

# How Much Impact Does the President Have on Stocks?

The anticipation building up to elections often brings with it questions about how financial markets will respond. But the outcome of an election is only one of many inputs to the market. Our interactive exhibit examines market and economic data for nearly 100 years of US presidential terms and shows a consistent upward march for US equities regardless of the administration in place. This is an important lesson on the benefits of a long-term investment approach.



GROWTH OF \$100  
1929-2020

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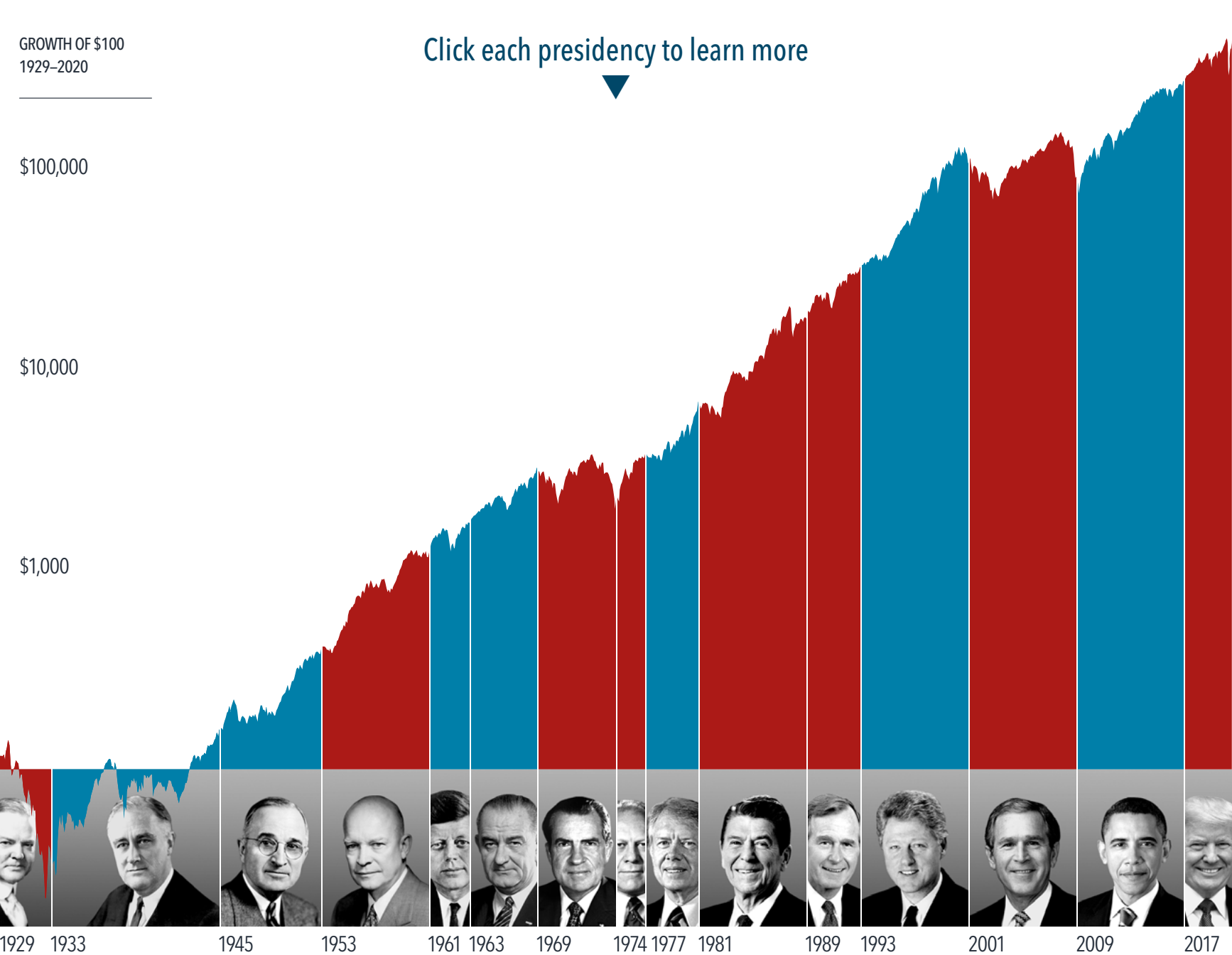
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# Herbert Hoover

