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#### Market Performance Around Elections: A Deep Dive Around What History Tells Us And What Logic Suggests In This Election Cycle

2020 is already an unprecedented year for the country (pandemic, protests, unemployment, fiscal stimulus, market volatility), and generally speaking, we have not even gotten into the heat of the 2020 campaign season. In this report, we provide an update on the state of the election with updates to our likelihood of each scenario, provide historical data on how the market performs overall and sector by sector under presidents of each party and in different compositions of Congress; as well as provide analysis on why this year may be different.

#### State of the Election

- Biden Favored. We currently give former Vice President Joe Biden a 60% probability of winning the election and President Trump a 40% chance of reelection.
- Senate a "Toss-Up." We view the Senate as basically a "toss-up" with a slight tilt towards Democrats given Biden's current lead. Overall, we view the Senate majority to mirror the outcome of the presidential election.
- Expect Volatility. With the policy implications very different depending on election results, combined with uncertainty in the counting of ballots, we expect increased market volatility.

#### **Market Overview**

- Into Election Trade. Equity markets tend to trade cautiously into elections, and that could easily be the case for the next few months given the Democratic lead, potential for election dispute, and strong 2Q equity rally.
- 2020 May Be Different. However, when stocks weaken into an election, they tend to recover relatively quickly as investor focus shifts from high profile fears to a slower changing, more moderate reality.
- Sustained Support Needed. The economy needs substantial, sustained fiscal support through at least 2021 to return to anything resembling full employment, so a split government may not be as bullish as it has been historically.
- Democratic Sweep. Our assumption is that a Democratic sweep may lead to an initial market sell-off over fears of higher taxes and potential inflation, but ultimately lead to better performance in many cyclicals and smaller caps, offset by weakness in sectors with more regulatory risk.
- Divided Government. Our assumption is that a Republican win or Democratic win with Republican Senate would likely be viewed as bullish by the equity market (more status quo), but likely to result in a more disinflationary sector positioning with large caps outperforming small caps, mega-cap tech likely doing better, and healthcare and energy enjoying a relief rally.

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#### Summary

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- Senate a "Toss-Up." We view the Senate as basically a "toss-up" with a slight tilt towards Democrats given Biden's current lead. Overall, we view the Senate majority to mirror the outcome of the Presidential Election. If Trump wins reelection, there is an extremely high probability of a retained Republican majority.
- **Democrats Expected to Hold the House.** Democrats have a solid hold on the House of Representatives and just need to win the seats they are projected to win to retain their majority. Republicans would need to win all of the "toss-up" races, win all of the seats they are likely to win, and pick up seats that currently favor Democrats to capture the majority. We give Democrats over a 90% probability of retaining the House.
- **Remember this is 2020.** 2020 has been an unpredictable year and while Biden is currently favored, we do not count President Trump out from winning reelection. We have consistently highlighted the multiple "election defining" issues we have already experienced. We do not have to look back far (2016) to find examples of elections turning out different than expected or having late-breaking events that swing an election.
- Election Results. We are conditioned in the U.S. to learn the winner on the night of the election. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and an expected surge in absentee ballots, it could be days or weeks before a winner of the presidency or key congressional elections are declared. We have emerging warning signs from recent elections, including long delays in counting absentee ballots, technicalities invalidating certain ballots, and significant swings between the day of vs. final election results.
- **Expect Volatility.** With the policy implications very different depending on the winner of the presidential race and control of Congress, combined with uncertainty in the counting of ballots, we continue to expect the market to follow the historical precedence of a cautious approach leading up to the election day.

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#### Summary

## How Is This Election Different?

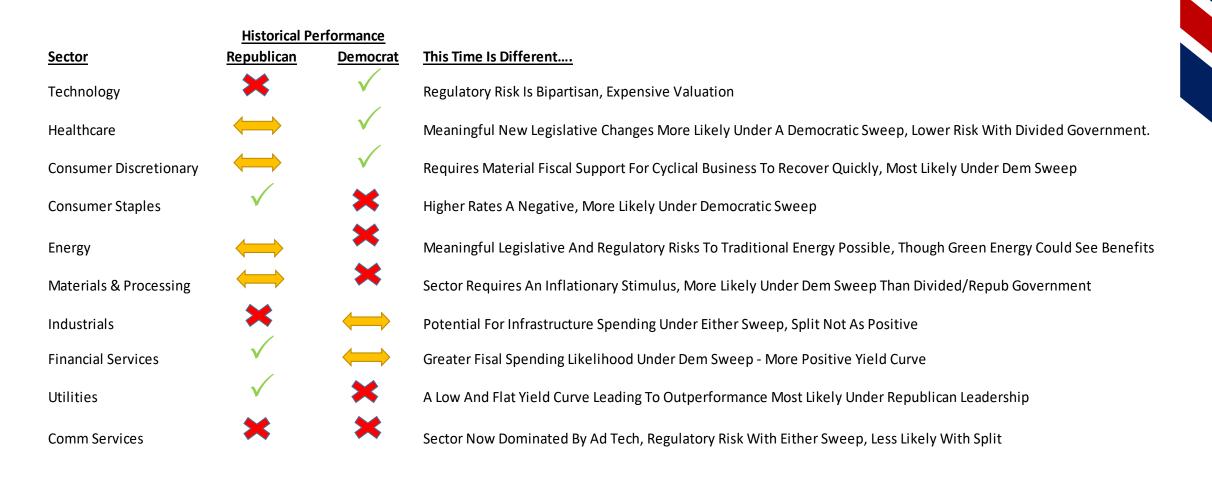
- Fiscal Support. We often see knee-jerk policy analysis on whether a Democratic or Republican government is "good" or "bad" for the market. In reality, we believe it is a much more nuanced conversation. The fiscal support coming out of DC has been critical for the market. The market may traditionally "fear" a Democratic sweep, but in the current economic reality, a Democratic sweep is most likely to produce continued fiscal support for the U.S. economy.
- Tech Regulation. As we outline in this report, technology outperforms with Democratic presidents and underperforms with Republicans. Some of this may be a timing issue (the dotcom boom of the 90s and strong performance of technology for the last decade+), but Democrats now have tech regulation moving up the agenda. Will these headwinds overpower some of the secular tailwinds that technology has enjoyed?
- **Financials.** The Dodd-Frank Act was a fundamental reform of the banking industry post-financial crisis, raising concerns of what a Democratic sweep would produce for new regulation and legislation. Historically, financials do best in the year after the election. We could see some pressure on non-bank financials and consumer banking products in a Democratic sweep, but the fiscal support could outweigh their impact on the banking sector as a whole.
- Infrastructure. The market has been waiting for years for the next large infrastructure bill. We had always felt a recession was necessary to produce a bill. With DC providing plenty of fiscal support for the economy, we see an infrastructure bill increasingly likely regardless of who wins in November, but the odds will increase with a Democratic sweep.
- Healthcare. The COVID-19 outbreak increases the focus on health disparities and the threat to those without insurance. We believe if Democrats sweep, health reform will be a top priority. A government-run public insurance option and targeting the pharmaceutical industry to help pay for it are likely to be core discussion points and likely will impact market sector sentiment until the threat clears.

## Market Overview Executive Summary

- **Cautious Market Setup.** Equity markets tend to trade cautiously into elections, and that could easily be the case for the next few months given the Democratic lead, potential for election dispute, and strong 2Q equity rally.
- Election Weakness Reverses Historically. However, when stocks weaken into an election, they tend to recover relatively quickly as investor focus shifts from high profile fears to a slower changing, more moderate reality.
- It's Different This Time. What's different this time is blindingly obvious. The economy needs substantial, sustained fiscal support through at least 2021 to return to anything resembling full employment, so a split government may not be as bullish as it has been historically.
- **Democratic Sweep Favors Cyclicals/Small Caps.** Our assumption is that a Democratic sweep may lead to an initial market sell-off over fears of higher taxes and potential inflation, but ultimately lead to better performance in many cyclical sectors (industrials, financials, materials notably) and smaller caps, offset by weakness in sectors with more regulatory risk (energy, healthcare, tech). Generally, we would expect better revenue growth, but margin pressure and lower P/E.
- **Republican Win or Split Favors Defensives/Large Caps.** Our assumption is that a Republican win or Democratic win with a Republican Senate would likely be viewed bullish by the equity market (more status quo), but likely result in a more disinflationary sector positioning with large caps outperforming small caps, mega-cap tech likely doing better, and healthcare and energy enjoying a relief rally. Generally, a slower revenue recovery, but better margins and higher P/E.
- Don't Overreact to Initial Election Stock Moves. But as historical data suggest, performance over the next 4 years is often the exact opposite of what investors expect heading into an election, so it is prudent not to overreact to initial stock moves.

