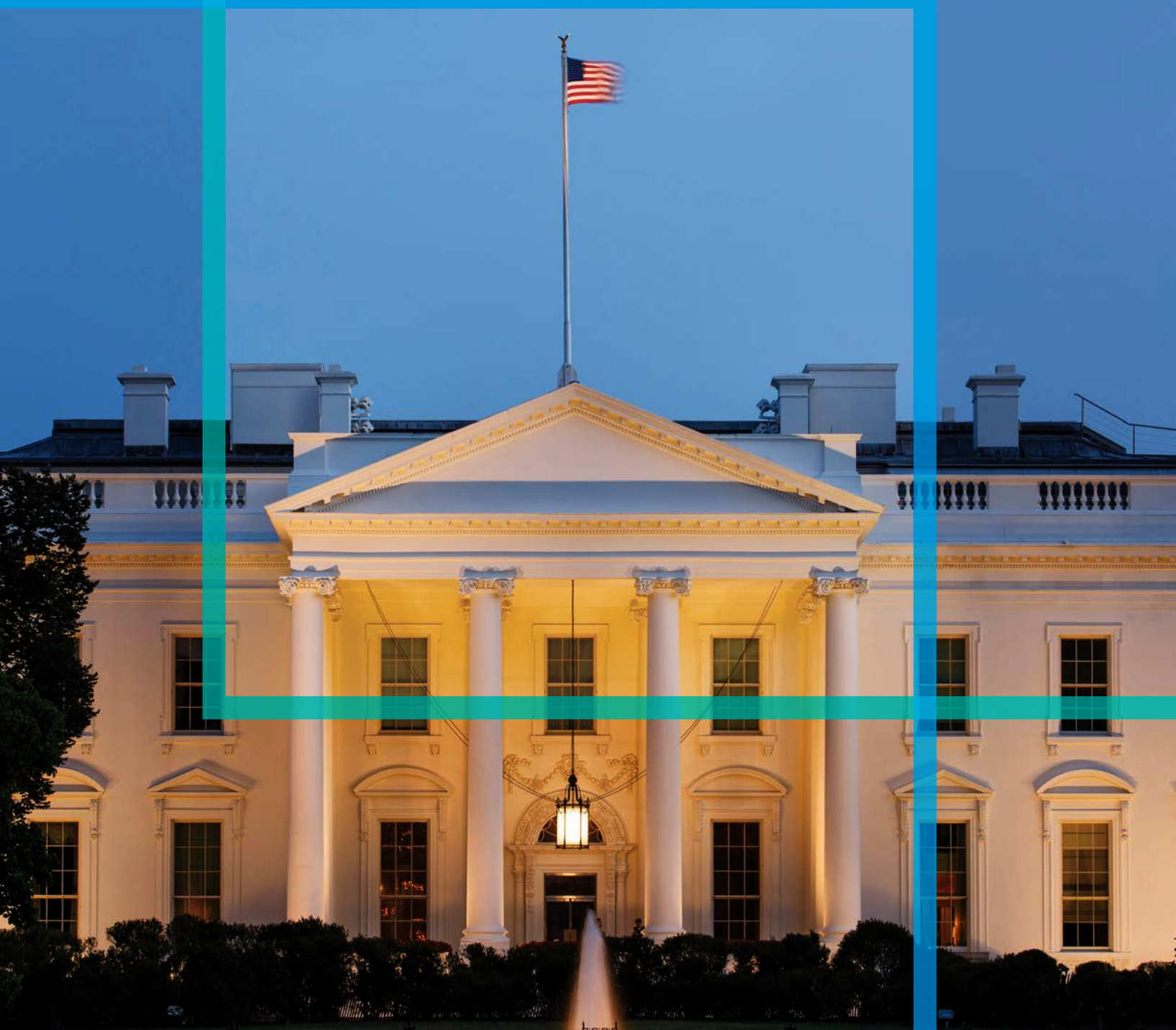


A review of U.S.
presidential elections



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“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.”
 – Franklin D. Roosevelt

