Stock Market Indicators: S&P 500 Presidential Cycles

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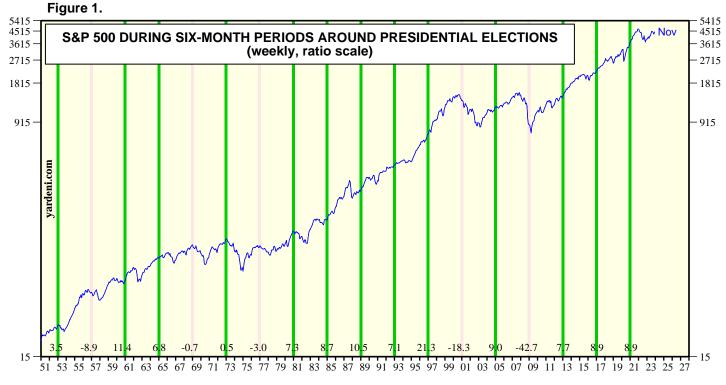
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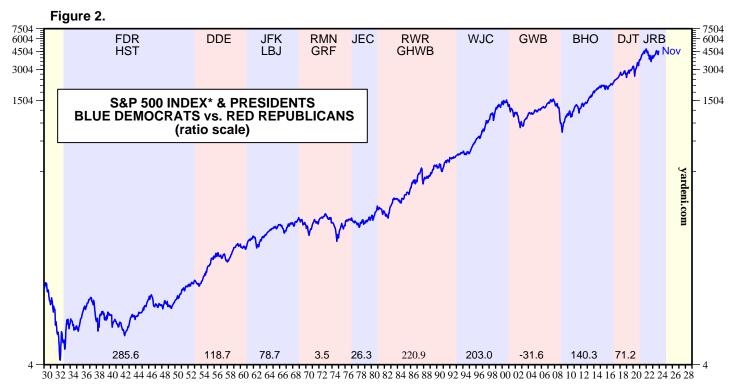
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Stocks & Politics



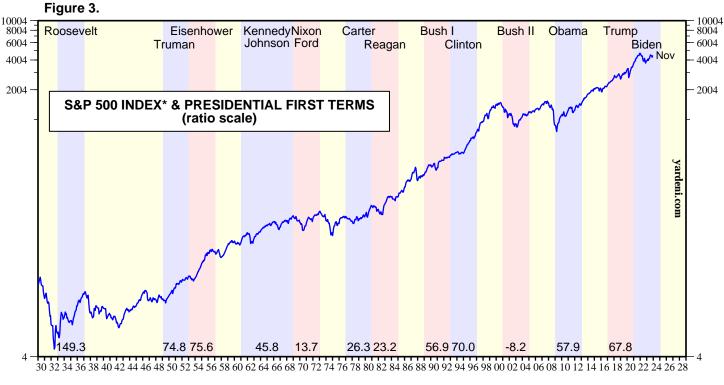
Note: Shaded areas in green (red) are when the S&P 500 is up (down) during the six months from September to February around presidential elections. Numbers above timeline are percentage changes over those six-month periods. Source: Standard & Poor's.



* End-of-month daily data.

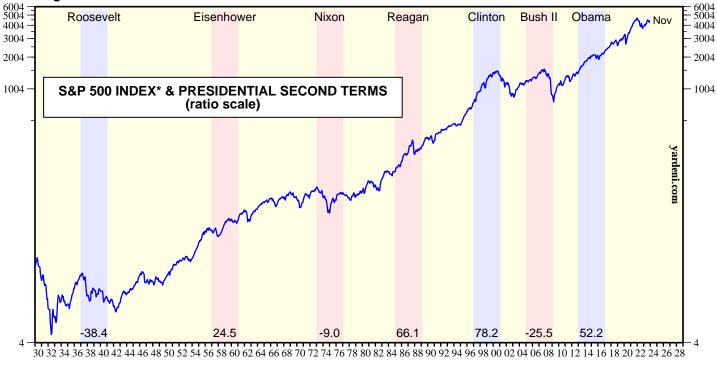
Note: Blue (red) shades represents Democrats (Republicans) in White House. Data above timeline are percentage changes in S&P 500 for each shade. Source: Standard & Poor's.

