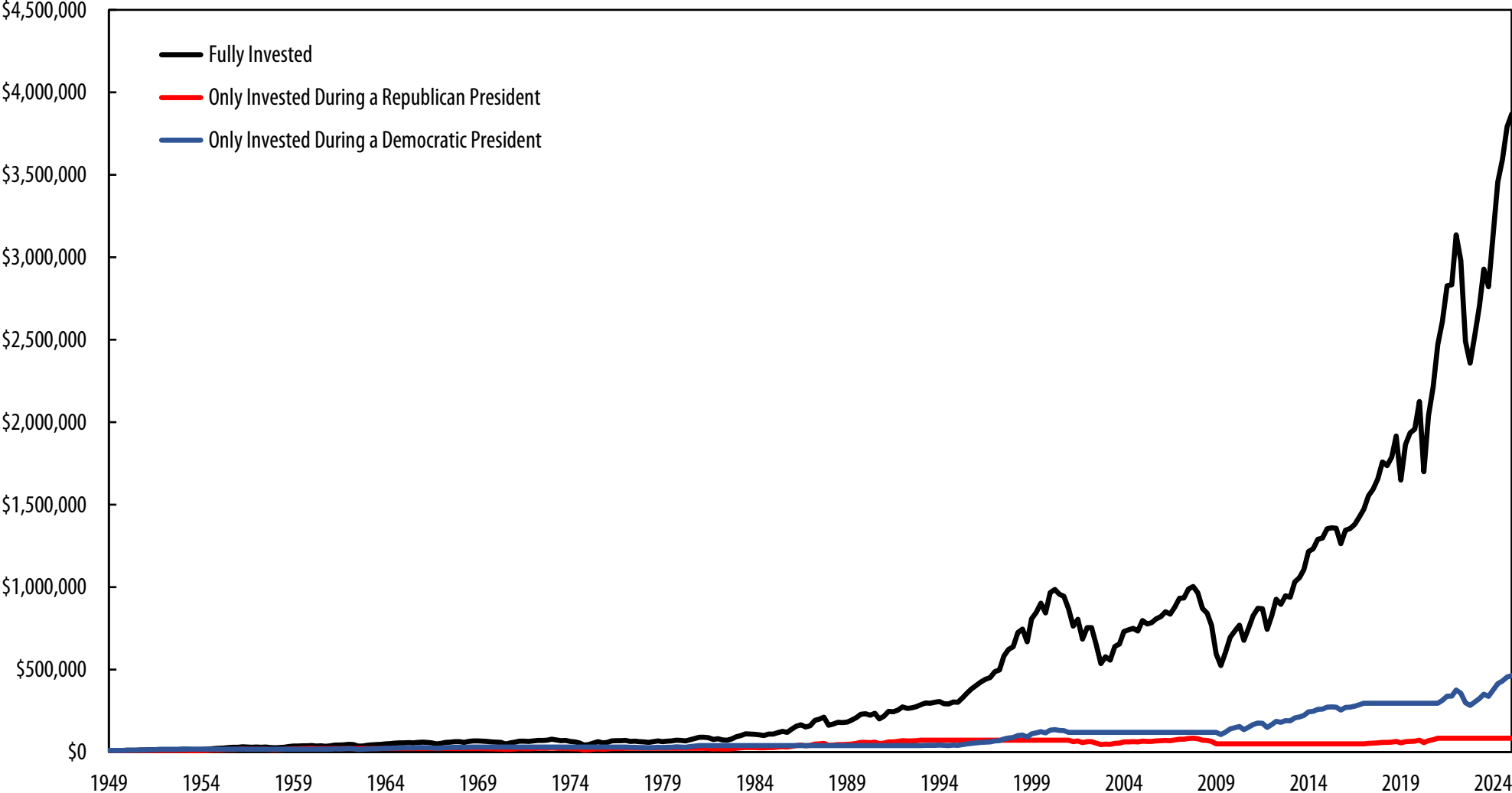




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GROWTH OF \$10,000 IN THE S&P 500 INDEX SINCE 1949