Set your sights on the long term

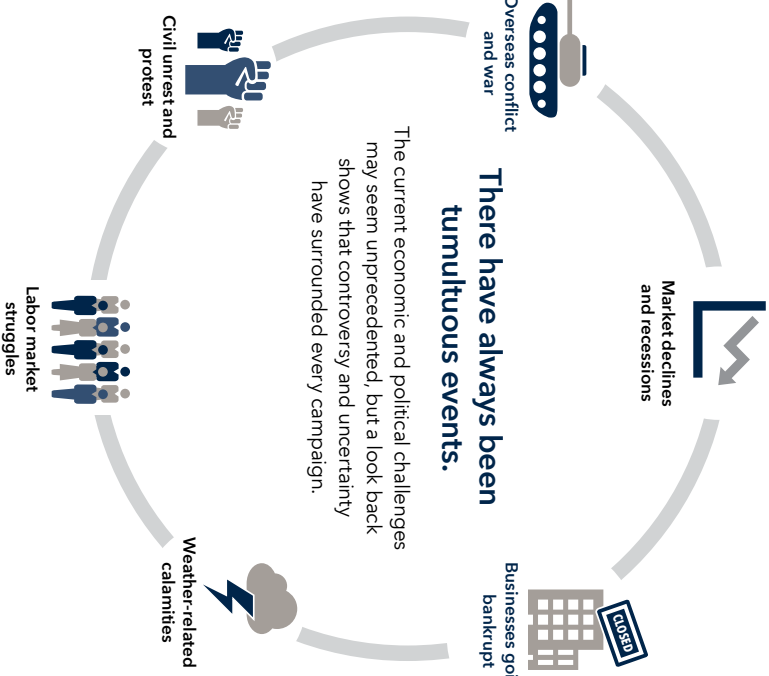
Investor doubts may seem especially prevalent during presidential election years when campaigns spotlight the country's challenges. Yet even with election year rhetoric amplifying the negative, it's important to focus on your vision for the future.

Keep in mind the following:

- Successful long-term investors stay the course and rely on time rather than timing.
- Investment success has depended more on the strength and resilience of the American economy than on which candidate or party holds office.
- The experience and time-tested process of your investment manager can be an important contributor to your long-term investment success.

1936	1940	1944	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972
Franklin D. Roosevelt vs. Wendell Willkie U.S. remains in grip of Depression Nar: rise trouble-Europe	Franklin D. Roosevelt vs. Wendell Willkie Isolationism vs. engagement holly: debated Germany meta: es: surge, France: bills	Franklin D. Roosevelt vs. Thomas Dewey FDR's health in question Potential Post-War impact of New Deal debated	Harry Truman vs. Thomas Dewey Civil rights: tension boils over at convention Berlin blockade accelerates Cold War	Dwight Eisenhower vs. Adlai Stevenson U.S. detonates first hydrogen bomb Attempts at Korean War: truce: fail	Dwight Eisenhower vs. Adlai Stevenson Midwest trouble as Egypt seizes Suez Canal Soviets invade Hungary	John F. Kennedy vs. Richard Nixon Cuba: nationalizes U.S. assets American U-2 spy plane shot down in Soviet airspace	Lyndon Johnson vs. Barry Goldwater Civil rights: Act passes after lengthy filibuster Gulf of Tonkin signals Vietnam involvement	Richard Nixon vs. Hubert H. Humphrey Vietnam protests and civil rights issue: roll conventions BR and Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated	Richard Nixon vs. George McGovern Watergate scandal surfaces Vietnam War drags on

Jimmy Carter vs. Gerald Ford New York City threatens bankruptcy Economy: mixed in recession	Ronald Reagan vs. Jimmy Carter Iran: hostage crisis drags on Olympic boycott Cold War: divide	Ronald Reagan vs. Walter Mondale Budget deficits rising rapidly Stock market: slides over 30% in less than four months	George H.W. Bush vs. Michael Dukakis Savings and loan crisis reaches apex Iran-Contra: indictments	Bill Clinton vs. George W. Bush Los Angeles riots highlight racial tension Pending NAFTA ratification creates anxiety	Bill Clinton vs. Bob Dole 19 American servicemen killed in Saudi Arabia bombing UN arms inspectors repeatedly thwarted in Iraq	George W. Bush vs. Al Gore Tech bubble bursts: stock market: plummet Attack on USS Cole heightens terrorism concerns	George W. Bush vs. John Kerry Oil prices soar Ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	Barack Obama vs. John McCain Subprime mortgage crisis Lehman Brothers collapse: world market: fall	Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney High-stakes negotiations lead to a deal to avert the "fiscal cliff" Superstorm Sandy kills 206 people and causes \$68 billion in damage	Donald Trump vs. Hillary Clinton Rise of populism affects elections around the world The U.K. votes to leave the European Union
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There have always been tumultuous events.

