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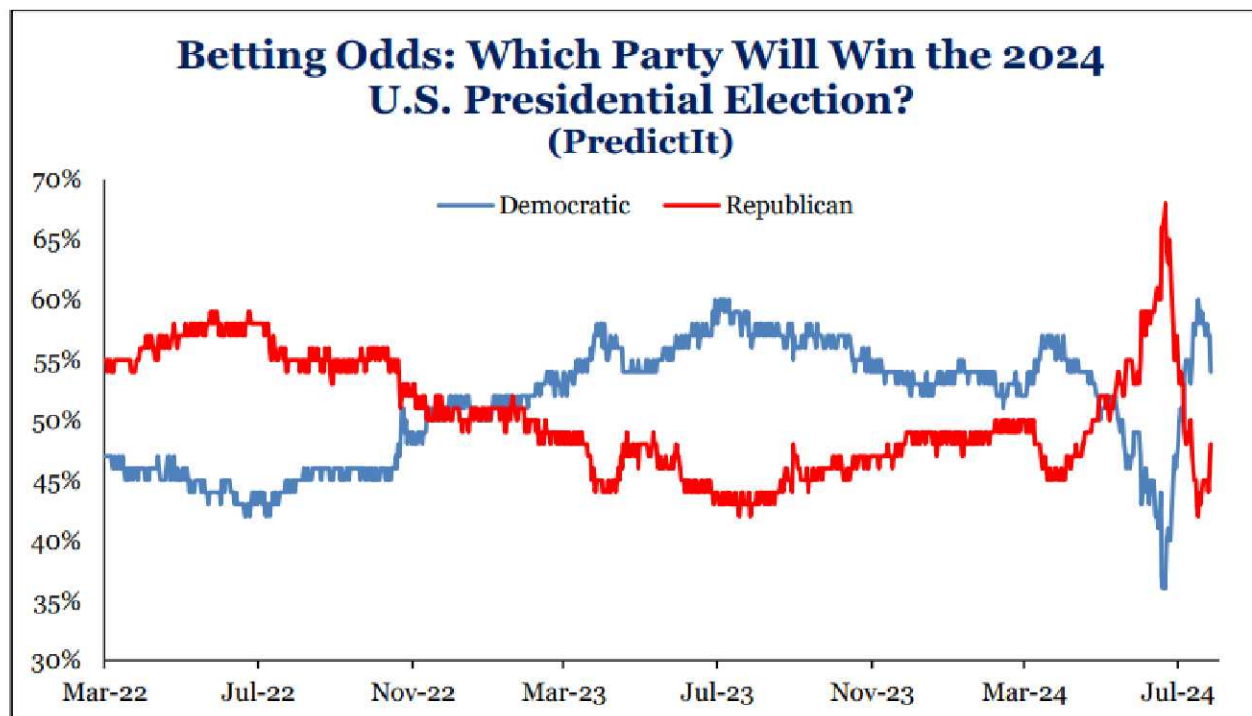
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- ☐ Politics is just one of many factors that affect markets.
- ☐ Economic activity, monetary policy, valuation and liquidity are fundamental to understanding capital markets.
- ☐ These remarks are meant to isolate the relative impact of our upcoming Presidential election.



Too Early to Predict Election Results

Debates, Trump's sentencing, and significant economic data releases still need to occur prior to the November election.