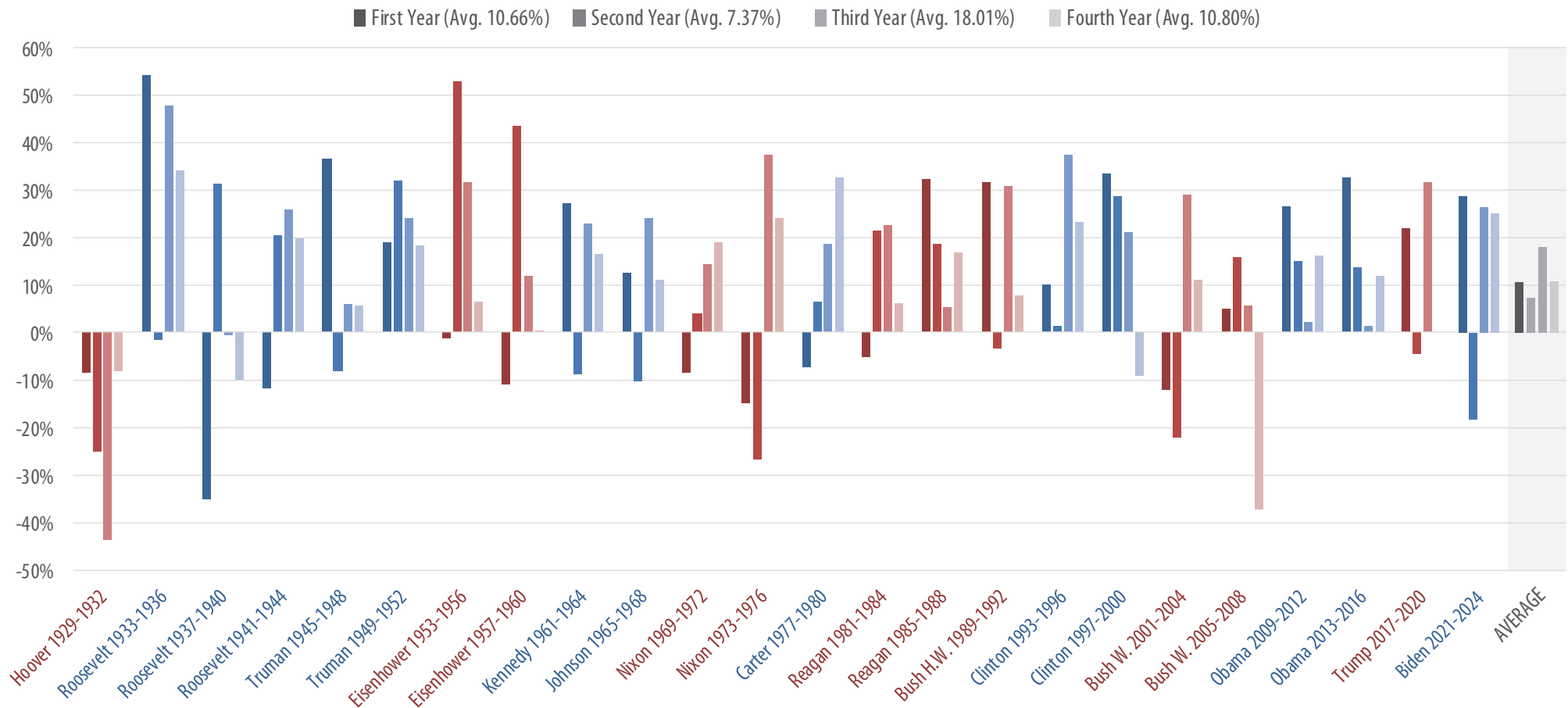
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S&P 500 Index Performance: 4-Year Election Cycle

On and around election day there is often some anxiety about how a president's 4-year term might impact the stock market. Below we look at S&P 500 Index performance by year of each election cycle. Over the past 96 years, the S&P 500 Index has seen positive performance 73% of the time, and has averaged a yearly total return of 9.85%. Seeing the big picture can help us to stay focused on our long-term investment goals.



