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Claim-by-claim tables and calculations supporting the current script.

1 | Total jobs since Eisenhower

Script: Democratic presidents: 76 million net jobs. Republican presidents: 32 million.

Measure	Democratic	Republican
Net payroll jobs	76 million	32 million
Difference	44 million	-
Democratic / Republican ratio	2.38x	-

Calculation: 76 / 32 = 2.375, rounded to 2.38 times.

Data sources: Total nonfarm payroll jobs (PAYEMS) | BLS employment situation

2 | Private-sector jobs since Carter

Script: Twenty-four presidential years each party; Democrats 56 million, Republicans 14 million.

Party	Included presidencies	Net private jobs
Democratic	Carter (4), Clinton (8), Obama (8), Biden (4)	56 million
Republican	Reagan (8), G.H.W. Bush (4), G.W. Bush (8), Trump first term (4)	14 million
Difference	1977-2025 comparison	42 million

Calculation: 56 / 14 = 4.00. USPRIV excludes government employment.

Data sources: Private payroll jobs (USPRIV) | BLS employment statistics

3 | Unified government

Script: When one party held the presidency, House and Senate: 196,000 versus 129,000 private-sector jobs monthly.

Measure	Democratic control	Republican control
Monthly average private jobs	196,000	129,000
Difference	67,000 more	-
Relative difference	51.94%	-

Calculation: (196,000 - 129,000) / 129,000 x 100 = 51.94%.

Data sources: Private jobs (USPRIV) | House party divisions | Senate party divisions

4 | Biden versus Trump monthly jobs

Script: Biden final 22 months: about 142,000 per month. Trump second term through September 2026: about 39,000.

Period	Monthly changes	Average monthly jobs
Biden: Mar 2023-Jan 2025	22	142,000
Trump: Jan 2025-Sep 2026	20	39,000
Difference	-	103,000
Ratio	-	3.64x

Calculation: 142,000 / 39,000 = 3.641. Monthly mean = (ending PAYEMS - starting PAYEMS) / months.

Data sources: Total payroll jobs (PAYEMS) | BLS employment releases

5 | Combined percentage gains: S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq

Script: Add up the percentage gains of the S&P 500, Dow, and Nasdaq. Biden final 22 months: about 156 percent combined. Trump through October: about 78 percent combined. Two to one.

Index / calculation	Biden final 22 months	Trump through Oct 2026
S&P 500	51.8%	27.1%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	33.1%	20.1%
Nasdaq Composite	72.5%	32.2%
Combined index gains	**157.4 percentage points**	**79.4 percentage points**
Arithmetic average	52.47%	26.47%
Combined-gains ratio	1.98 : 1	-

Calculation: Biden: 51.8 + 33.1 + 72.5 = 157.4. Trump: 27.1 + 20.1 + 32.2 = 79.4. Combined ratio: 157.4 / 79.4 = 1.98.

Data sources: S&P; 500 historical prices | Dow historical prices | Nasdaq historical prices

6 | Additional numerical statements

Script phrase	Basis	Calculation / context
16 years	Personal account	Approximately 2010-2026
More than seven decades	Since Eisenhower	1953-2026 = 73 years
24 years each party	Presidential terms	1977-2025 comparison
Four to one	Private-sector jobs	56 million / 14 million = 4

Data sources: BLS payroll survey | Private jobs (USPRIV)