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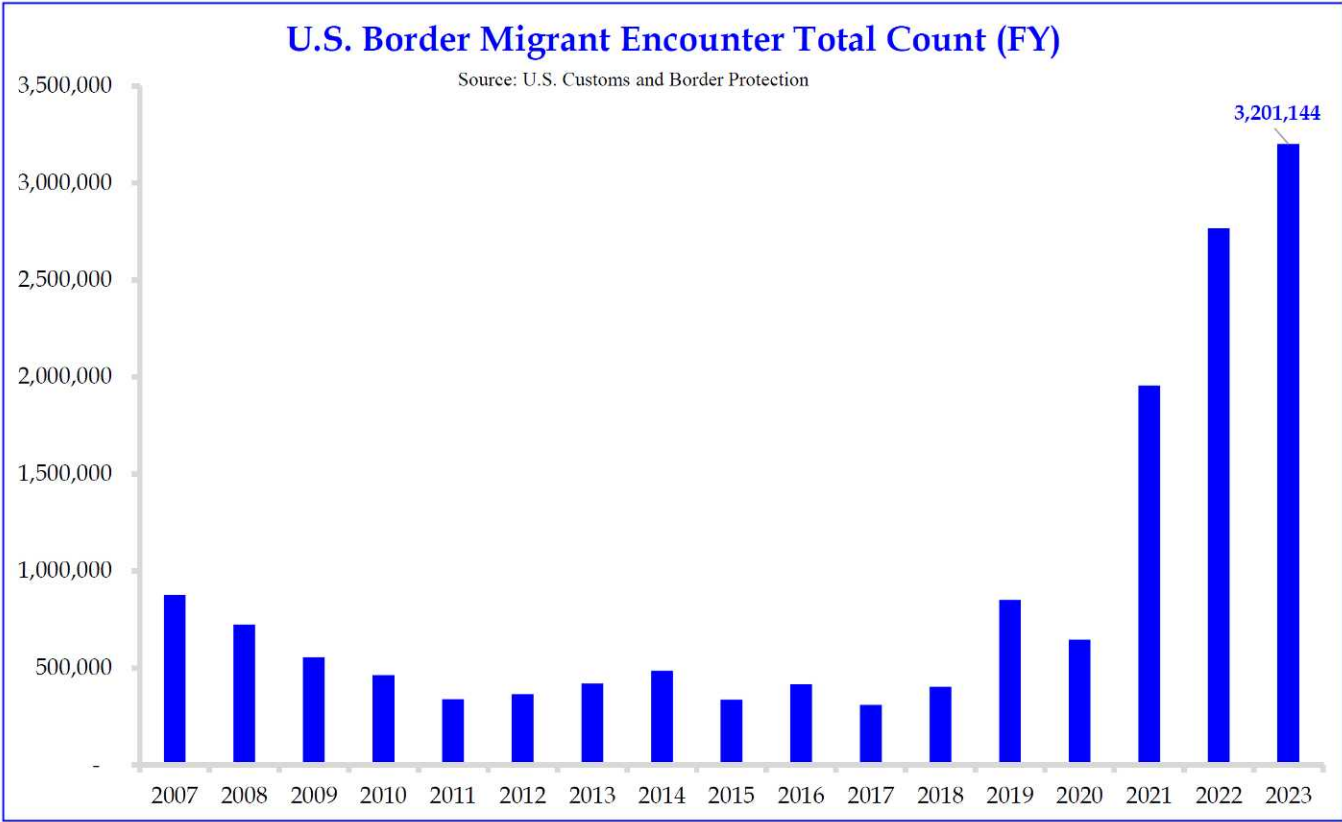
Key Topics to Understand

- ☐ What policies differ the most between Trump and Harris?
- ☐ How will their respective policies affect US interest rates?
- ☐ What are the most significant risks of each candidate's policies?



What policies differ the most between Trump and Harris?