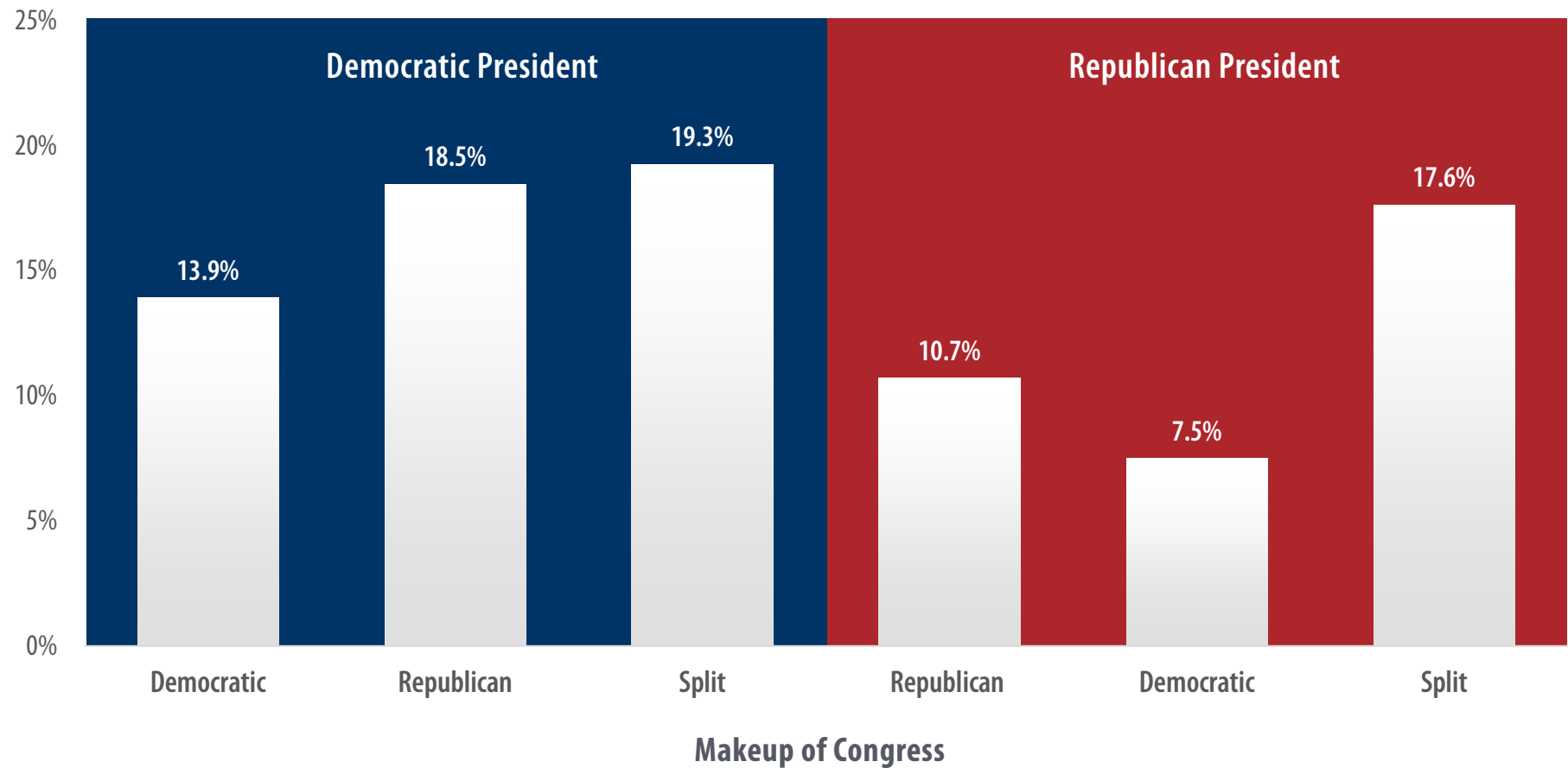
Observations

- 70 of the 96 years (73%) provided positive performance
- The average 4-year term cumulative return was 56.79%
- When a Republican was in office the average yearly total return was 7.84%
- When a Democrat was in office the average yearly total return was 14.98%

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Average S&P 500 Index Total Return Annual Performance 1949-2024