#### **Summary**

# Historical Performance And Thoughts On Sector Implications Of U.S. Presidential Election



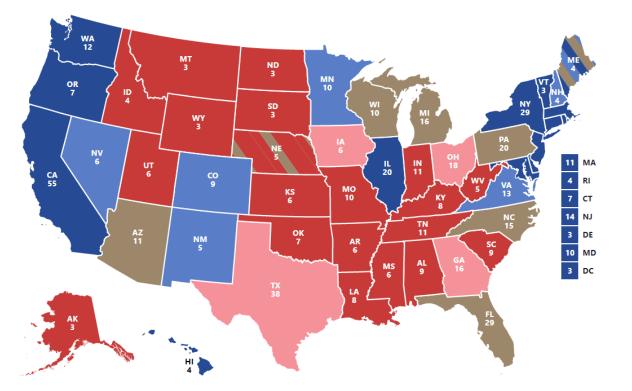
# **Election Update**

Where things stand in the election and likely scenarios

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# A Look At 2020: All Eyes On Battleground States

- Democrats begin with 183-125 base advantage and 232-203 advantage with leaners
- 6 battle ground states: Arizona, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin Trump won all in 2016 with less than 50%
- 3 states were won by Trump by less than 45,000 votes in 2016
  - Democrats flipping these states (MI, PA, WI) likely wins the White House
  - All three elected Democratic Governors in 2018





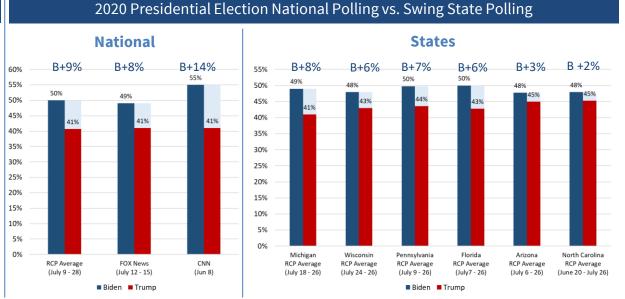
Source: Raymond James Research, 270 to Win



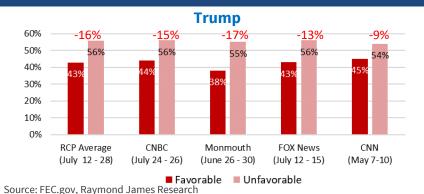
# The Race by the Numbers

#### Our Analysis

Biden has surged in the polls since the crisis. It is also common for candidates to surge after becoming a party's presumptive nominee. The public gives failing marks to Trump's response to COVID-19 and the protests over the death of George Floyd, causing his approval ratings to dip again well below 50%. We are in unprecedented times with several months remaining, and we expect that the race will tighten. The outcome will likely depend upon both economic and population health recovery in the fall.



Source: RealClearPolitics, Raymond James Research



2020 Presidential Candidates: Favorable vs. Unfavorable

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

0%

-2%

RCP Average

(May 7 - June 16) (June 12-14)

46%

CNBC

-9%

50%

**Biden** 

-7%

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(May 28 - June 1)

49%

+9%

FOX News

(June 13 - 16)

44%

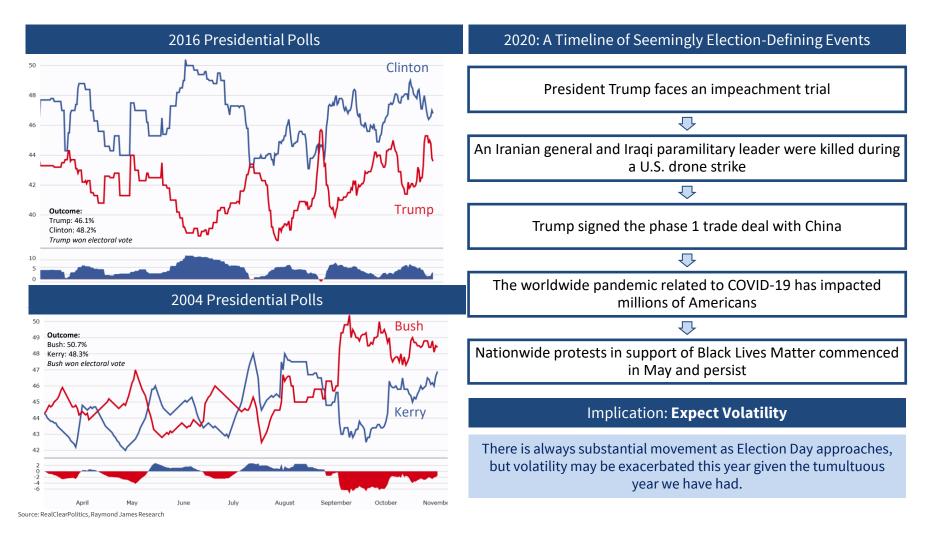
-5%

CNN

(May 7-10)

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# 100 Days: An Eternity



## What This Means

- **DEM** President
- **DEM** Senate
- **DEM** House



# Outcome 1: Dem Sweep (50%)

## **Arguments In Favor**

- White House and Senate election outcomes are becoming increasingly correlated
- Congressional Republicans have done little to distance themselves from Trump and his policies
- Biden, a less polarizing top of the ticket, gives opening to Democratic Senate candidates in Red states

## **Market/Policy Implications**

## Arguments Against

- Voters may want a "check" on Biden
- Democrats will need almost everything going their way to capture Senate majority
- Close election favors Republican
   majority

Conventions wisdom would suggest a "Dem Sweep" would be market negative (especially for heavily regulated industries in 2021), but economic suffering could demand additional fiscal support (a market positive). Biden will be under considerable pressure from the Democratic base to deliver key legislative initiatives, but would Senate moderates back him?

#### More Likely

- Tax increases (phased-in corporate to 28%, individual tax increases for households earning \$400K+, investment tax increases)
- Continued fiscal relief/spending
- Post-crisis legislation/regulation (health care, energy, financials)
- Tech/Anti-trust regulation
- Healthcare public option/expanded sick leave
- Increased minimum wage
- Decreased trade tensions

#### Less Likely

- Spending cuts
- Continuation of Trump-era regulatory policies
- Support for defense spending

# Outcome 2: Status Quo (35%)

## What This Means

- GOP President
- GOP Senate
- **DEM** House



## Arguments In Favor

- Data suggests little movement in House and Senate elections
- The "hidden Trump voter" may show up the same way they did in 2016

## **Market/Policy Implications**

## Arguments Against

- Trump's economy fell when it mattered most
- The **crisis** could shake up voting behavior

- Markets have traditionally liked divided government. A "Status Quo" would prevent some tax and regulatory changes likely in a
  Democratic sweep, which would be viewed as a positive; but will there be the political will for additional fiscal support? President
  Trump would remain a wild card, especially if he will not face reelection. How much more will he ramp up the fight with China? How
  much will he be focused on his legacy?
- A "Status Quo" government is likely to be light on legislative accomplishments and real actions will be regulatory in nature.

#### More Likely

- China trade fight intensifies
- Spending remains elevated, but budget battles remain
- Regulatory changes are supercharged
- Infrastructure bill possible

#### Less Likely

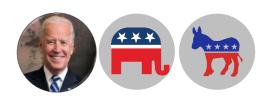
- Tax increases
- Changes to Affordable Care Act (ACA)/Medicare for All
- Climate legislation
- Post-crisis regulation
- Aggressive tech/Anti-trust regulation

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# Outcome 3: Biden Presidency, Divided Government (10%)

## What This Means

- **DEM** President
- GOP Senate
- **DEM** House



## Arguments In Favor

- Voters support "return to normalcy" message of Biden campaign
- When the economy falters, incumbents lose
- Cross-over Republican voters support Biden, but want a check on his power and revive ticket splitting for Senate candidates

## **Market/Policy Implications**

## Arguments Against

- Incumbents are historically tough to beat and Trump gets the benefit of rebounding economy
- Trump has a significant fundraising advantage over Biden
- Electoral College gives Trump ability to win without winning popular vote
- "Divided Government" would likely bring gridlock and would have a neutral impact markets. Headline risk would be increased and must-pass legislation could see Democratic priorities added. Confirmation fights will limit Executive Branch action, but many agencies likely to be run by "acting" heads.
- A "Divided Government" could see focus on increased spending for infrastructure and economic recovery, but limited legislations changes and limited support for tax increases.

#### More Likely

- Trade tensions decrease
- Spending remains elevated, but budget battles remain (net + for defense)
- Regulatory changes weigh on health care, financials, telecom, tech, energy
- Infrastructure bill possible

#### Less Likely

- Tax increases
- Changes to Affordable Care Act (ACA)/Medicare for All
- Climate legislation

# Outcome 4: Outlier Outcomes (5%)

## What This Means

- **GOP** President
- GOP Senate
- GOP House



## Arguments In Favor

The **"hidden Trump voter"** may show up the same way they did in 2016 across all three branches

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- A robust turnaround post-virus could attract more Republican votes
- The crisis could fuel polarization, increasing the likelihood of straight-ticket voting

## Arguments Against

- House Republicans are dramatically trailing in fundraising and other campaign fundamentals.
- Most **polls** run counter to this outcome

## What This Means

- **GOP** President
- DEM Senate
- **DEM** House



## **Arguments In Favor**

- The "hidden Trump voter" may show up the same way they did in 2016 in key tossup states
- Democrats have successfully expanded the playing field and several key races are in non-swing states

## Arguments Against

- If ticket splitting is largely dead, outcome is unlikely.
- This scenario would require Democrats to win in multiple states that support Trump reelection

# Elections In A COVID-19 Era

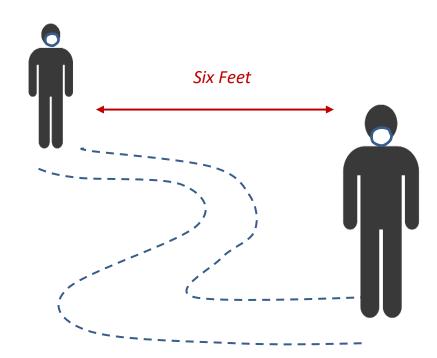
Congressional primary results illustrate **difficulties in transitioning to mail-in ballots** and preparing voters for contingencies