Immigration

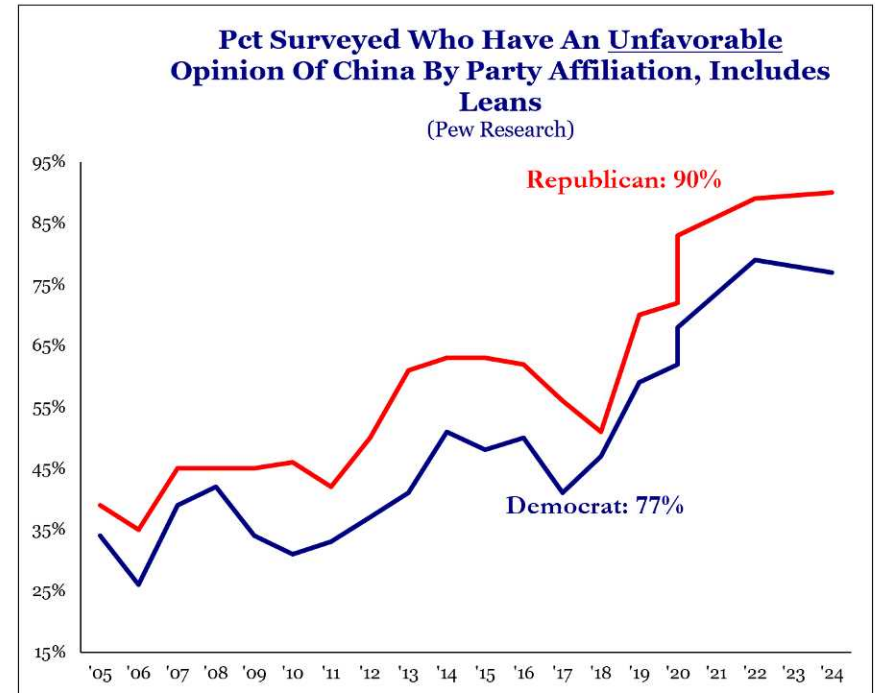
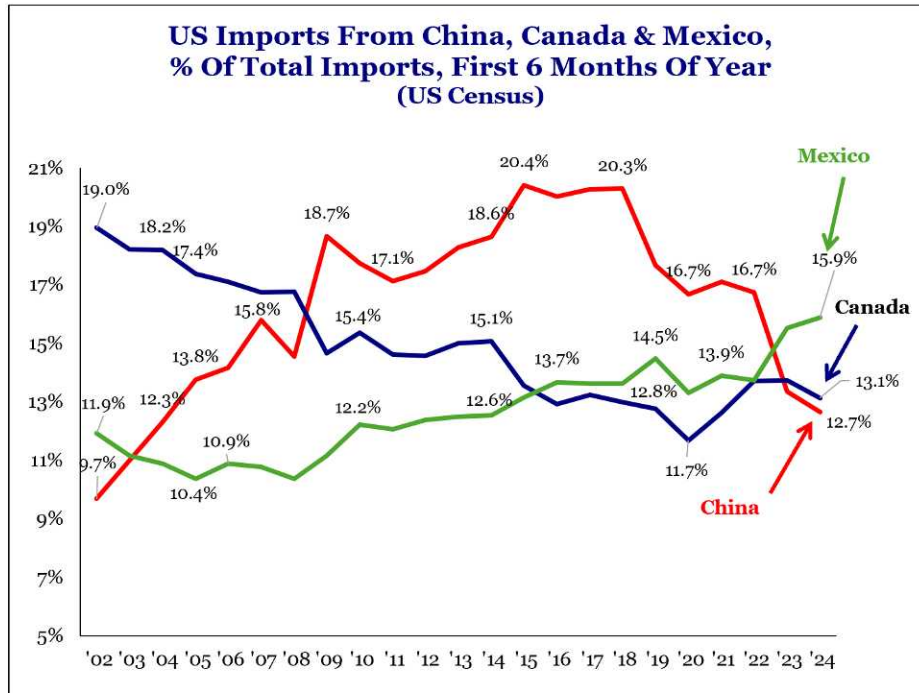


We expect the level of immigration to moderate under Harris. Mass deportation under Trump could trigger a recession.



What policies differ the most between Trump and Harris?

Tariffs



Trump's tariffs would most likely hurt global growth, cause deflation and destabilize the US economy. We expect Harris would continue with the Biden policy of normalizing China relations and would not impose new tariffs.



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What policies differ the most between Trump and Harris?

Tariffs were not inflationary during Trump's first term.



How will their policies affect US interest rates?

