# Market Returns During Election Years

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It is difficult to identify systematic return patterns in elections years.

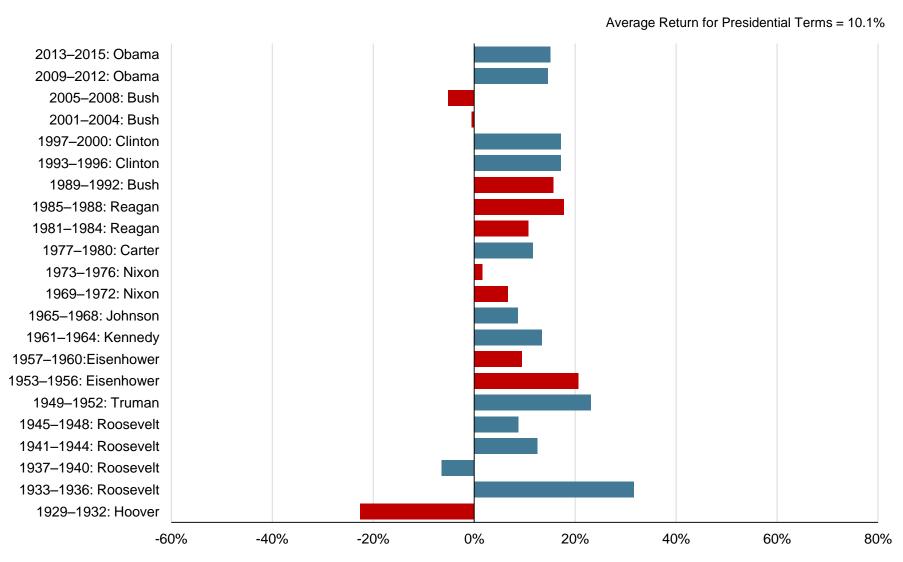
On average, market returns have been positive both in election years and the subsequent year.

Market expectations associated with election outcomes are embedded in security prices.