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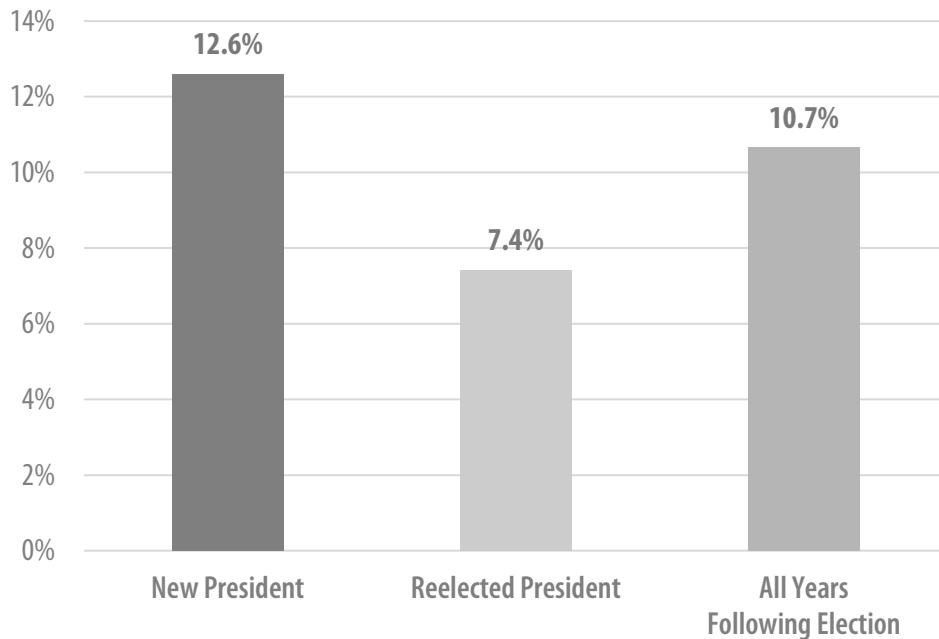
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S&P 500 Index Returns - New vs. Reelected President

Since 1928

Historically, following a U.S. presidential election, the S&P 500 Index has shown higher returns in the year after a *new* president is elected compared to when the incumbent president is *reelected*.

Average S&P 500 Total Return - Year Following Election



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| Election Year | President Elected | New or Reelected? | S&P 500 Total Return - Year Following Election |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2024 | Trump | New | ? |
| 2020 | Biden | New | 28.7% |
| 2016 | Trump | New | 21.8% |
| 2012 | Obama | Reelected | 32.4% |
| 2008 | Obama | New | 26.5% |
| 2004 | Bush W. | Reelected | 4.9% |
| 2000 | Bush W. | New | -11.9% |
| 1996 | Clinton | Reelected | 33.4% |
| 1992 | Clinton | New | 10.1% |
| 1988 | Bush H.W. | New | 31.7% |
| 1984 | Reagan | Reelected | 31.7% |
| 1980 | Reagan | New | -4.9% |
| 1976 | Carter | New | -7.2% |
| 1972 | Nixon | Reelected | -14.7% |
| 1968 | Nixon | New | -8.5% |
| 1964 | Johnson | New | 12.5% |
| 1960 | Kennedy | New | 26.9% |
| 1956 | Eisenhower | Reelected | -10.8% |
| 1952 | Eisenhower | New | -1.0% |
| 1948 | Truman | New | 18.8% |
| 1944 | Roosevelt | Reelected | 36.4% |
| 1940 | Roosevelt | Reelected | -11.6% |
| 1936 | Roosevelt | Reelected | -35.0% |
| 1932 | Roosevelt | New | 54.0% |
| 1928 | Hoover | New | -8.4% |

S&P 500 Index Returns In U.S. Presidential Election Years

Since 1928

There are many factors that impact stock market returns, but one common concern of investors is how the stock market will be impacted by a change in America's President. In past election years, the S&P 500 Index has seen more positive performance than negative. Below we take a look at S&P 500 Index performance during presidential election years, which have historically provided positive gains for stocks.