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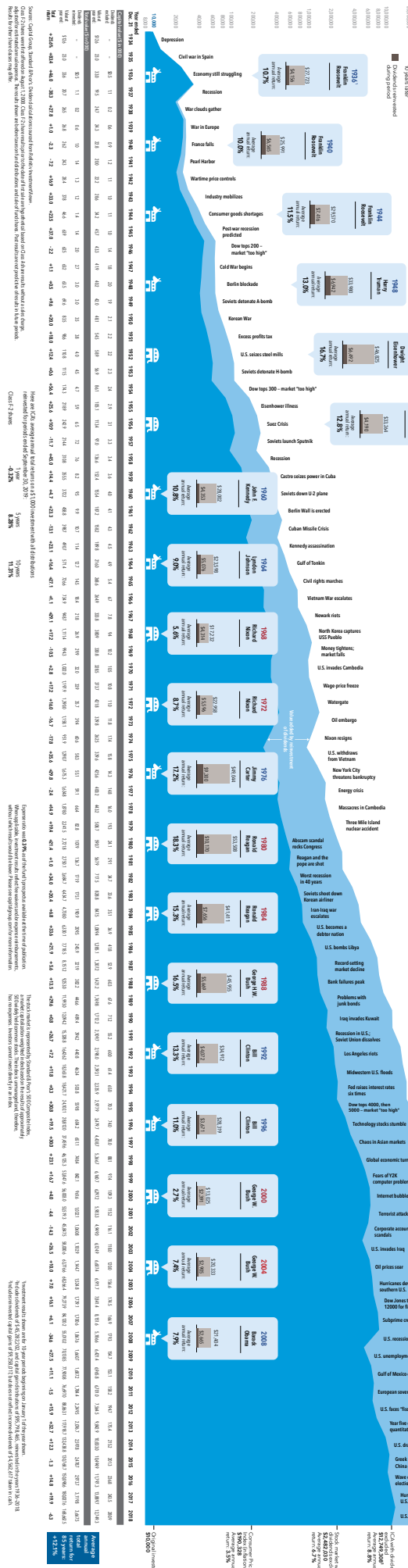
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As you can see in the movement chart below, a hypothetical \$100,000 investment in the S&P 500 index has grown to over \$10 million, and the S&P 500 index has added 8.6% annually, or 10.3% after inflation.

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 Always target 10 years down the road.

Figures shown are not meant to be a prediction of results in future periods. Historical data shows that the S&P 500 index has averaged 10.3% annual returns since 1926. However, there have been periods of volatility and decline. The S&P 500 index has a long-term average return of 10.3% per year, but it has also experienced significant downturns, including a 37% decline in 2008. Past performance does not guarantee a similar outcome in the future.



Source: Center for Retirement Studies. Data derived from the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. All figures are in U.S. dollars.

Chart 1: S&P 500 index value from 1926 to 2025. The chart shows a long-term upward trend with significant volatility.

Chart 2: Annual S&P 500 index returns from 1926 to 2025. The chart shows a mix of positive and negative returns, with a significant decline in 2008.