S&P 500 Index: 1928-2013



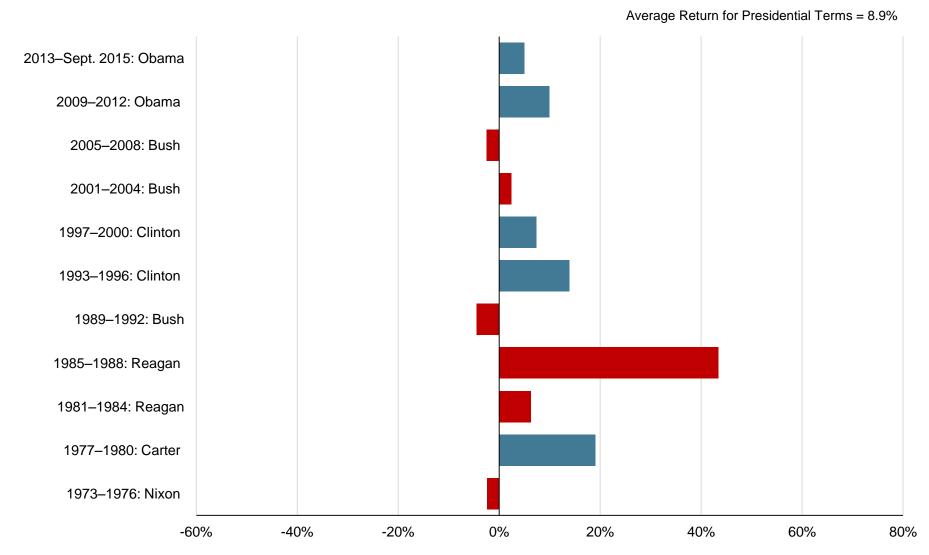
S&P 500 Index: 1929-2015



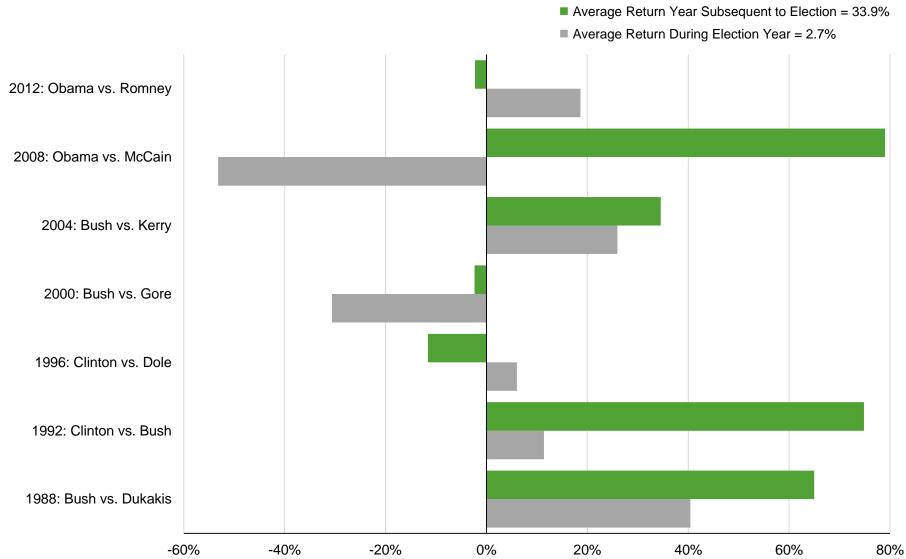
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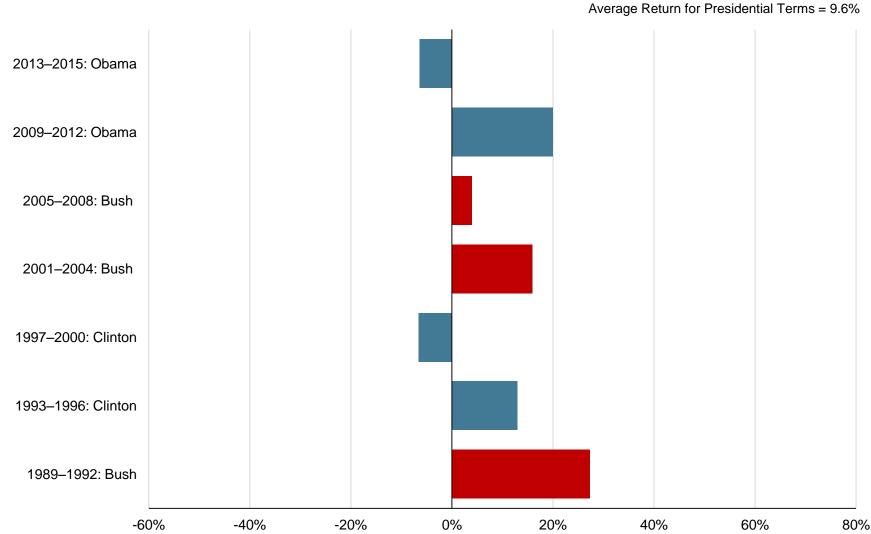