S&P 500 Index Total Returns During Presidential Election Years (1928-2024)

| U.S. Presidential Election Results | Average Return |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| A Republican was elected | 15.6% |
| A Democrat was elected | 7.9% |
| All election years | 11.58% |

Observations

There have been 25 elections since the S&P 500 Index began. In these election years:

- 21 of the 25 years (84%) provided positive performance
- When a Democrat was in office and a Democrat was elected (or reelected), the total return for the year averaged 15.0%
- When a Democrat was in office and a Republican was elected, the total return for the year averaged 14.9%

Historical U.S. Presidential Election Results

| Election Year | President Elected | S&P 500 Index Total Return |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2024 | Trump | 25.0% |
| 2020 | Biden | 18.4% |
| 2016 | Trump | 12.0% |
| 2012 | Obama | 16.0% |
| 2008 | Obama | -37.0% |
| 2004 | Bush W. | 10.9% |
| 2000 | Bush W. | -9.1% |
| 1996 | Clinton | 23.1% |
| 1992 | Clinton | 7.7% |
| 1988 | Bush H.W. | 16.8% |
| 1984 | Reagan | 6.3% |
| 1980 | Reagan | 32.4% |
| 1976 | Carter | 23.8% |
| 1972 | Nixon | 19.0% |
| 1968 | Nixon | 11.1% |
| 1964 | Johnson | 16.5% |
| 1960 | Kennedy | 0.5% |
| 1956 | Eisenhower | 6.6% |
| 1952 | Eisenhower | 18.4% |
| 1948 | Truman | 5.5% |
| 1944 | Roosevelt | 19.8% |
| 1940 | Roosevelt | -9.8% |
| 1936 | Roosevelt | 33.9% |
| 1932 | Roosevelt | -8.2% |
| 1928 | Hoover | 43.6% |

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Value vs. Growth: Performance Following Presidential Elections

Since 1980

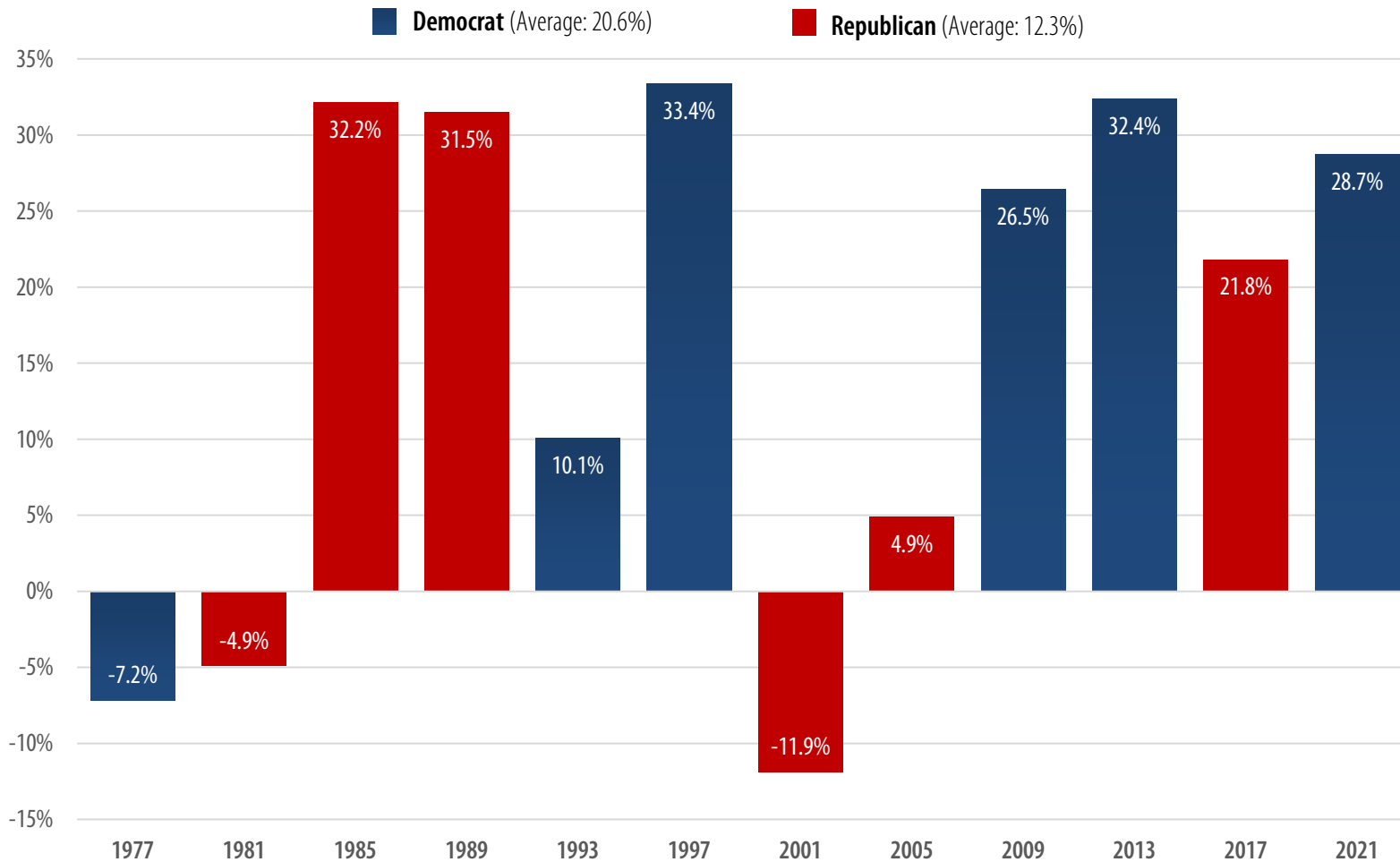
Value stocks have outperformed growth stocks for six months after every presidential election for the last 40 years. See below for the historical total returns of the Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index and the Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index over the past 11 elections.