The winner **remains undecided** in some New York primaries almost a month after the primary date, and state data in New Jersey shows a 7.3% mail-in ballot rejection rate

Mail-in voting requires a longer counting period. **Potential for delayed announcement date, increased litigation, and challenges to the outcome = high uncertainty after election day** 

President Trump continues to push back against expansion of mail-in ballot access. Heightened skepticism of mail-in voting could harm Republican voter participation, particularly among older and rural populations

Fears and inconveniences related to the virus may lead only the most **enthusiastic voters** to show up at polls. Recent polling shows Trump voters leading Biden voters in enthusiasm for their respective candidates



# Increase In Mail-In Voting Could Create Volatility

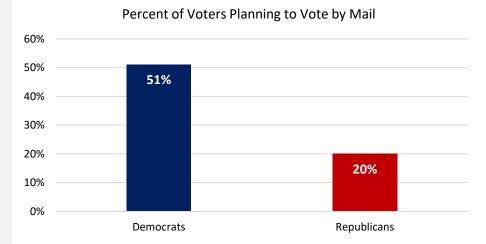
- Polls suggest a substantially larger portion of Democrat voters intend to vote by mail in the 2020 election relative to Republican voters.
- President Trump is urging Republicans not to vote by mail-in ballot thereby likely depressing Republican turnout.
- If Trump narrowly leads on Election Day, it is possible he could lose after mail-in votes on cast in the weeks after the election.
- A 7.3% rate of rejection for mail-in ballots could cost Democrats ~2% in the general election if these numbers hold.
- Such rejection rates and the desire by the Trump campaign to hold onto victory by getting as many ballots tossed as possible could lead to immense legal challenges and uncertainty following the election.

In the NY Ballot File for July 7 Primary...

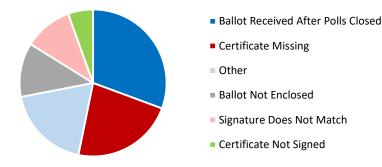


Sources: ABC/Post Polling, Raymond James Research

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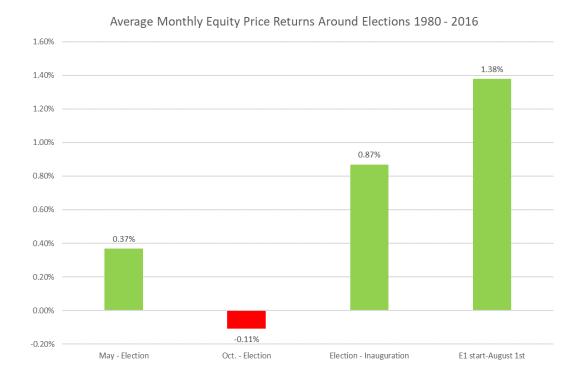
#### NY Absentee Ballot File Rejections

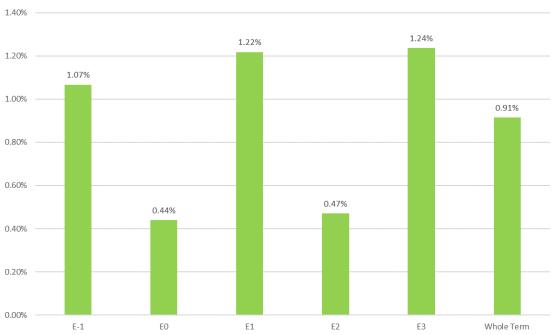


How the market performs historically under different party control

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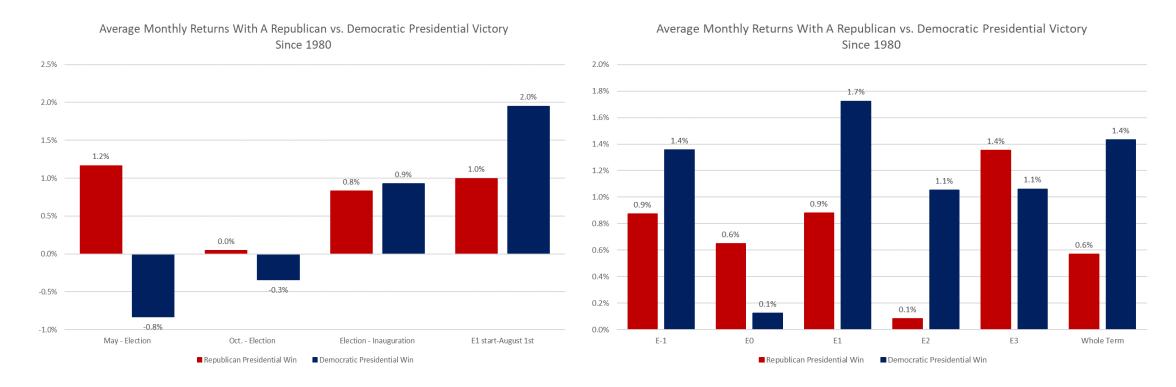
# On Average, The Equity Market Is Cautious Ahead Of Elections, Then Plays Catch Up Quickly



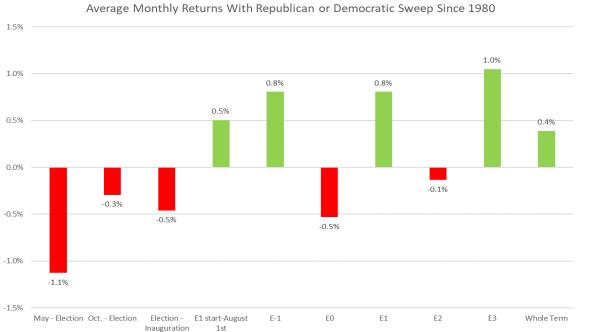


Average Monthly Equity Price Returns In Each Term Year 1980 - 2016

# Democratic Presidential Win Usually Preceded By A Weak Market, But A Big Positive Rotation In First 9 Months Post Election

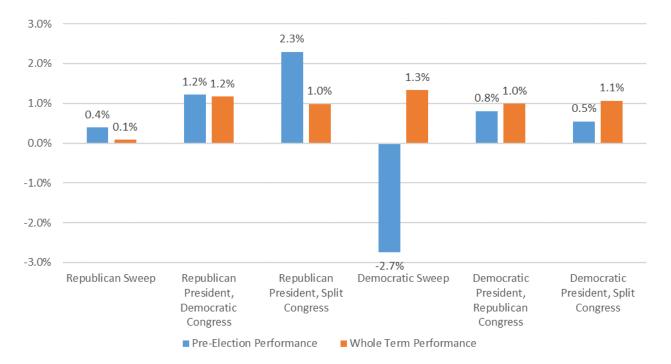


# Historically, The Market Does Far Worse In Front Of An Election Sweep & Far Better In Front Of A Split Government



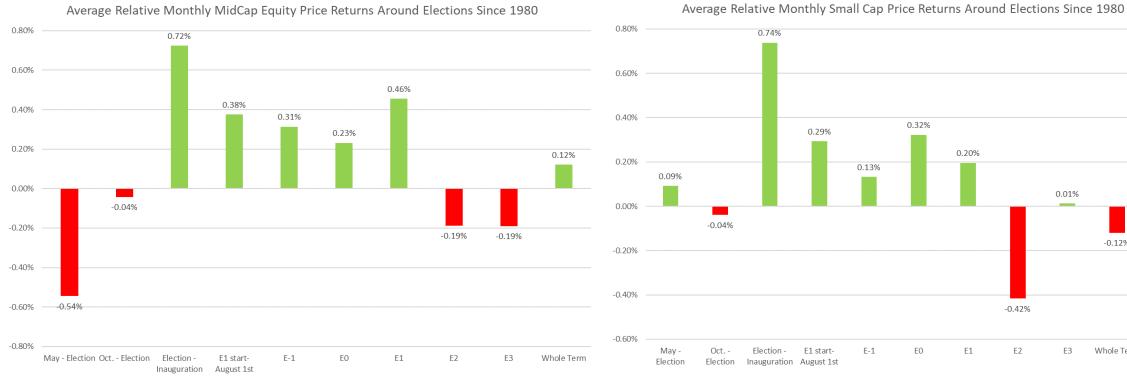


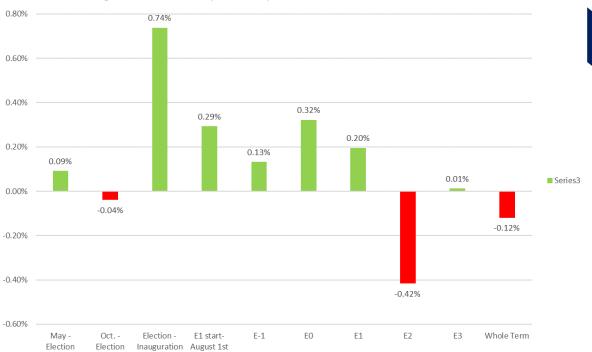
# Since 1980 Equity Market Does Better Pre-Election When A Republican Wins, But Democratic Market Fear Is Typically Reversed Over The Next 4 Years



