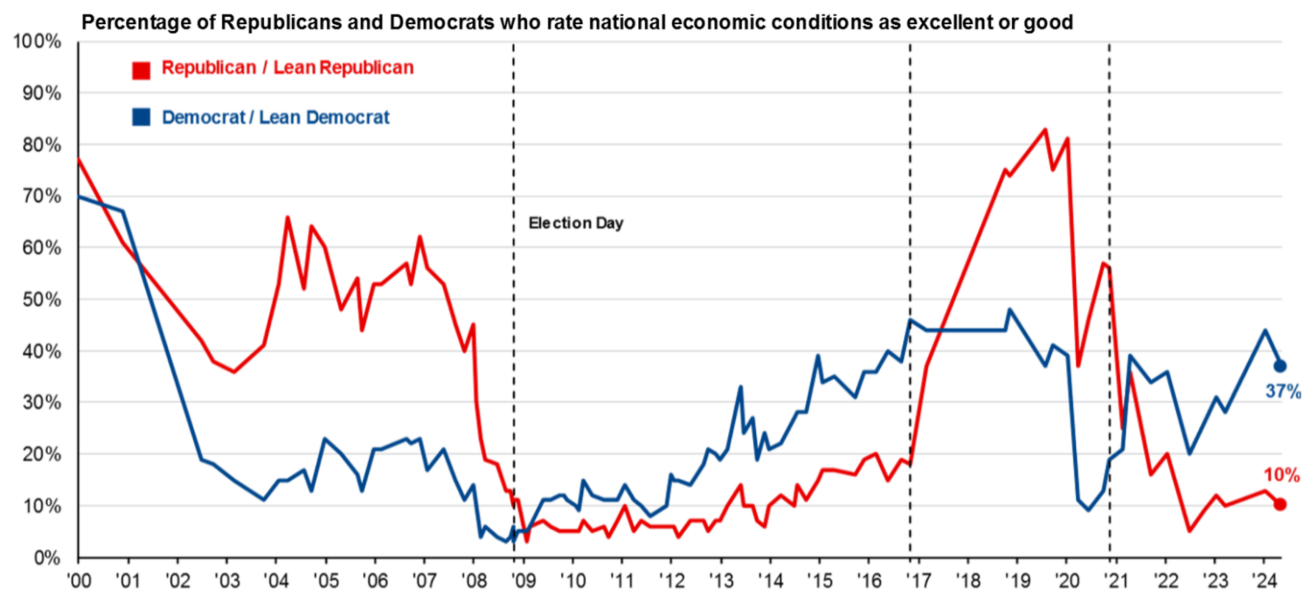


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History suggests that real economic growth and equity market performance are independent of the presidential party elected. Investors anticipate economic and social risks associated with any potential president, which causes uncertainty and market volatility. But as results come in and policies become more predictable, markets tend to stabilize.

Administration	Bush	Obama	Trump	Biden
Dates in office	Jan '01 – Jan '09	Jan '09 – Jan '17	Jan '17 – Jan '21	Jan '21 – Today
S&P 500 return	-4.5%	16.3%	16.0%	12.4%
Real GDP growth	1.9%	2.2%	1.8%	2.7%

As seen in the graph below, economic conditions become perceptions that are political and ideological – not based on the actual economy.



Source: JPMorgan Asset Management

Today, the U.S. economy and dollar are strong and inflation has fallen to 3.1%. But high mortgage rates and a softening labor market are a concern. The big policy issues in play for the next four years are immigration, income taxes, foreign policy, and trade.