First & Second Terms



* End-of-month daily data through 12/31/2020. Note: Shaded areas represent first term of each president. Blue shade represents Democrats. Red shade represents Republicans. Data above timeline are percentage changes for each shade. Source: Standard & Poor's.

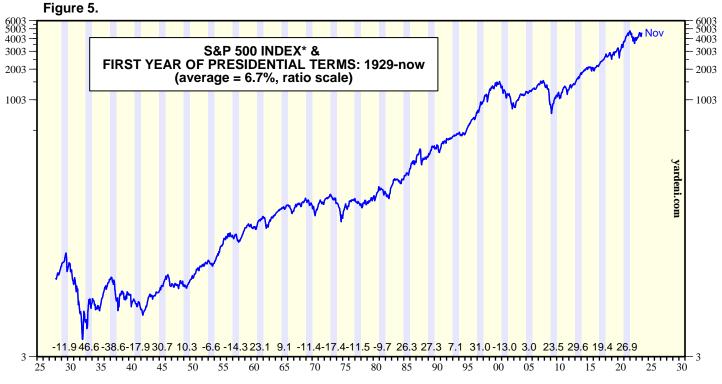
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* End-of-month daily data through 8/31/2016. Note: Shaded areas represent second term of each president. Blue shade represents Democrats. Red shade represents Republicans. Data above timeline are percentage changes for each shade. Source: Standard & Poor's.

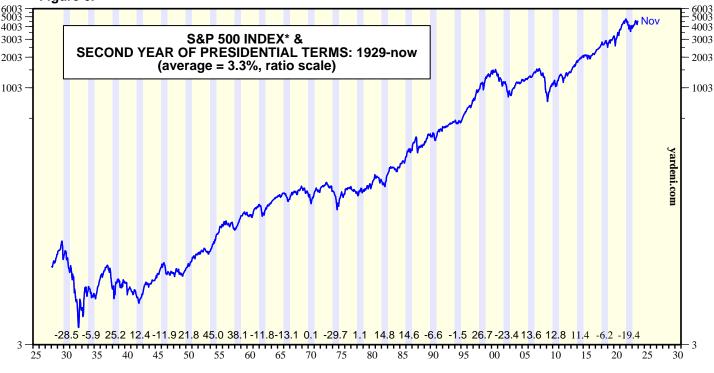
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Presidential Cycles



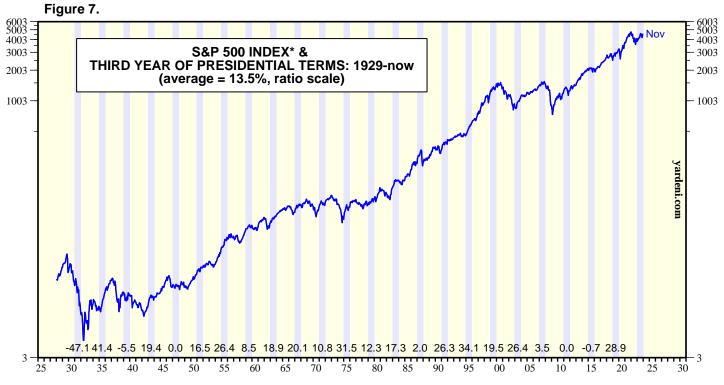
* End-of-month daily data through 12/31/2021. Note: Shaded areas are the first years of presidential terms. Data above timeline are percentage changes for the first year using daily price data. Source: Standard & Poor's.

Figure 6.



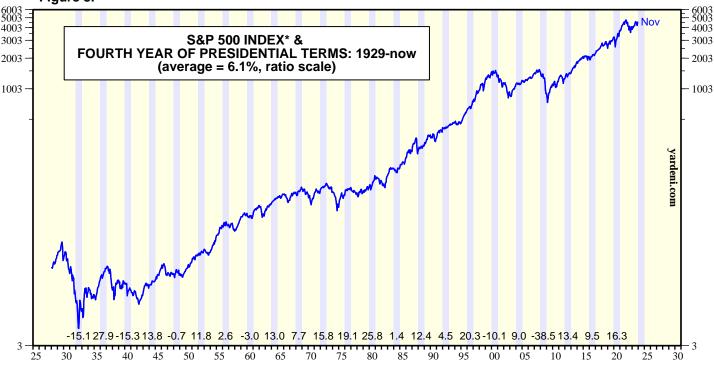
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Presidential Cycles