Avg. Monthly Equity Performance Pre-Election vs. Whole Term

# Election Fear Is Most Noticeable In Small/Mid Caps – Reversed Quickly After Election



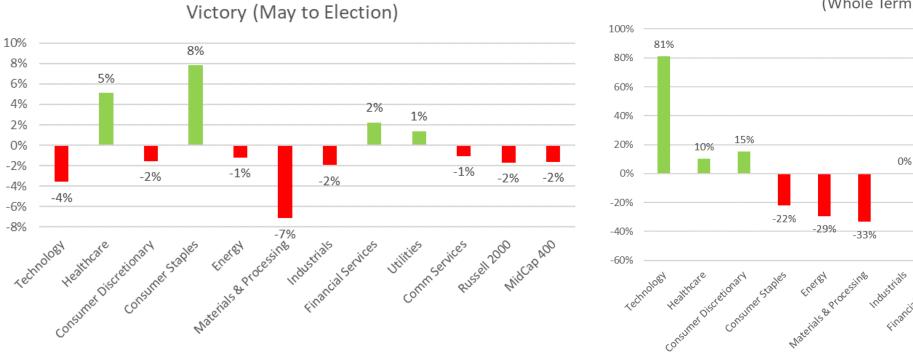


12%

MidCap 400

## **Market Overview**

In A Democratic Victory, The Pre-Election Period Sees Defensive Sectors Outperform (Healthcare, Staples, Utilities, Large Caps) – Whole Term Performance Dominated By Technology



Relative Performance In A Democratic Presidential

Relative Performance In A Democratic Presidential Victory (Whole Term)

Source: Bloomberg, Raymond James research

2%

-26%

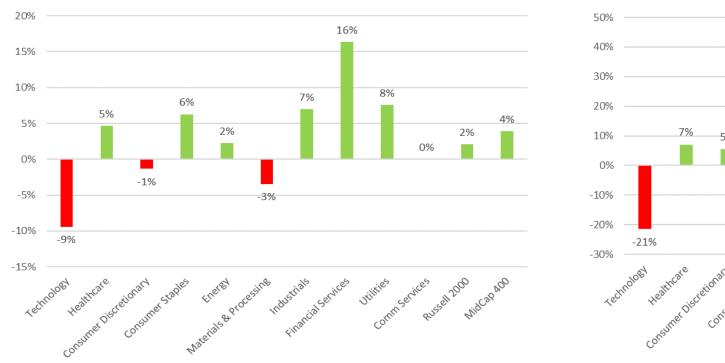
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-35%

Utilities



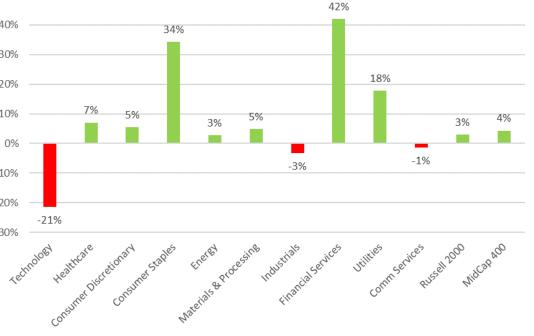
## In A Republican Victory, The Pre-Election Period Sees Financials Outperform & Tech Underperform – Whole Term Performance Dominated By Financials & Staples, Tech Underperforms



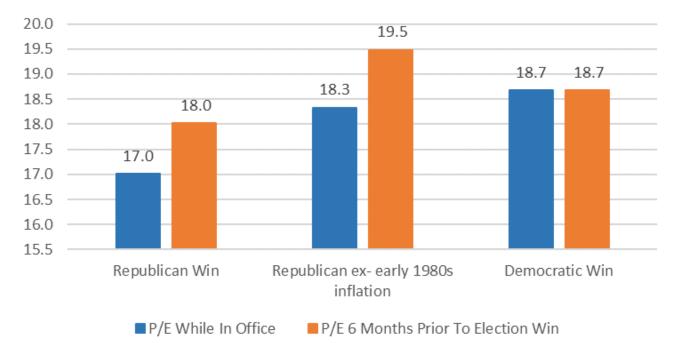
Relative Performance In A Republican Presidential

Victory (May to Election)





Although P/E Is A Little More Optimistic Heading Into Republican Elections, Ultimately P/Es Have Been Very Consistent Across Both Parties' Presidencies Over Time



Median S&P 500 Current Year P/E Since 1980

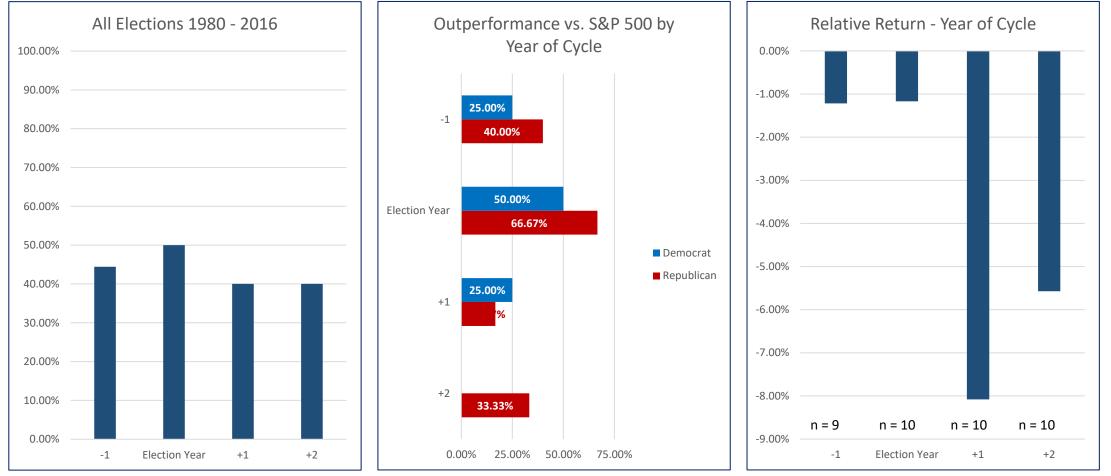
# Sector-by-Sector Performance

How do sectors perform under each political party and key takeaways

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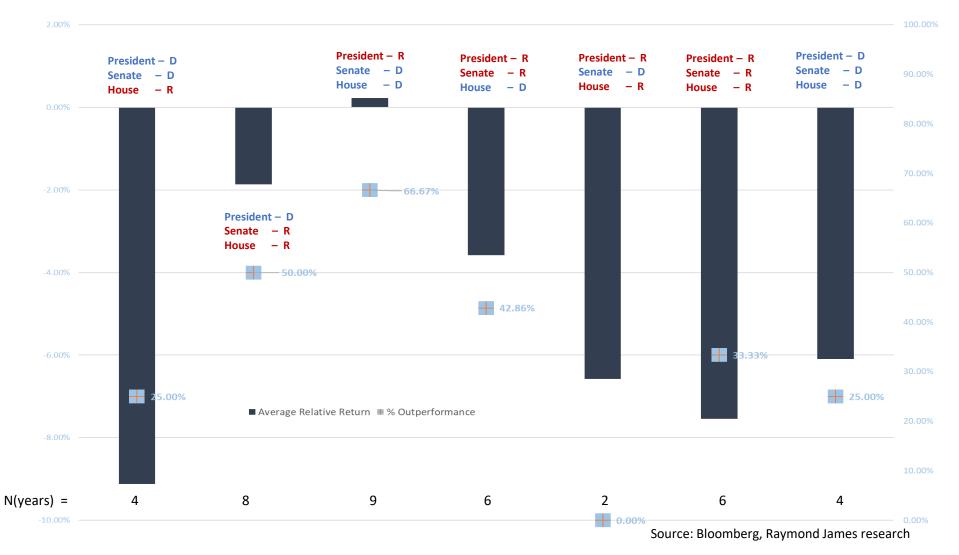
## **Communication Services**

# Percent of Elections Outperforming S&P 500 By Year Of Cycle



## **Communication Services**

# Relative Return & Outperformance By Party Affiliation



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## **Communication Services**

# Key Takeaways: Communication Services

## Republican Presidents

- Communication Services historically underperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of (1%) (see slide 24).
- This sector performs
   better under a divided
   GOP government vs. a
   unified government.

## Democrat Presidents

- Communication
   Services historically
   underperform under
   Democratic leadership
   by an avg. of (26%) (see slide 23).
- This sector
   underperforms under
   both divided and
   unified Dem
   governments.

## Our View

- We are in the middle of a transformative period for media and the communication services sector, much of which is driven by technological innovation.
- The boost for U.S. telecom companies visà-vis China and potential tech regulation are issues to watch.