Government finances are of great concern

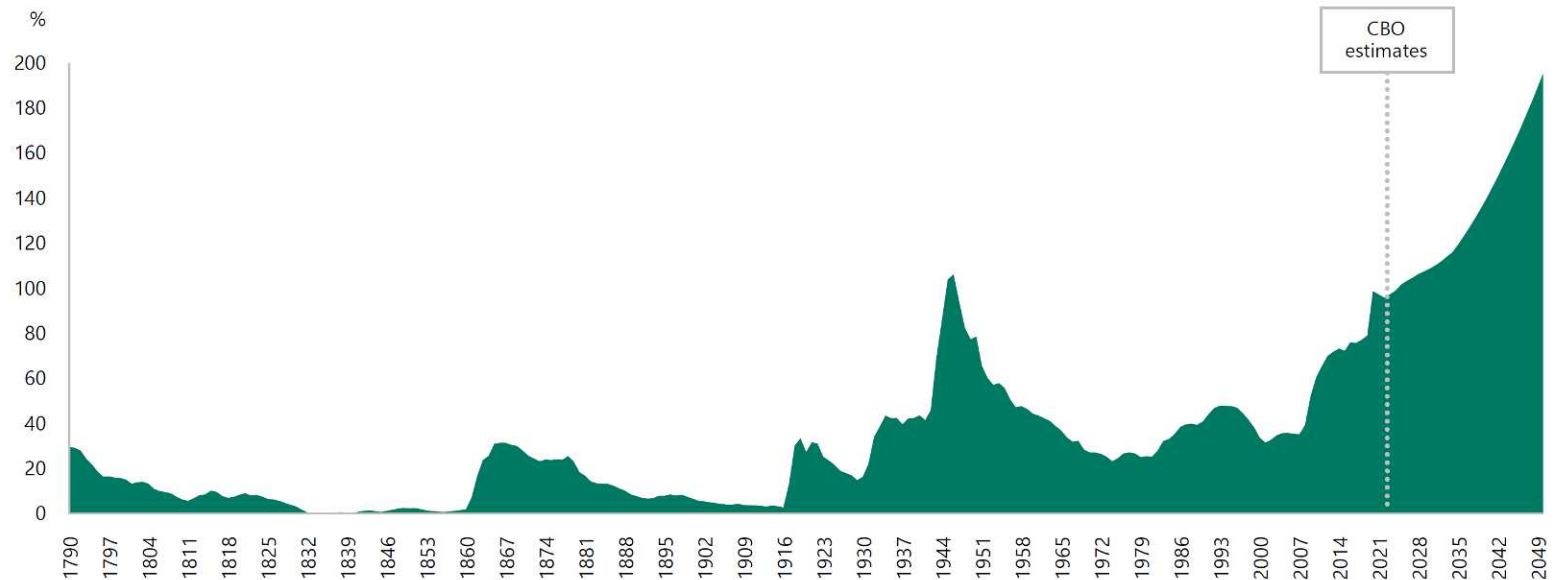
Time Required to Reach Total U.S. Debt Levels	
Total Debt	Time
\$10 Trillion	232 Years
\$20 Trillion	9 Years
\$30 Trillion	4.5 Years
\$31 Trillion	8 Months
\$32 Trillion	8 Months
\$33 Trillion	3 Months
\$34 Trillion	3 Months
\$35 Trillion	7 Months
Latest Level	\$35.21 Trillion



How will their policies affect US interest rates?

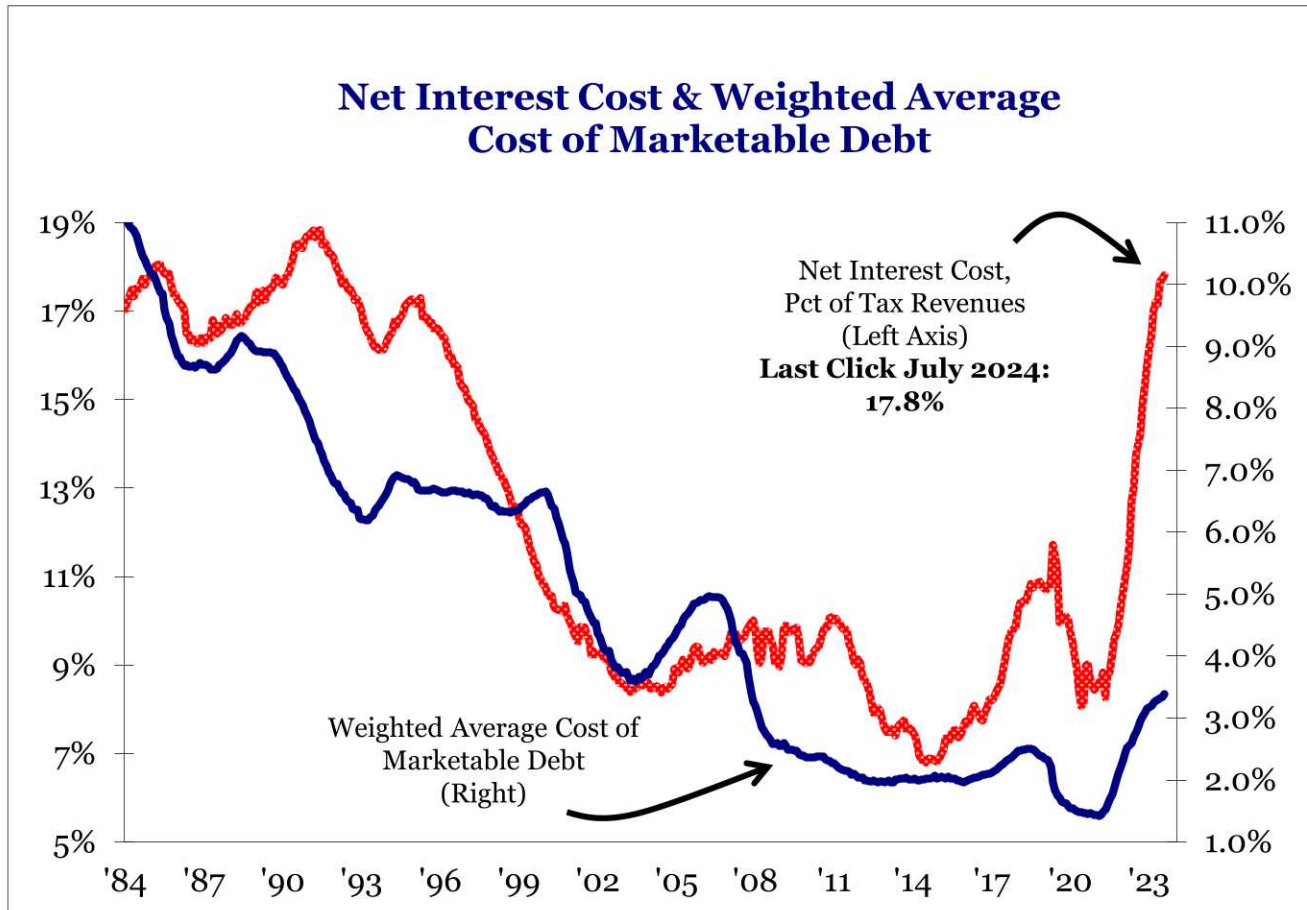
Running a \$2 trillion deficit at full employment, government debt outstanding is expected to grow to 200% of GDP.

