

# The Delray Democrat

## Fun Facts<sup>1</sup>

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### About Consumer Confidence

If you blinked, you missed this. On December 8, 2023, the *Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) that “The University of Michigan’s consumer-confidence index surged from 61.3 to 69.4, surpassing economists’ expectations of a 62.4 reading.” Not a word about this in *The New York Times*, the flagship of the So-Called Liberal Media.

Instead, I found a piece by *The Times*’s numbers cruncher, Nate Cohn, asking whether “[vibes](#)” from Fox et al. or actual economic data are responsible for consumers’ sour view of the economy. There was not an inkling of understanding that the SCLM is equally culpable. One person commenting on the article captured this [perfectly](#):

Trump and the Republican propaganda machine just lie about the economy and many people believe them. The supposedly liberal media add to this by searching in vain for explanations based on real economics. Those explanations do not exist.

### About Immigration

Like many who demonize immigrants, Ron DeSantis claims that *his ancestors* emigrated legally, but that doesn't tell the whole story.

According to [genealogist](#) Megan Smolenyak, there were few restrictions on immigration when his great-great-grandmother Luigia Colucci set sail. Only 2 percent of arrivals at Ellis Island were turned back.

Luigia was 8 months pregnant and en route to join her husband, who’d emigrated 13 years earlier, in 1904. While she was at sea, the Immigration Act of 1917 passed. It imposed literacy requirements and “was intended to limit undesirable southern and eastern European immigrants.” Luckily for Luigia, it did not take effect until after she’d arrived,

Luigia still had cause to worry, however. Medical reasons were the principal cause immigrants were turned back, and she was 8 month pregnant.

She was initially detained for a week at Ellis Island and then released. She was reunited with her husband, and her “anchor baby” was born shortly thereafter.

### About Immigrants and Crime

Immigrants commit [fewer crimes](#) than native Americans. US-born citizens are more than twice as

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<sup>1</sup> [The Delray Democrat](#), January 2024, page 3.

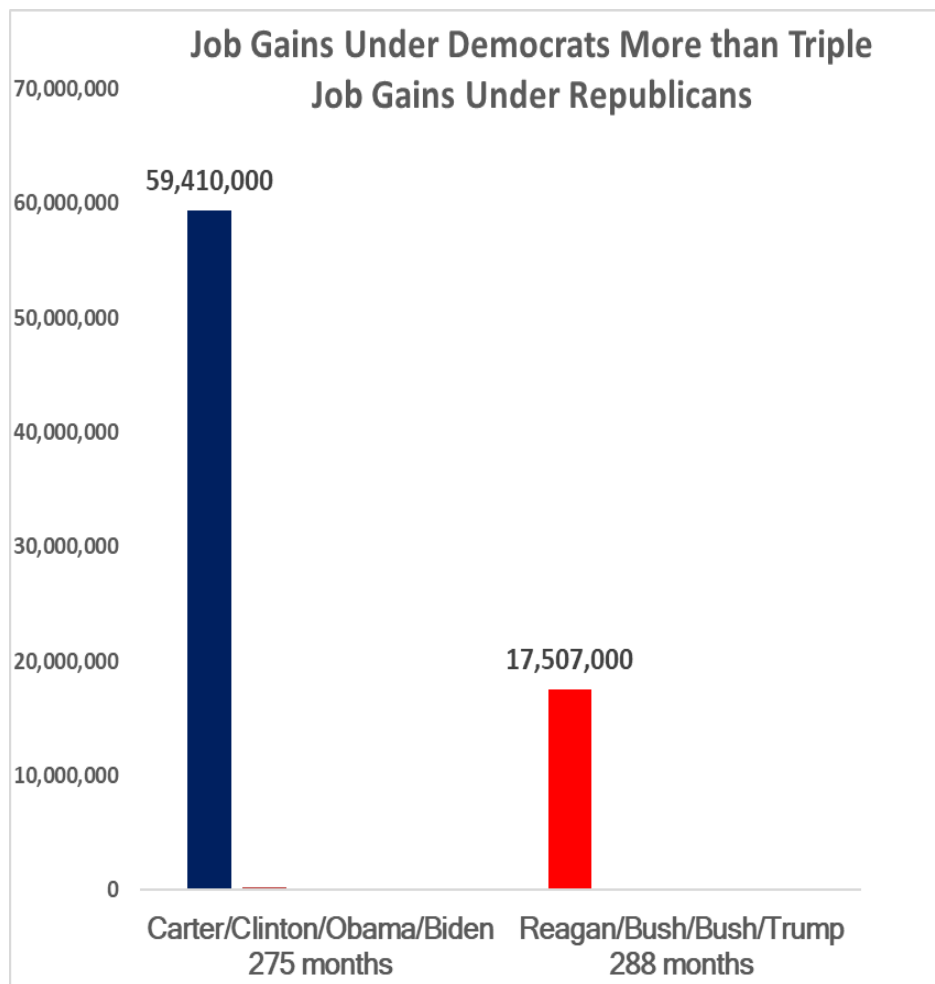
likely to be arrested for violent crimes, 2.5 times more likely to be arrested for drug crimes, and over 4 times more likely to be arrested for property crimes.

### **About Job Growth**

Obama created 1.6 million more jobs during his final three years in office than Trump created in his first three. (before the pandemic). Obama's monthly average was 219,833 while Trump's was 175,278.

Meanwhile **Bidenomics has created an average of 416,857 jobs every month**. Biden is on schedule to create more jobs in his first term than Ronald Reagan created in two full terms. And when he completes his second term (yes, "second term," you doubters) he will have surpassed Bill Clinton

The last four Democratic presidents created **more than three times as many jobs** as the last four Republican presidents.



## **About Red State Murders**

In every year between 2000 and 2020 the [murder rate](#) in states that voted for Donald Trump exceeded the rate in states that voted for Joe Biden.