Neutral Relative Return the Year Before an Election

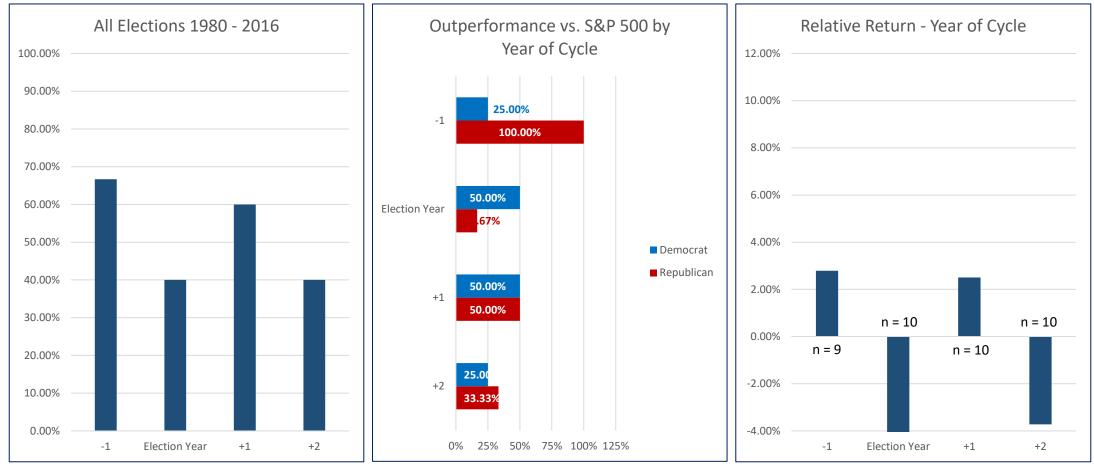
> Neutral Relative Return in Election Year

Negative Relative Returns 1 Year After an Election

Negative Relative Returns 2 Years After an Election

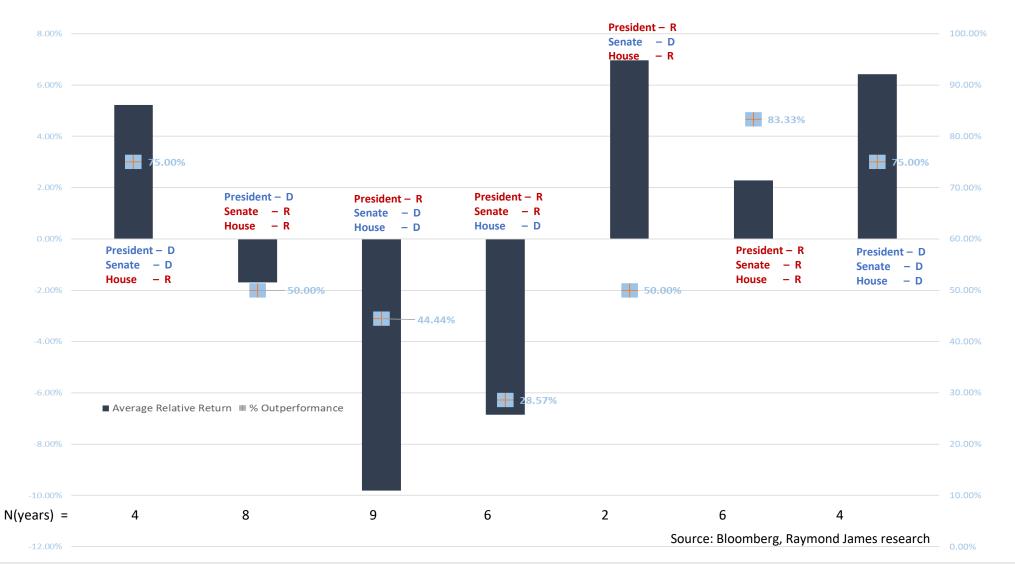
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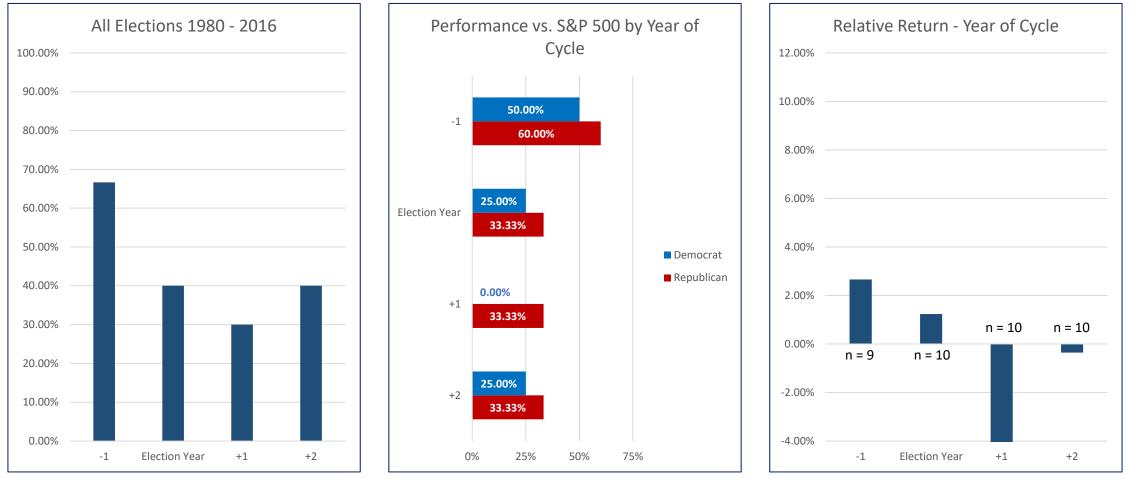
## **Consumer Discretionary**

# Key Takeaways: Consumer Discretionary

Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents	Our View	~
<ul> <li>Consumer discretionary historically outperforms under Republican leadership by an avg. of 5%.</li> <li>This sector performs worse under a divided GOP government vs. a unified government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consumer discretionary historically outperforms under Democratic leadership by 15%.</li> <li>This sector performs worse under a divided Dem government vs. a unified government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This sector is undergoing rapid change in terms of increasing e-commerce transformation.</li> <li>Performance likely to be determined by pace of continued fiscal stimulus as well as political regulatory actions.</li> </ul>	Higher Relative Return the Before an Election Negative Relative Ret in Election Year Higher Relative Ret Year After an Election Negative Relative Return Years After an Election

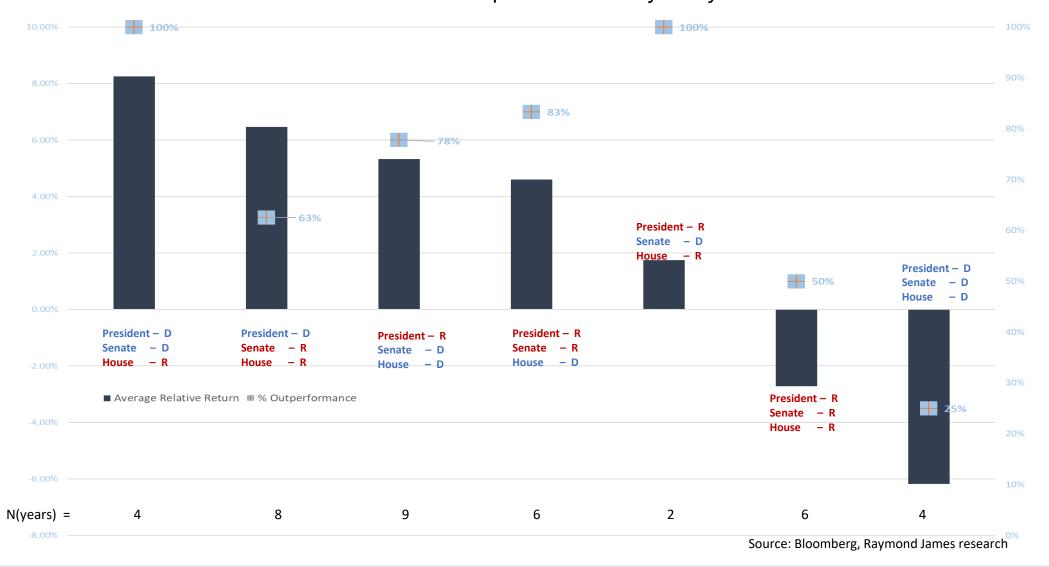
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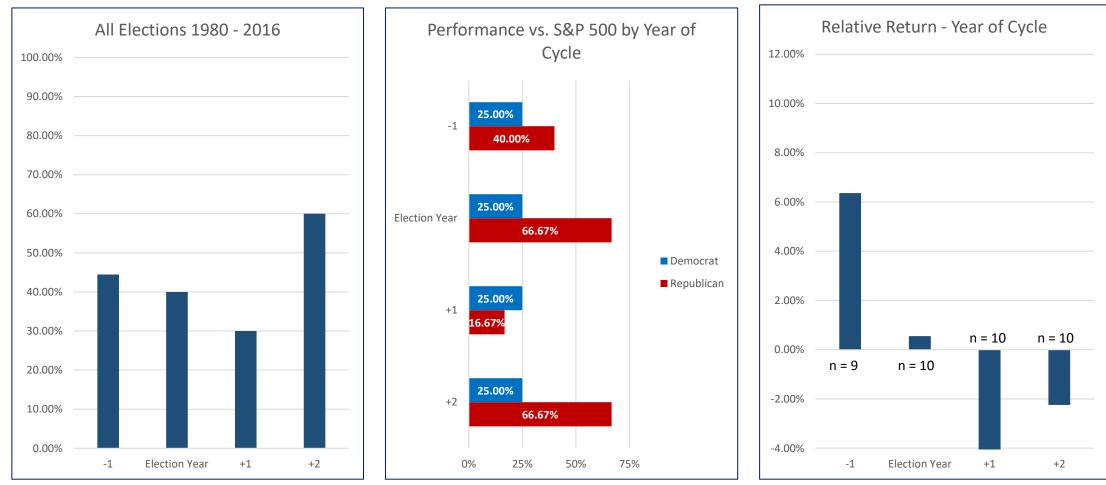
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# Key Takeaways: Consumer Staples