US federal debt held by public (% GDP)



How will their policies affect US interest rates?

Net interest costs have grown even faster than debt. In March 2022, before rates lifted off, the weighted average cost of debt was only 1.4%. It is now 3.4% and rising.

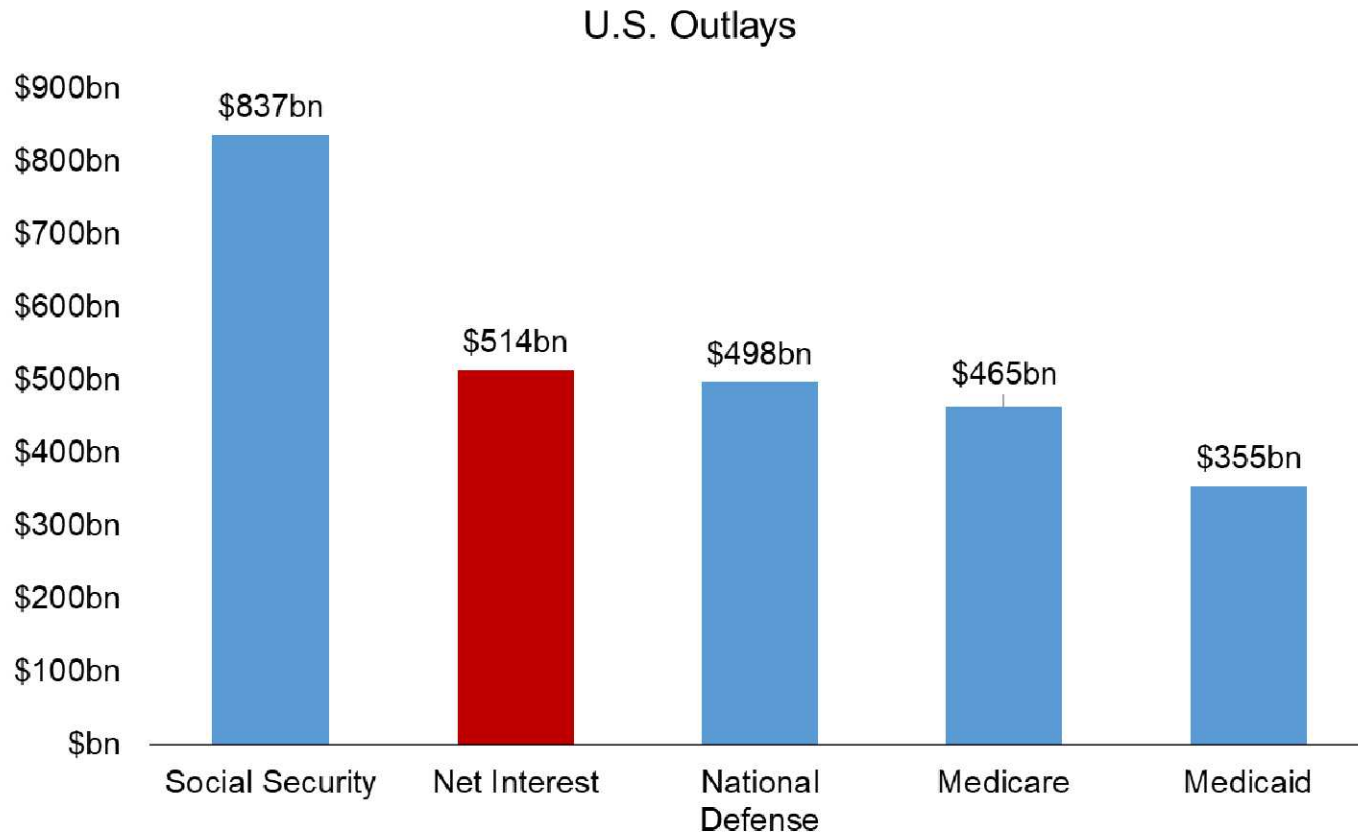


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How will their policies affect US interest rates?