1929-1933



REPUBLICAN

Terms

1

Senate Control

REPUBLICAN

House of Rep. Control

MIXED

Maximum Unemployment

25.4%

Annualized Inflation

-7.0%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-3.7%

Average GDP Growth

-9.3%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index

Election Day  
11/06/28

\$100

1929 Inauguration Day

Election Day  
11/08/32

\$36

Recession

1929

1930

1931

1932

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



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# Franklin D. Roosevelt

1933-1945



DEMOCRAT

Terms

3+

Senate Control

DEMOCRATIC

House of Rep. Control

DEMOCRATIC

Maximum Unemployment

25.6%

Annualized Inflation

2.9%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-91.3%

Average GDP Growth

9.3%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index

■ Recession

Election Day  
11/08/32

\$100

1933 Inauguration Day

\$416

Term Ends  
04/12/45  
(Death)

1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945

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# Harry S. Truman

1945-1953



DEMOCRAT

Terms

1+

Senate Control



House of Rep. Control



Maximum Unemployment

7.9%

Annualized Inflation

5.4%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-21.4%

Average GDP Growth

1.3%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index

Inauguration Day  
04/12/45

\$100

Election Day  
11/04/52

\$252

Recession

1946

1947

1948

1949

1950

1951

1952

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# Dwight D. Eisenhower

1953-1961



REPUBLICAN

Terms

2

Senate Control



House of Rep. Control



Maximum Unemployment

7.5%

Annualized Inflation

1.4%

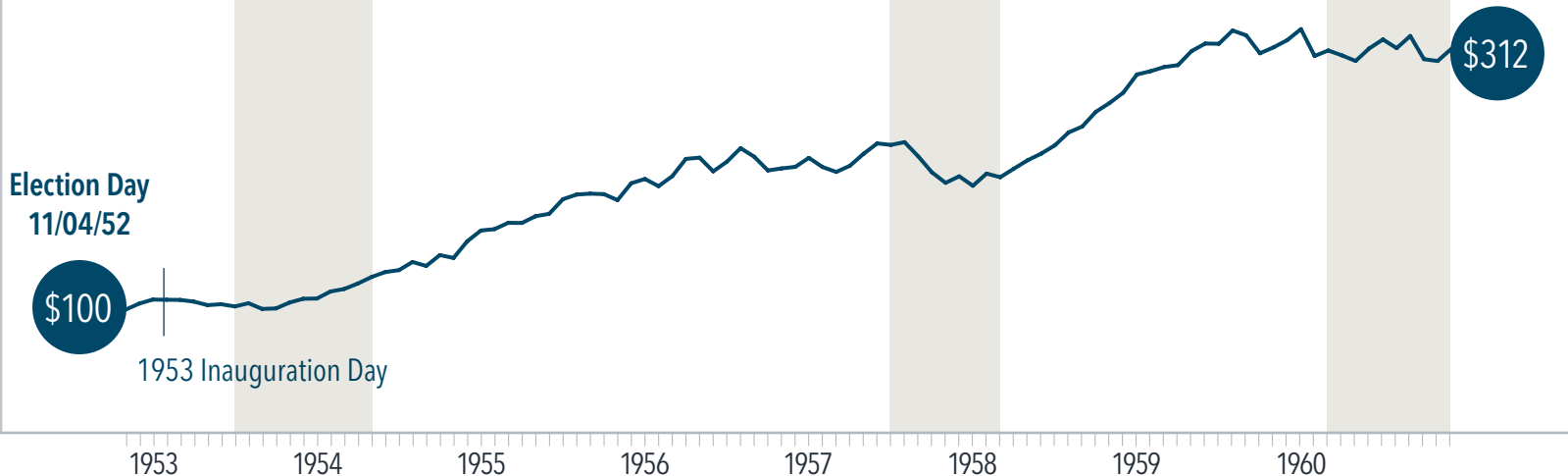
Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-4.1%