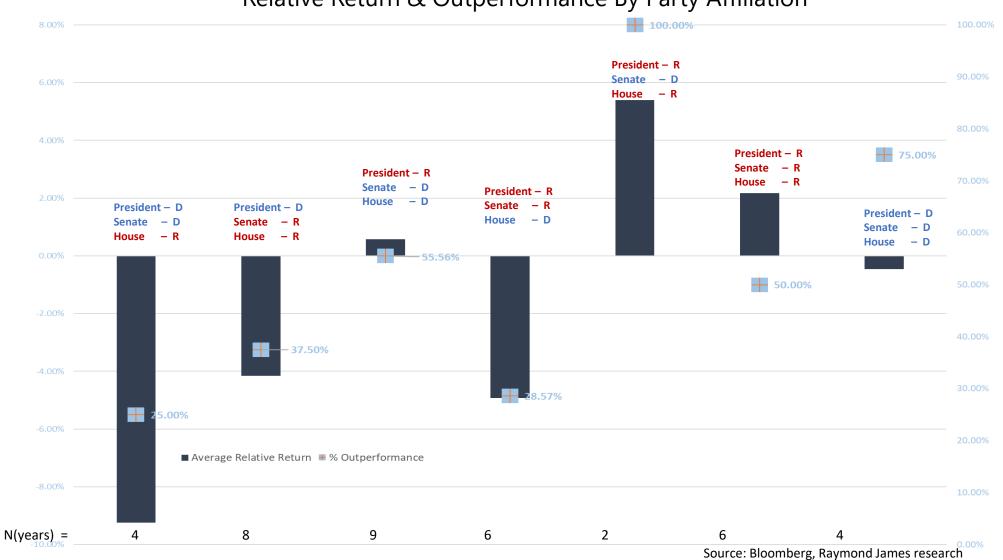
Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents	Our View	
<ul> <li>Consumer staples historically outperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of 34%.</li> <li>This sector performs better under a divided</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consumer staples historically underperform under Democratic leadership by an avg. of (22%).</li> <li>This sector performs better under a divided</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This sector is driven by low rates and a healthy consumer. We suspect more fiscal constraint under any divided government would be the most beneficial for</li> </ul>	Highest Relative Retur Year Before an Election Neutral Relative Election Year Negative Relative 1 Year After an E
<b>GOP government</b> vs. a unified government.	<b>Dem government</b> vs. a unified government.	staples.	Neutral Relative Retu Years After an Electio

## Energy

# Percent of Elections Outperforming S&P 500 By Year of Cycle



#### Energy



Relative Return & Outperformance By Party Affiliation

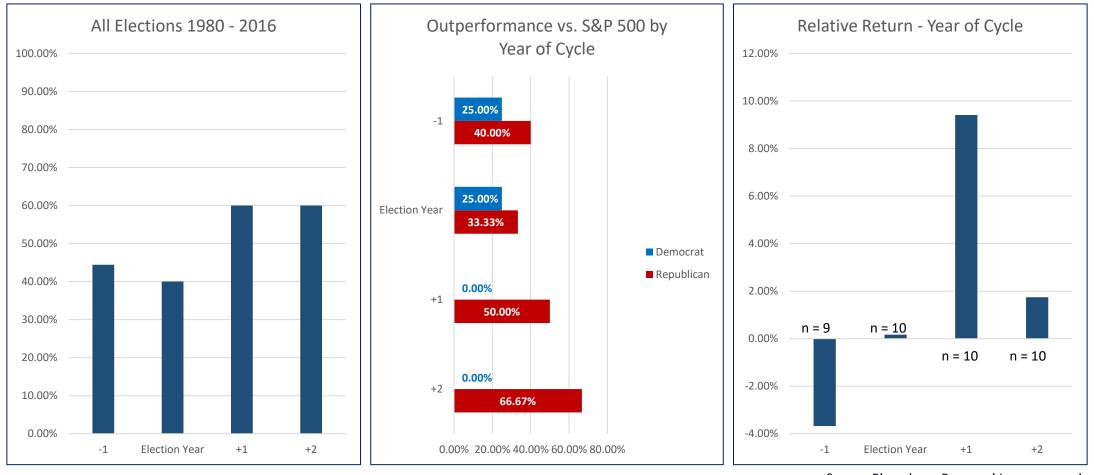
### Energy

# Key Takeaways: Energy

Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents	Our View	
<ul> <li>Energy historically outperforms under Republican leadership by an avg. of 3%.</li> <li>This sector performs well under unified and divided GOP governments, but can be dragged down if a chamber of Congress is controlled by Democrats.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy historically underperforms under Democratic leadership by an avg. of (29%).</li> <li>This sector performs worse under a divided Democratic government vs. a unified government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This sector is reasonably clear cut, greater regulation likelihood under Democratic president will likely be negative for performance, while a divided government would be preferential for the sector.</li> </ul>	Highest Relative Return the Year Before an Election Neutral Relative Return Election Year Negative Relative Return 1 Year After an Election Negative Relative Returns 2 Years After an Election

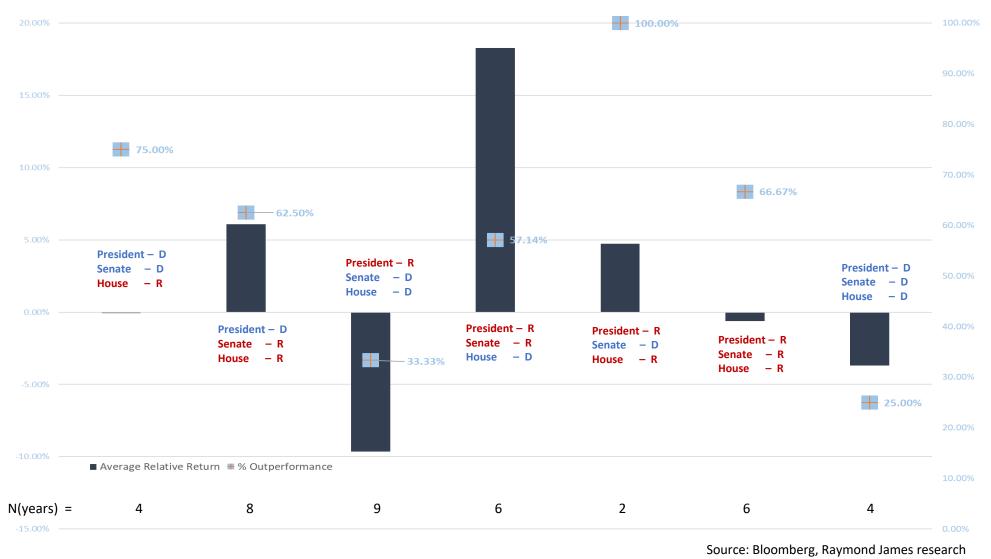
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#### **Financials**

## Relative Return & Outperformance By Party Affiliation



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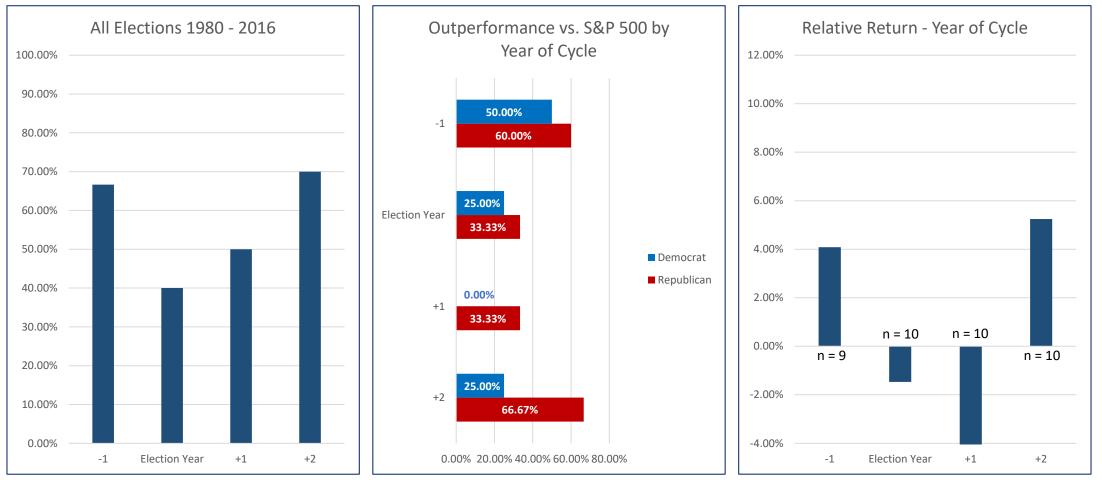
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# Key Takeaways: Financials

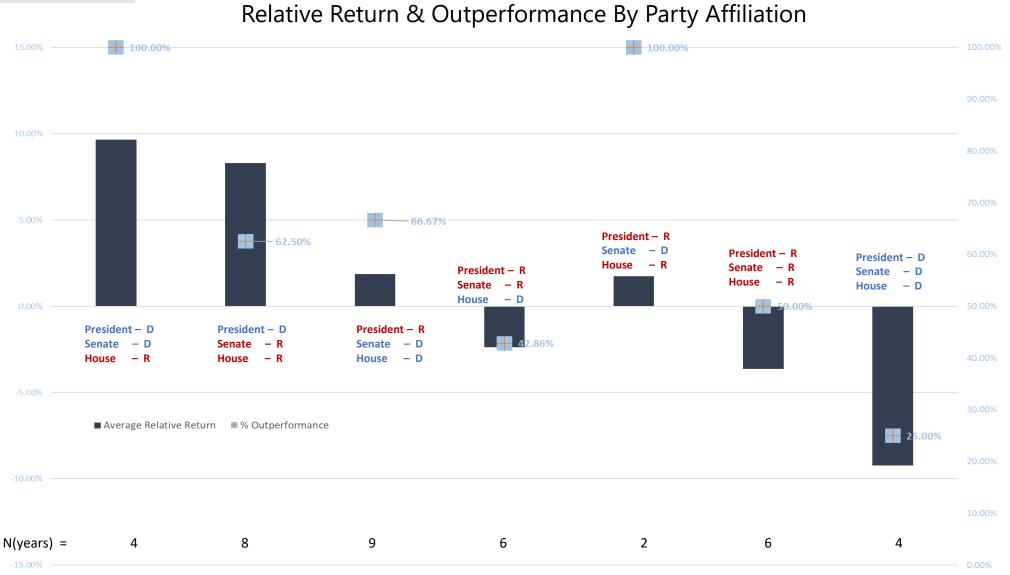
Republican Presidents
<ul> <li>Financials historically outperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of 42%.</li> <li>This sector performs better under a divided GOP government vs. a unified government, except when facing a unified Dem Congress.</li> </ul>

#### Healthcare

# Percent of Elections Outperforming S&P 500 By Year Of Cycle



#### Healthcare



Source: Bloomberg, Raymond James research

#### Healthcare

## Key Takeaways: Healthcare

### Republican Presidents

- Healthcare historically outperforms the S&P by 7% during the whole term.
- In the first year after an election, the sector has underperformed 67% of the time.
- This sector performs much better under a divided GOP government vs. a unified government

### Democrat Presidents

- Healthcare historically outperforms the S&P by 10% during the whole term.
- Healthcare has not
   outperformed the S&P in
   the first year of a Democrat
   President (n=4).
- Under an all Democrat government healthcare usually underperforms the S&P (75% of time) until it is clear major reforms will not hurt the sector.