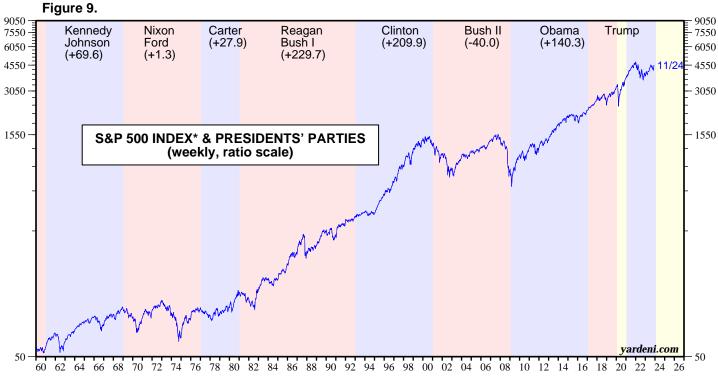
* End-of-month daily data through 12/31/2019. Note: Shaded areas are the third years of presidential terms. Data above timeline are percentage changes for the third year using daily price data. Source: Standard & Poor's.

Figure 8.



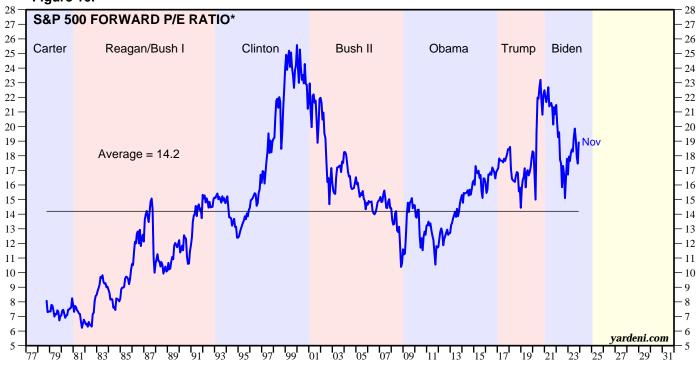
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S&P 500 Index & P/E

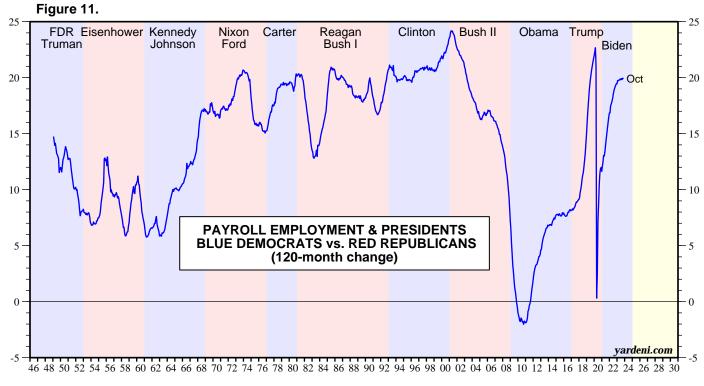


* End-of-month daily data through August 31, 2016. Note: Shaded areas represent periods when one party holds the presidency. Blue shade represents Democrats. Red shade represents Republicans. Numbers in parenthesis show S&P 500 increase or decrease during each president. Source: Standard & Poor's.

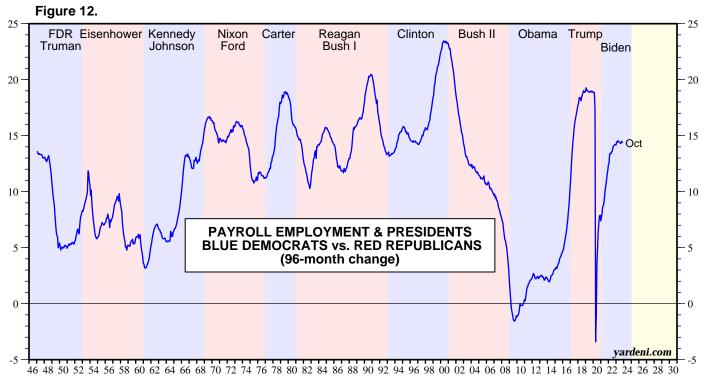
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* Average monthly S&P 500 stock price index divided by S&P 500 12-month forward consensus expected operating earnings per share. Source: I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv. Misc.



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