Average GDP Growth

3.0%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index



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# John F. Kennedy

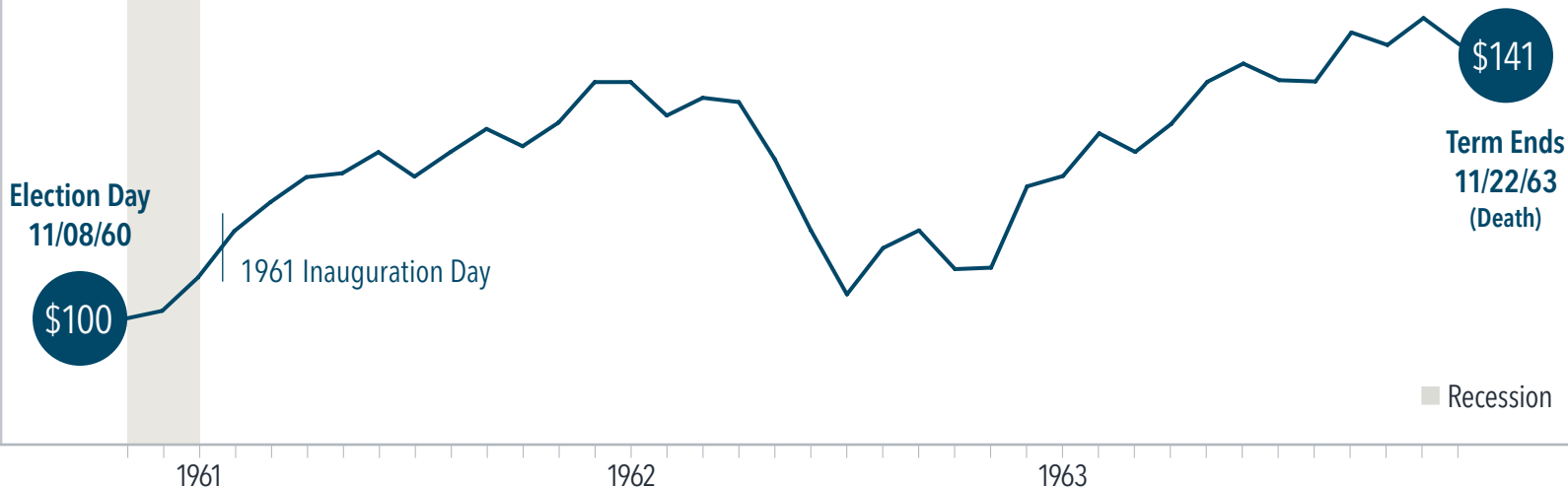
1961-1963



**DEMOCRAT**

Terms	Senate Control	House of Rep. Control	Maximum Unemployment	Annualized Inflation	Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP	Average GDP Growth
<1	<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC</b>	7.1%	1.2%	-2.5%	4.4%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French Total US Market Research Index



