

## What's Better for Your Portfolio: A Republican or Democratic President?

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Does your portfolio's health truly depend on whether a Republican or a Democrat is elected as President of The United States? Well, the numbers don't lie and it's practically a wash when you look at the total returns for both parties going back to 1789 (yes, Fidelity ran the numbers going all the way back to our 1st U.S. President). Here's the 2 key points from the data:

The first 2 years after a Republican wins the Oval Office are much better for stock markets (8.3% vs. 5.8% for Democrats in the first 2 years). Over full 4-year terms it becomes nearly even (8.8% for Republicans vs. 8.6% for Democrats)

Once you see the numbers it becomes evident that investing based on what party is going to win in November is NOT a sound investment strategy. Focusing on the overall economic conditions and fundamentals is always a sound strategy, as is staying invested generally for the long term (profitable short-term trading is extremely difficult, even for financial professionals).

When we say invested for the long-term, we mean more than 5-10 years (or longer preferably). Whether your political party wins or doesn't come November, remember that your portfolio can be a winner over time regardless of who gets in office (provided you remain patient and focus on what matters: time invested in and NOT timing the market).

Now that you know this, use this to your benefit – heck, even bring it up as a different political conversation starter (it's one that probably won't get too heated)...you're welcome!

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## Kiwanis Club of Dallas Awards Scholarship to Lake-Leman High School Student

Kiwanis Club of Dallas recently presented its annual Key Club Scholarship. This year's scholarship award recipient is Lily Wood from Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School. She will be attending University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, PA, and will major in Pharmacy (PharmD program). Lily was a member of the Lake-Lehman Key Club for three years and held the positions of freshman board representative, editor, and president. During that time, she participated in all events sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dallas. While a student at Lake-Lehman, Lily was a member of the National Honor Society, vice-president of Interact Club, and member of Student Council, and Prom Committee. She was actively involved in community service projects with Lake-Lehman School, WildCare, Geisinger Junior Volunteer Program, and other civic and community organizations. Pictured during the check presentation from Kiwanis Club of Dallas are from left to right: Alyson Wood, mother of recipient; Lily Wood, recipient of scholarship; and David Wood, father of recipient.



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