### Our View

- As long as one party does not take control, we believe healthcare will largely outperform the S&P regardless of the results.
- If Democrats sweep, we believe health reform will be a top priority and the threat of the public option could weigh on the sector.
- Historically, the first year after the election the sector underperforms.

Higher Relative Return the Year Before an Election

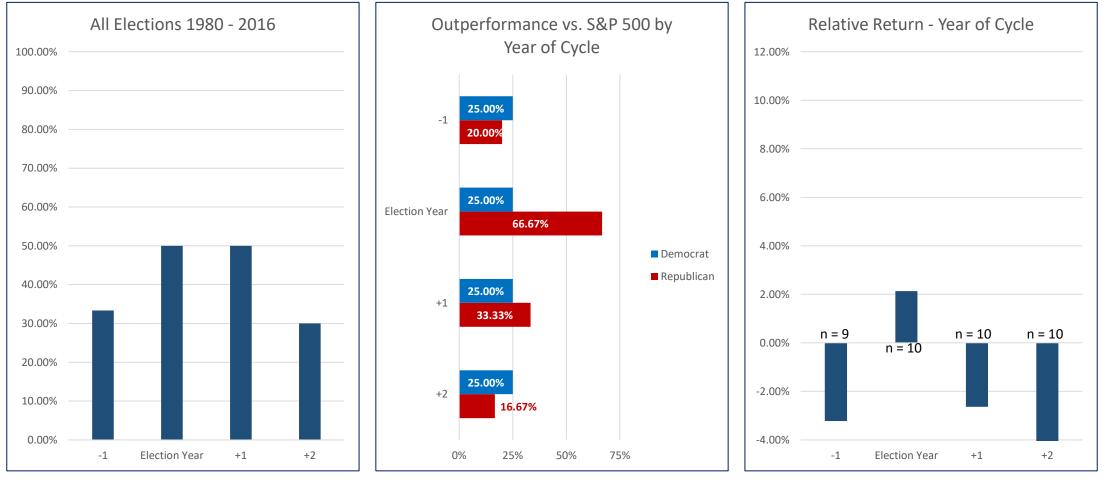
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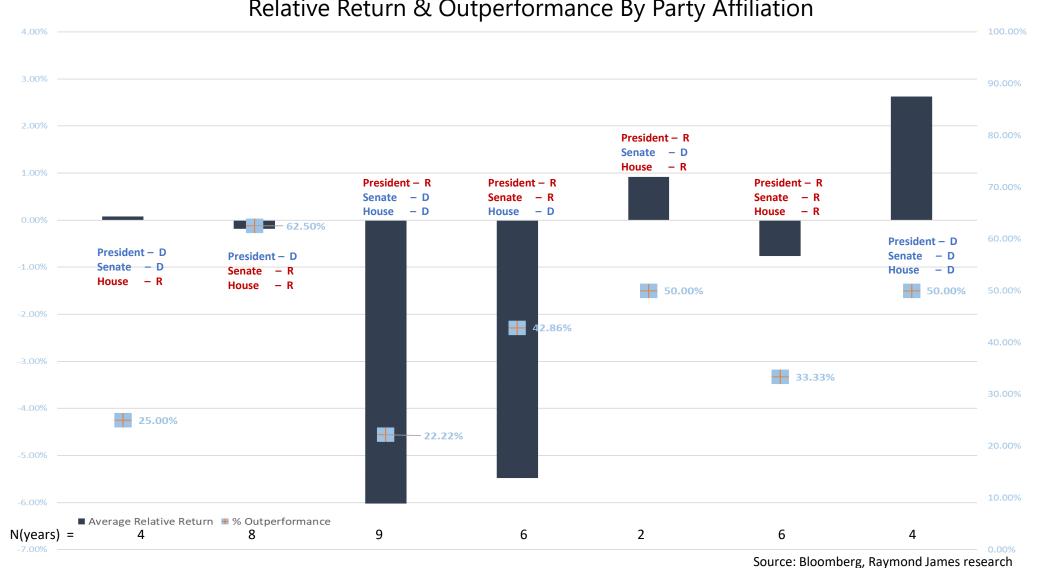
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#### Industrials

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Industrials



## Relative Return & Outperformance By Party Affiliation

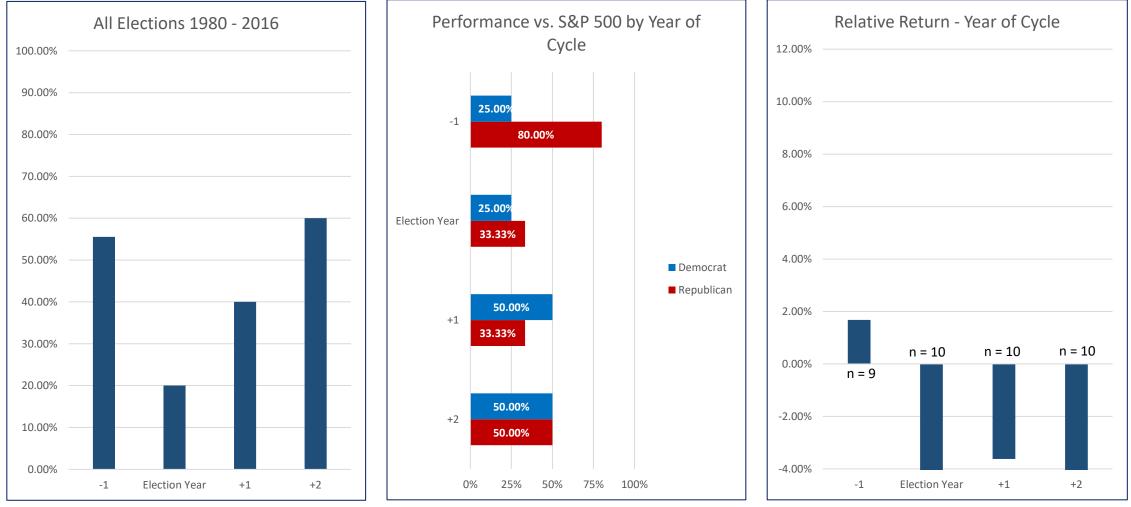
### Industrials

# Key Takeaways: Industrials

Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents	Our View
<ul> <li>Industrials historically underperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of (3%).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industrials are historically flat under Democratic leadership with an avg. relative performance of 0%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expectations are building that 2021 will finally produce an infrastructure bill.</li> <li>An all Democratic</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>This sector generally underperforms under GOP governments, but less so under unified GOP control.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This sector performs better under a unified Dem government vs. a divided government.</li> </ul>	government increases likelihood of infrastructure and should continue trend of <b>outperformance.</b>

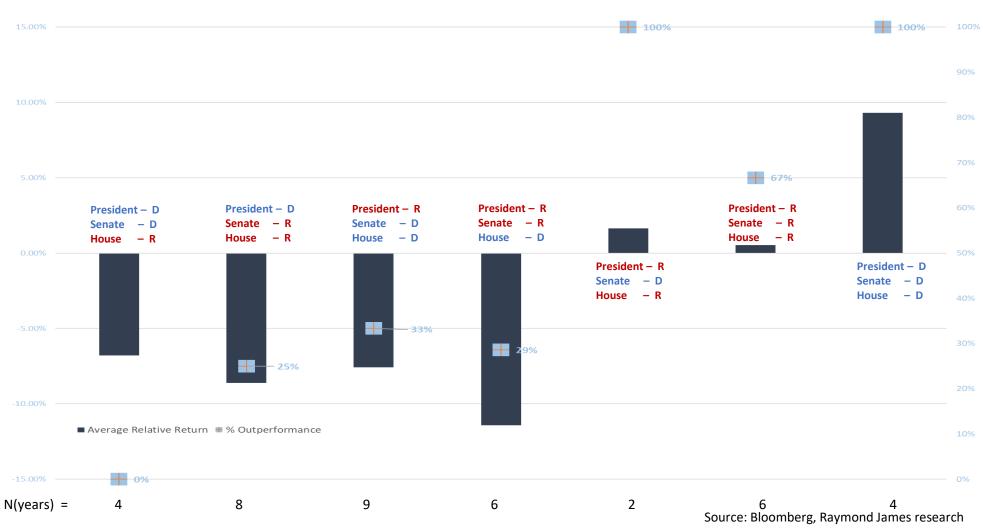
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#### **Materials**