| Months After Election Day | Value | Growth | Value Beat Growth By |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1 Month | 1.93% | 0.53% | 1.40% |
| 2 Months | 6.78% | 4.72% | 2.05% |
| 3 Months | 5.84% | 3.52% | 2.32% |
| 4 Months | 6.34% | 1.82% | 4.52% |
| 5 Months | 7.44% | 1.81% | 5.63% |
| 6 Months | 10.82% | 5.76% | 5.06% |
| Average | 6.52% | 3.03% | 3.50% |

Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. As of 12/31/2024. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** For illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.

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S&P 500 Index Total Returns: First Year Of A Four-Year Presidential Term



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How Stocks Have Fared In The First Year Of A Four-Year Presidential Term

S&P 500 Index & Sector Index Total Returns

| | 1993 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | 2009 | 2013 | 2017 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
| White House | Democrat | Democrat | Republican | Republican | Democrat | Democrat | Republican | Democrat |
| Senate | Democrat | Republican | Democrat | Republican | Democrat | Democrat | Republican | Democrat |
| House of Representatives | Democrat | Republican | Republican | Republican | Democrat | Republican | Republican | Democrat |
| S&P 500 Index | 10.00% | 33.32% | -11.89% | 4.91% | 26.45% | 32.37% | 21.82% | 28.68% |
| Communication Services | 14.34% | 41.25% | -12.24% | -5.63% | 8.93% | 11.47% | -1.25% | 21.57% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.64% | 34.34% | 2.78% | -6.36% | 41.30% | 43.08% | 22.98% | 24.43% |
| Consumer Staples | -3.87% | 32.87% | -6.42% | 3.58% | 14.89% | 26.14% | 13.49% | 18.63% |
| Energy | 15.87% | 25.21% | -10.45% | 31.36% | 13.78% | 25.05% | -1.01% | 54.35% |
| Financials | 10.59% | 47.97% | -8.94% | 6.47% | 17.15% | 35.59% | 22.14% | 34.87% |
| Health Care | -8.19% | 43.72% | -11.96% | 6.46% | 19.70% | 41.46% | 22.08% | 26.13% |
| Industrials | 18.56% | 26.97% | -5.74% | 2.30% | 20.93% | 40.64% | 21.01% | 21.10% |
| Information Technology | 21.71% | 28.56% | -25.87% | 0.99% | 61.72% | 28.42% | 38.81% | 34.52% |
| Materials | 13.46% | 8.41% | 3.40% | 4.39% | 48.58% | 25.60% | 23.84% | 27.28% |
| Real Estate | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.36% | 20.79% | -1.53% | 10.85% | 46.14% |
| Utilities | 13.64% | 24.68% | -30.40% | 16.83% | 11.91% | 13.21% | 12.10% | 17.67% |

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