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# Lyndon B. Johnson

1963-1969



**DEMOCRAT**

Terms

1+

Senate Control

**DEMOCRATIC**

House of Rep. Control

**DEMOCRATIC**

Maximum Unemployment

5.7%

Annualized Inflation

2.8%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-5.2%

Average GDP Growth

5.3%

*Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index*

**Election Day  
11/05/68**

**Inauguration Day  
11/22/63**

\$100

\$181

1964

1965

1966

1967

1968

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2017





# Richard M. Nixon

1969-1974



REPUBLICAN

Terms

1+

Senate Control

DEMOCRATIC

House of Rep. Control

DEMOCRATIC

Maximum Unemployment

6.1%

Annualized Inflation

6.0%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

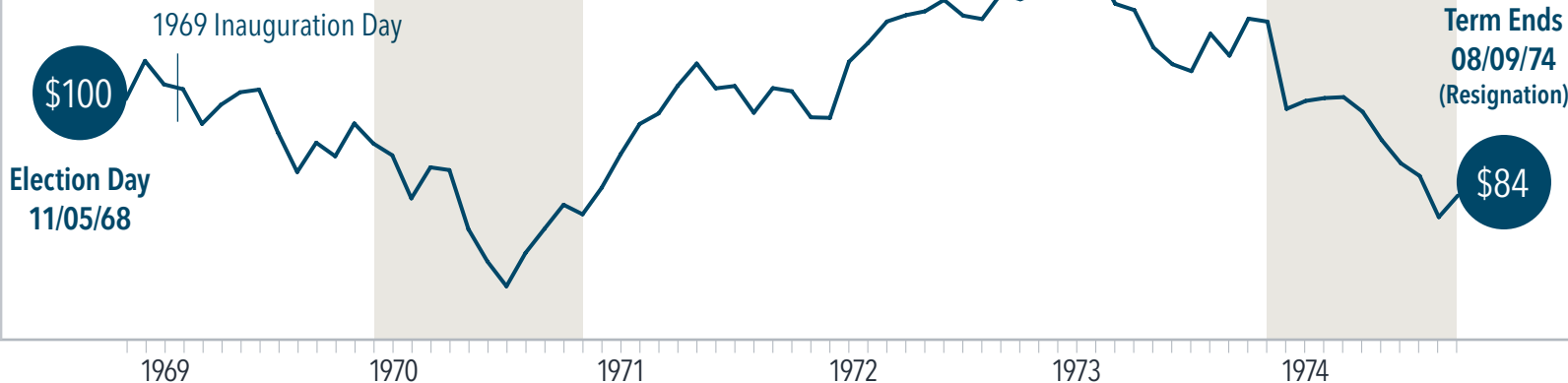
-5.2%

Average GDP Growth

2.8%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French Total US Market Research Index

■ Recession



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# Gerald R. Ford

1974-1977



REPUBLICAN

Terms

<1

Senate Control

DEMOCRATIC

House of Rep. Control

DEMOCRATIC

Maximum Unemployment

9.0%

Annualized Inflation

6.5%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-7.1%

Average GDP Growth

2.6%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French Total US Market Research Index

Inauguration Day  
08/09/74

\$100

Election Day  
11/02/76

\$141

Recession

1975

1976

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# James Carter

1977-1981



**DEMOCRAT**

Terms

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Senate Control

**DEMOCRATIC**

House of Rep. Control

**DEMOCRATIC**

Maximum Unemployment

7.8%

Annualized Inflation

10.2%

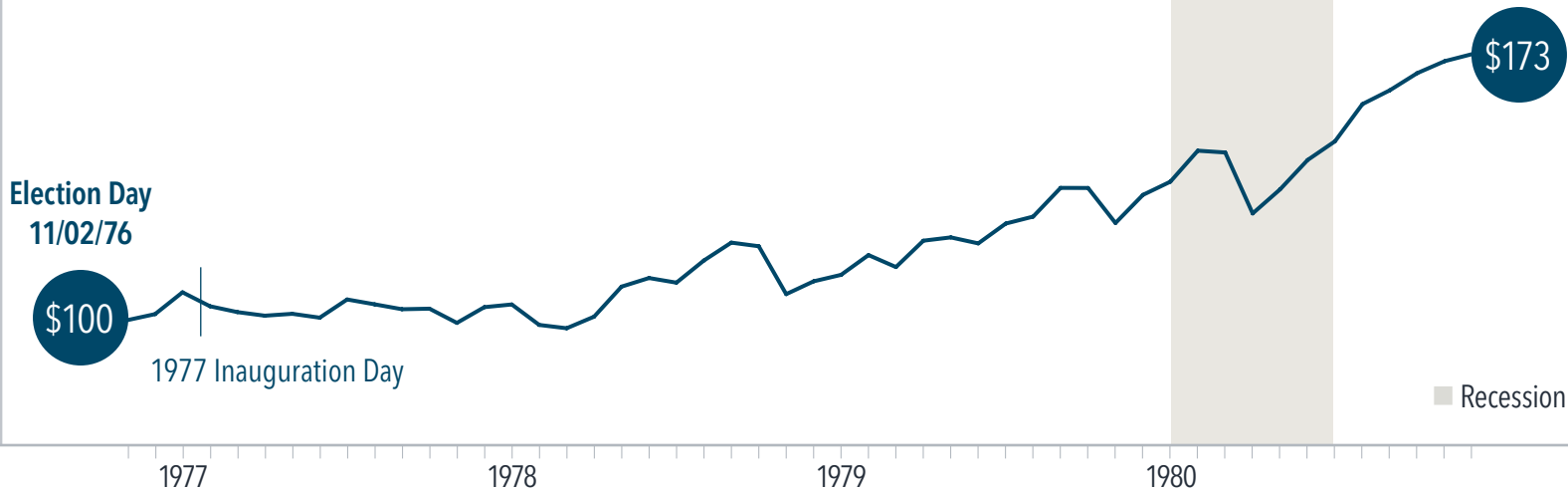
Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-0.2%

Average GDP Growth

3.3%

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Total US Market Research Index*



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# Ronald Reagan

1981-1989



REPUBLICAN

Terms

2

Senate Control



House of Rep. Control



Maximum Unemployment

10.8%

Annualized Inflation

4.2%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-32.4%

Average GDP Growth

3.5%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French Total US Market Research Index