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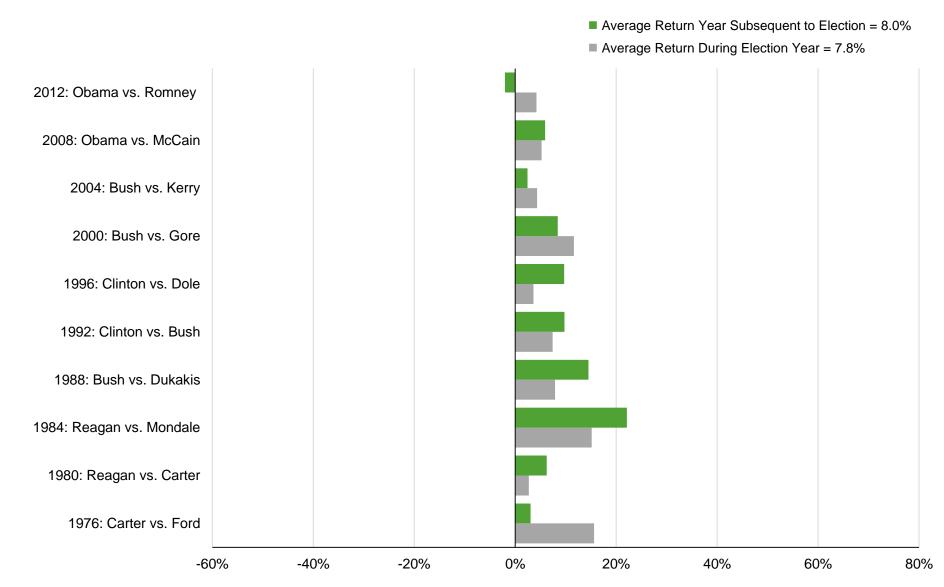
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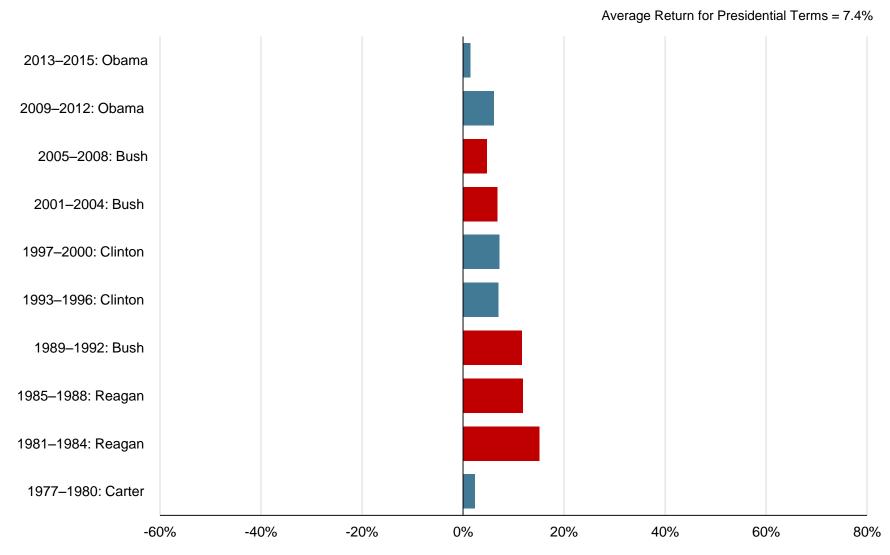


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Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index: 1976–2013

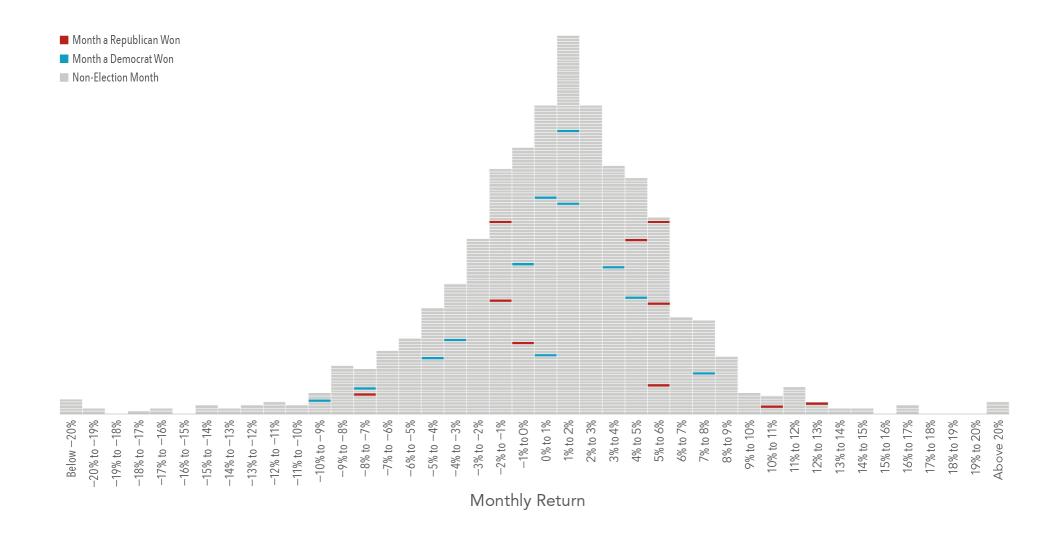


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