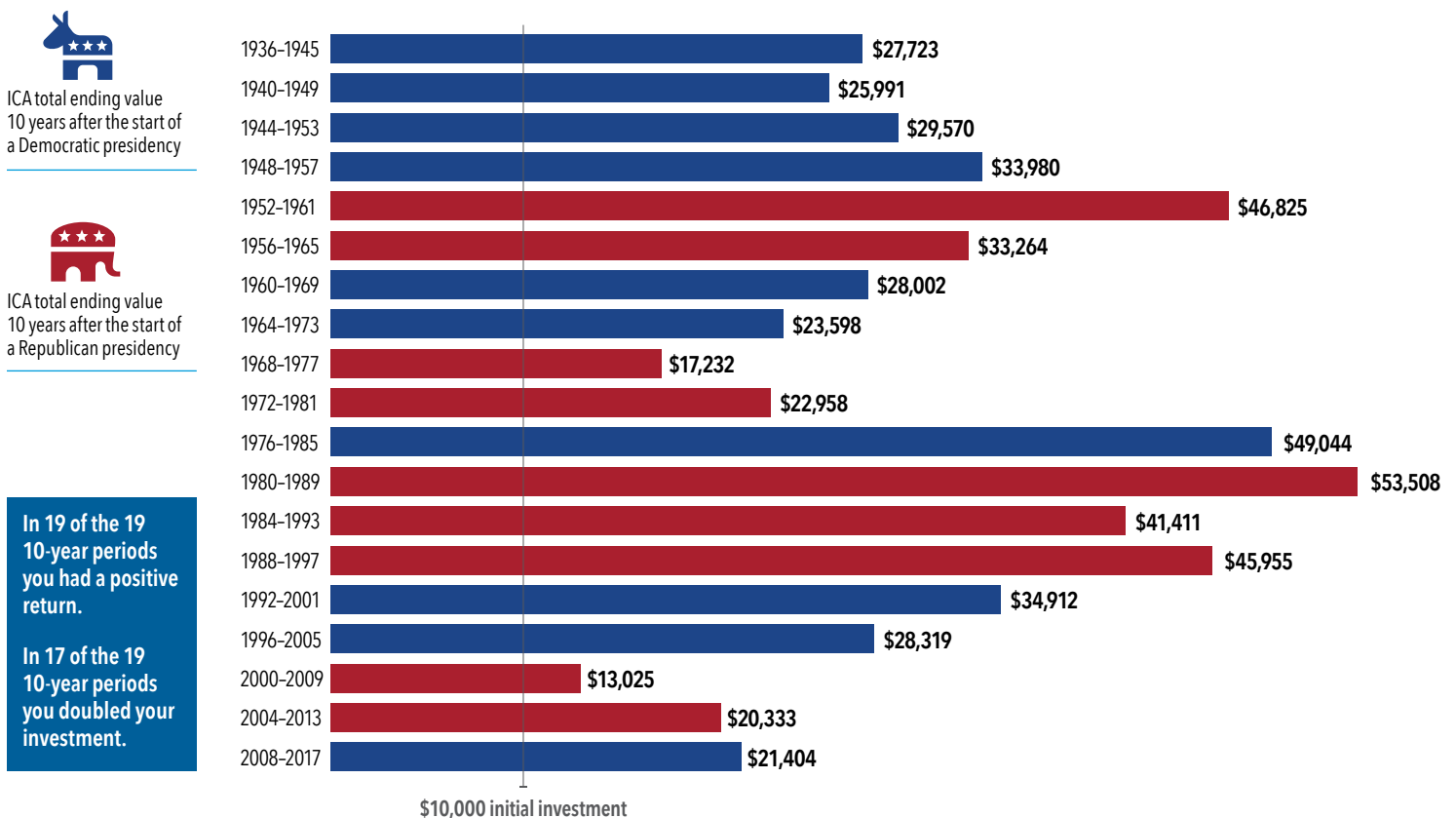
Chart 3: Annual S&P 500 index returns after inflation from 1926 to 2025. The chart shows a consistent positive return over the long term.

Chart 4: Annual S&P 500 index returns after taxes from 1926 to 2025. The chart shows a consistent positive return over the long term.

Red, blue and you

Beliefs about which political party is best for the markets might discourage you from investing. But as you can see from the chart below, whether a Republican or a Democrat claims victory hasn't been a deciding factor in how a \$10,000 investment made at the beginning of an election year looked 10 years down the road.

Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made at the beginning of an election year



Source: Capital Group.

Each 10-year period begins on January 1 of the first year shown and ends on December 31 of the final year shown. For example, the first period listed (1936-1945) covers 1/1/36 through 12/31/45.

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