Election Day 11/04/80

\$100

1981 Inauguration Day

Election Day 11/08/88

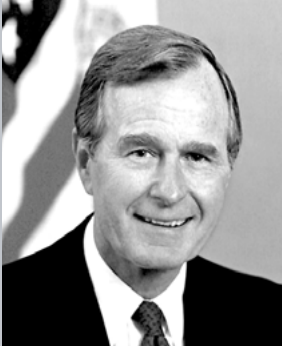
\$285

Recession

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# George H. W. Bush

1989-1993



REPUBLICAN

Terms  
1

Senate Control  
DEMOCRATIC

House of Rep. Control  
DEMOCRATIC

Maximum Unemployment  
7.8%

Annualized Inflation  
4.0%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP  
-15.2%

Average GDP Growth  
2.3%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index

Election Day  
11/08/88

\$100

1989 Inauguration Day

Election Day  
11/03/92

\$173

Recession

1989

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# William J. Clinton

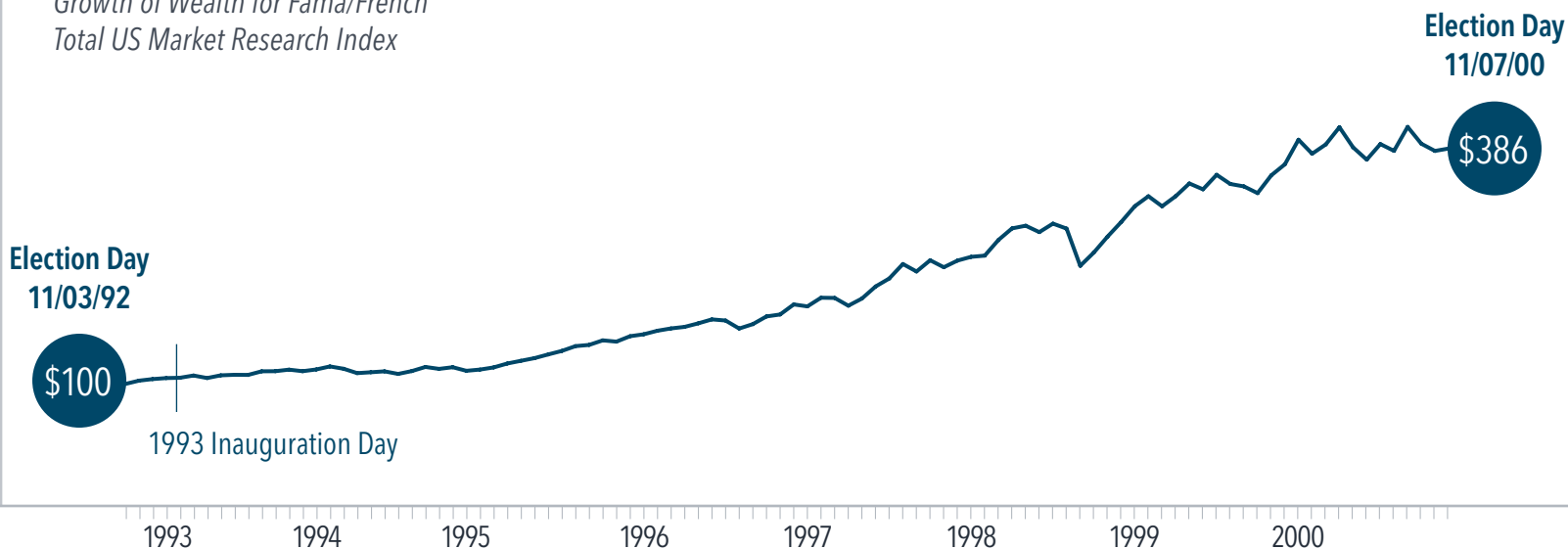
1993-2001



**DEMOCRAT**

Terms	Senate Control	House of Rep. Control	Maximum Unemployment	Annualized Inflation	Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP	Average GDP Growth
2	MIXED	MIXED	7.3%	2.5%	-5.9%	3.9%

*Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index*



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# George W. Bush

2001-2009



REPUBLICAN

Terms

2

Senate Control



House of Rep. Control



Maximum Unemployment

7.8%

Annualized Inflation

2.3%

Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP

-15.4%

Average GDP Growth

2.2%

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index

Recession

Election Day  
11/07/00

\$100

2001 Inauguration Day

\$82

Election Day  
11/04/08

2001

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2008

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# Barack Obama

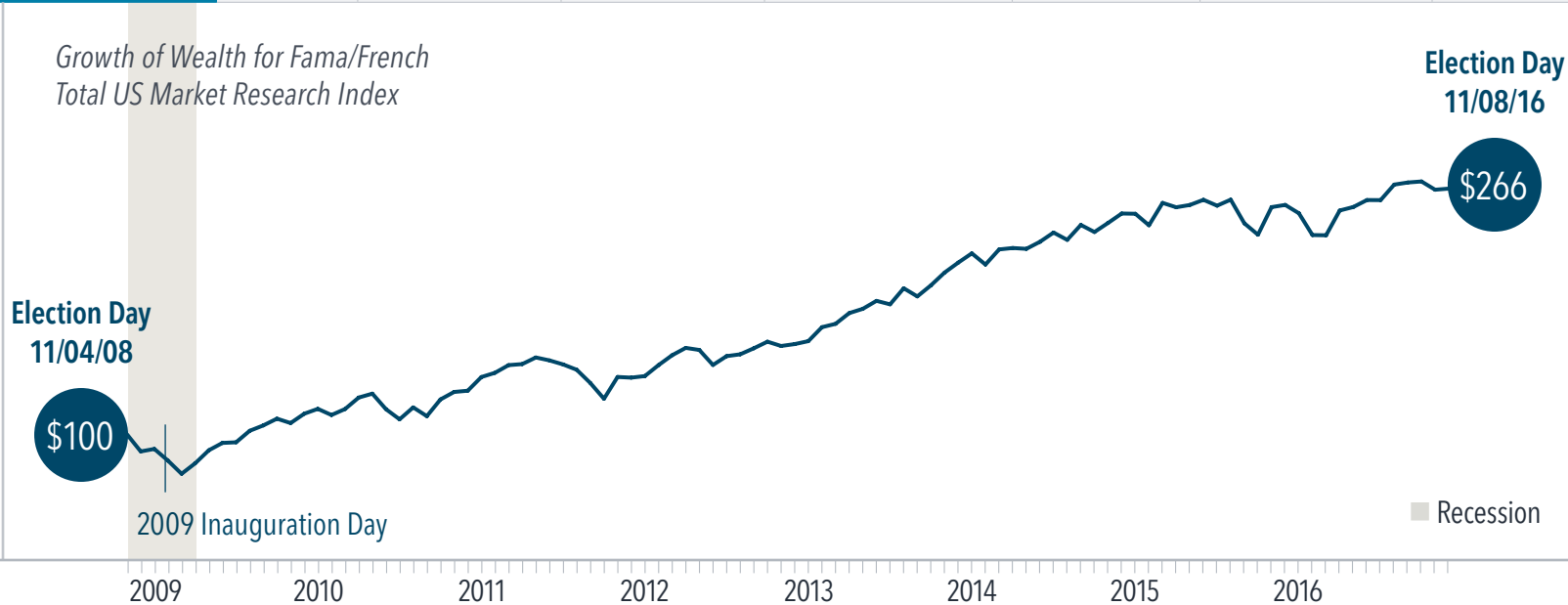
2009-2017



**DEMOCRAT**

Terms	Senate Control	House of Rep. Control	Maximum Unemployment	Annualized Inflation	Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP	Average GDP Growth
2	MIXED	MIXED	10.0%	1.7%	-45.8%	1.6%

*Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index*



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# Donald J. Trump

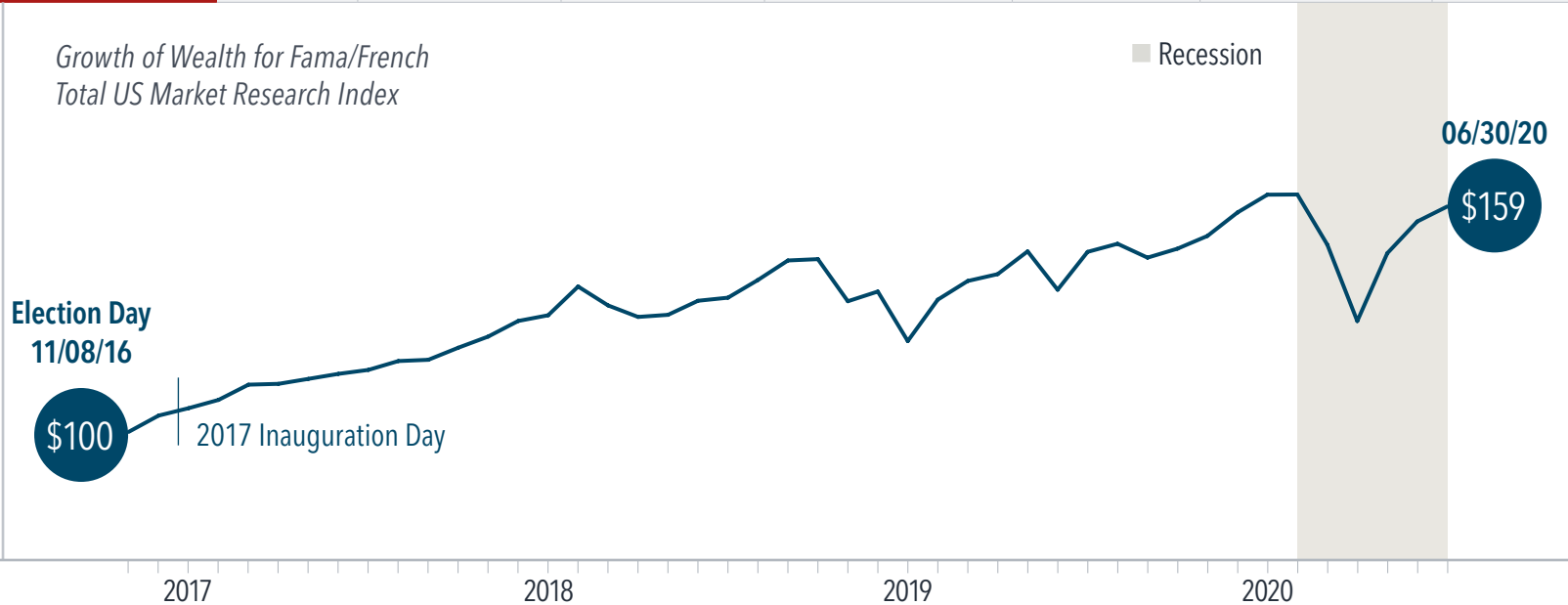
2017-Present



Terms	Senate Control	House of Rep. Control	Maximum Unemployment	Annualized Inflation	Deficit/Surplus as % of GDP	Average GDP Growth
Sitting	REPUBLICAN	MIXED	14.7%	1.7%	-11.8%	-2.5%

REPUBLICAN

Growth of Wealth for Fama/French  
Total US Market Research Index



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## NOTES AND DATA SOURCES

- This material is in relation to the US market and contains analysis specific to the US.
- In US dollars. Stock returns represented by Fama/French Total US Market Research Index, provided by Ken French and available at [http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data\\_library.html](http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html). This value-weighted US market index is constructed every month, using all issues listed on the NYSE, AMEX, or Nasdaq with available outstanding shares and valid prices for that month and the month before. Exclusions: American depository receipts. Sources: CRSP for value-weighted US market return. Rebalancing: Monthly. Dividends: Reinvested in the paying company until the portfolio is rebalanced.
- Growth of wealth shows the growth of a hypothetical investment of \$100 in the securities in the Fama/French US Total Market Research Index. Growth of wealth for the full sample from March 4, 1929, through June 30, 2020. Growth of wealth for each presidential term starts on the election day of each president up to but not including the election day of a successor. For presidents who are not initially elected, the growth of wealth period starts from the day of inauguration up to but not including the successor's election day.
- Federal surplus or deficit as a percentage of gross domestic product, inflation, and unemployment data from Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRED). GDP Growth is annual real GDP Growth, using constant 2012 dollars, as provided by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Unemployment data not reported prior to April 1929. Federal surplus or deficit as a percentage of gross domestic product data is cumulative.
- US Government Presidential and Congressional data obtained from the History, Art & Archives of the United States House of Representatives. US Senate data is from the Art & History records of the United States Senate.
- For Herbert Hoover, the federal budget is calculated from 1929 to 1932. Annual real GDP growth is calculated from 1930 to 1932; GDP data not available prior to 1930.

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