## Relative Return & Outperformance by Party Affiliation



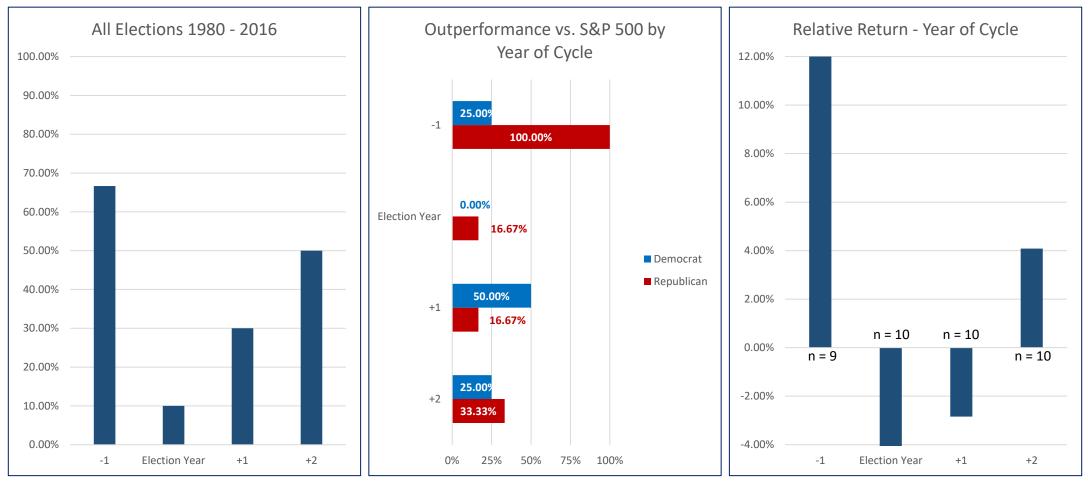
### Materials

# Key Takeaways: Materials

Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents Our View
<ul> <li>Materials historically outperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of 5%.</li> <li>This sector performs worse under a divided GOP government vs. a unified government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Materials historically underperform under Democratic leadership by an avg. of (33%).</li> <li>This sector performs better under a unified Dem government vs. a divided government.</li> <li>This sector is aided by improving inflation, commodities, and other materials.</li> </ul>

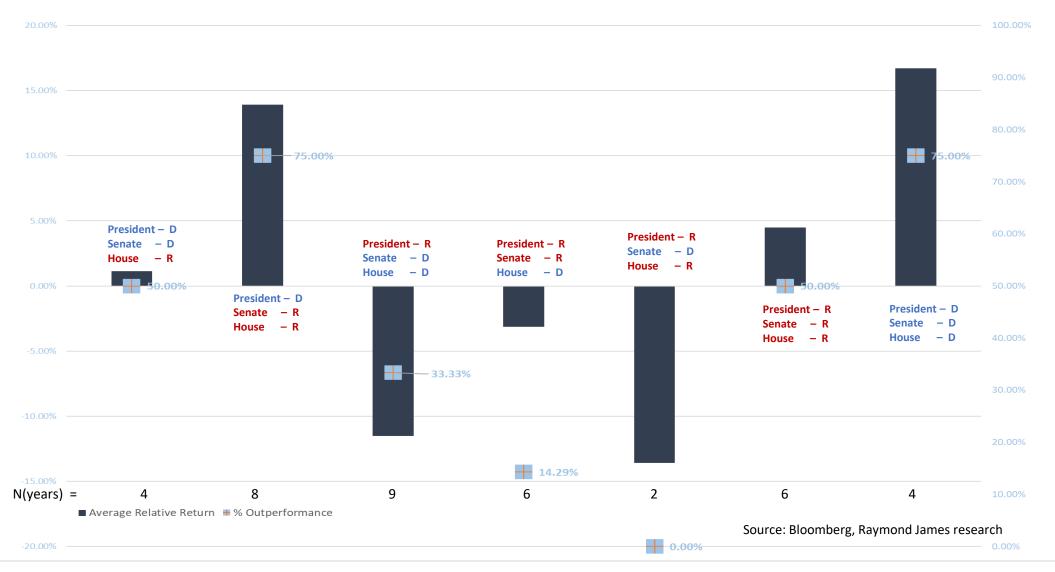
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### Technology

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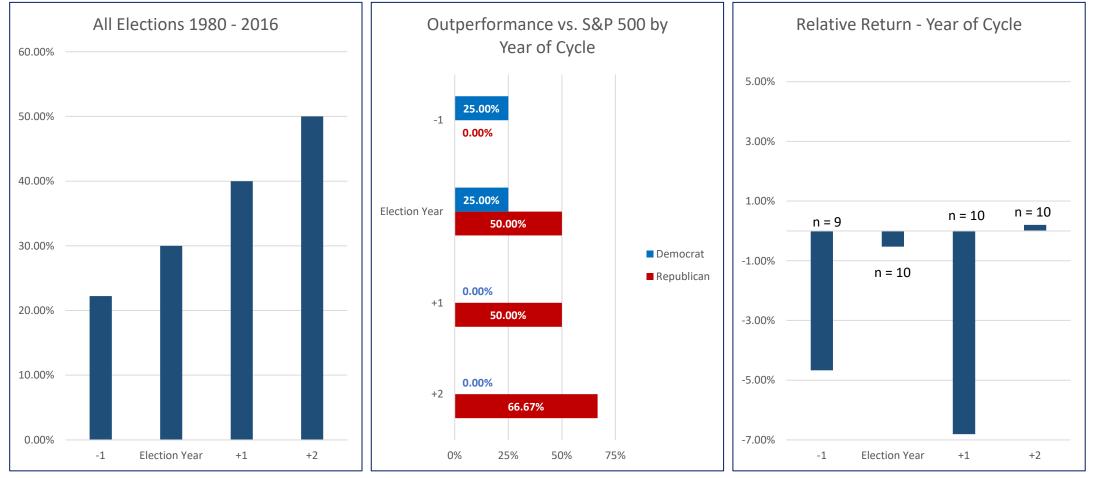
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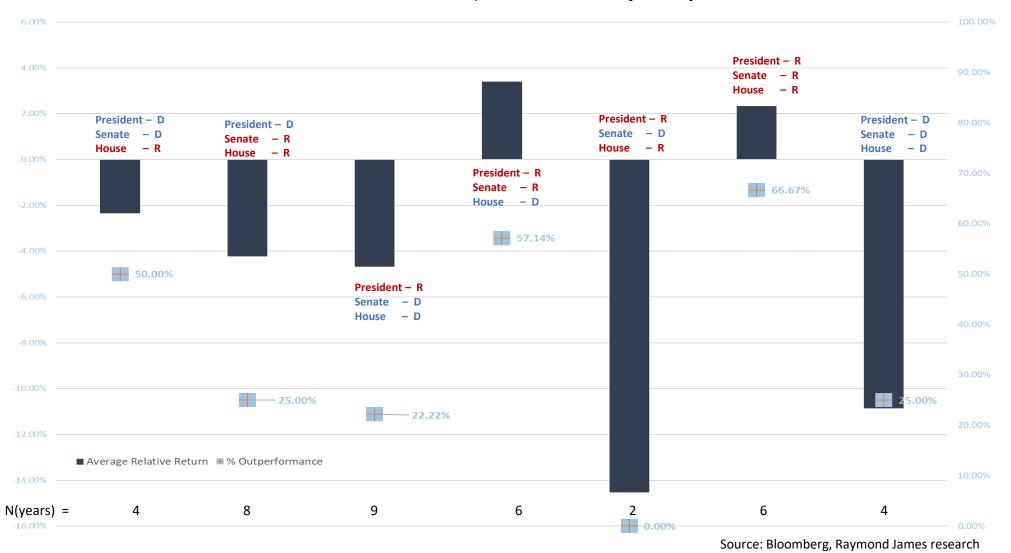
Republican Presidents	Democrat Presidents	Our View	•
<ul> <li>Technology historically underperforms under Republican leadership by an avg. of (21%).</li> <li>This sector performs better under a unified GOP government vs. a divided government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Technology historically outperforms under Democratic leadership by an avg. of 81%.</li> <li>This sector performs well under both unified and divided Dem governments.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tech regulation is moving up the agenda in DC and there are more concerns under Democratic control.</li> <li>Regulation may be a headwind, but technology has many secular tailwinds that are stronger than DC.</li> </ul>	Highest Relative Return th Year Before an Election Negative Relative Ret in Election Year Negative Relative Ret 1 Year After an Electio Higher Relative Returns 2 After an Election

### Utilities

# Percent of Elections Outperforming S&P 500 By Year Of Cycle



Utilities



## Relative Return & Outperformance By Party Affiliation

### Utilities

## Key Takeaways: Utilities

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### Republican Presidents

- Utilities historically outperform under Republican leadership by an avg. of 18%.
- This sector performs better under a unified GOP government vs. a divided government.

### Democrat Presidents

- Utilities historically underperform under Democratic leadership by an avg. of (35%).
  - This sector underperforms under both unified and divided Dem governments, but comparatively less so under divided Dem governments.

# Our View

This sector is driven largely by interest rates. A Republican or split government is far more likely to see a low and flat yield curve, whereas a Democratic sweep is likely to create underperformance, at least initially. Negative Relative Return the Year Before an Election

> Neutral Relative Return in Election Year

Negative Relative Returns 1 Year After an Election

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