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## “Perhaps the Worst Part of Trump’s Win”<sup>1</sup>

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Over the last three decades, Democratic presidents have cleaned up the messes left by their Republican predecessors but have failed to pass along a strong economy to the Democrat running to succeed them. As a consequence, the economy has gone three steps forward and five steps backwards since 1992.

Following the recession of 1991, Bill Clinton created over 23 million jobs in his two terms and handed off three straight annual surpluses to George W. Bush after Republicans effectively stole the 2000 election,

Bush doubled the deficit and his administration [fell asleep](#) at the wheel during the leadup to 9/11, condoned torture, conspired to spy on Americans, and let the banksters run wild. That last one resulted in the worst crash since The Great Depression.

With some 800,000 jobs spilling every month, Barack Obama easily defeated John McCain in 2008. *The Onion* celebrated with the following headline: “Worst Job in America Given to Black Man.”

By the time our first Black president departed office, he had added more than 11.5 jobs (net of 4 million lost in the first year due to Bush’s malfeasance) in the longest post WWII expansion. Trump brazenly labeled it “my beautiful economy” (Trump’s record in his first three years [trailed](#) Obama’s last three). And when COVID hit, Trump’s colossal incompetence caused him to become the first president since Herbert Hoover to lose jobs on his watch.

Biden’s record on job creation is unrivaled in American history, but he was burdened with the inflation caused by Covid (on both the supply and demand sides) as well as Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and corporate greed.

Biden bore little responsibility for the “worst inflation in 40 years” headlines that the media (and not just Fox) delighted in publishing, according him virtually all of the blame. And he got virtually no credit for taming inflation in little over a year—and without causing the recession that all the pundits predicted would be needed.

By contrast, it took Ronald Reagan almost 7 years to bring inflation under 3%, with the attendant pain of raising unemployment from 5.9% to 10.8% during that period. See [Deconstructing the](#)

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Now, instead of Kamala Harris getting to inherit and build on the strong economy that Biden will leave, Trump will claim credit for it before he destroys it. And we will be back to cleaning up another mess in 2028. Three steps forward and five back again.