Net interest costs now exceed Defense spending and Medicare

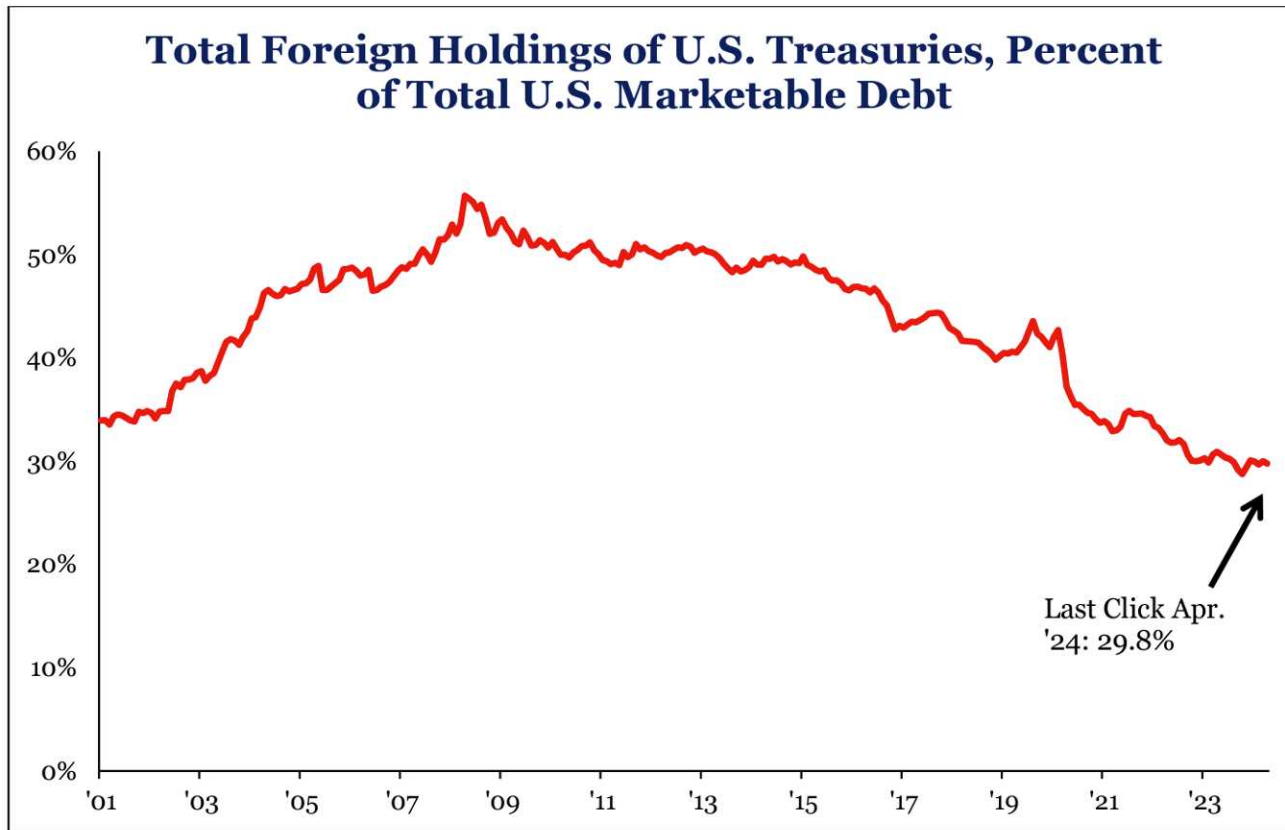


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How will their policies affect US interest rates?

Deficit spending adds upward pressure on the cost of money



US creditor nations have been reducing their exposure to Treasuries consistently for the past 15 years.

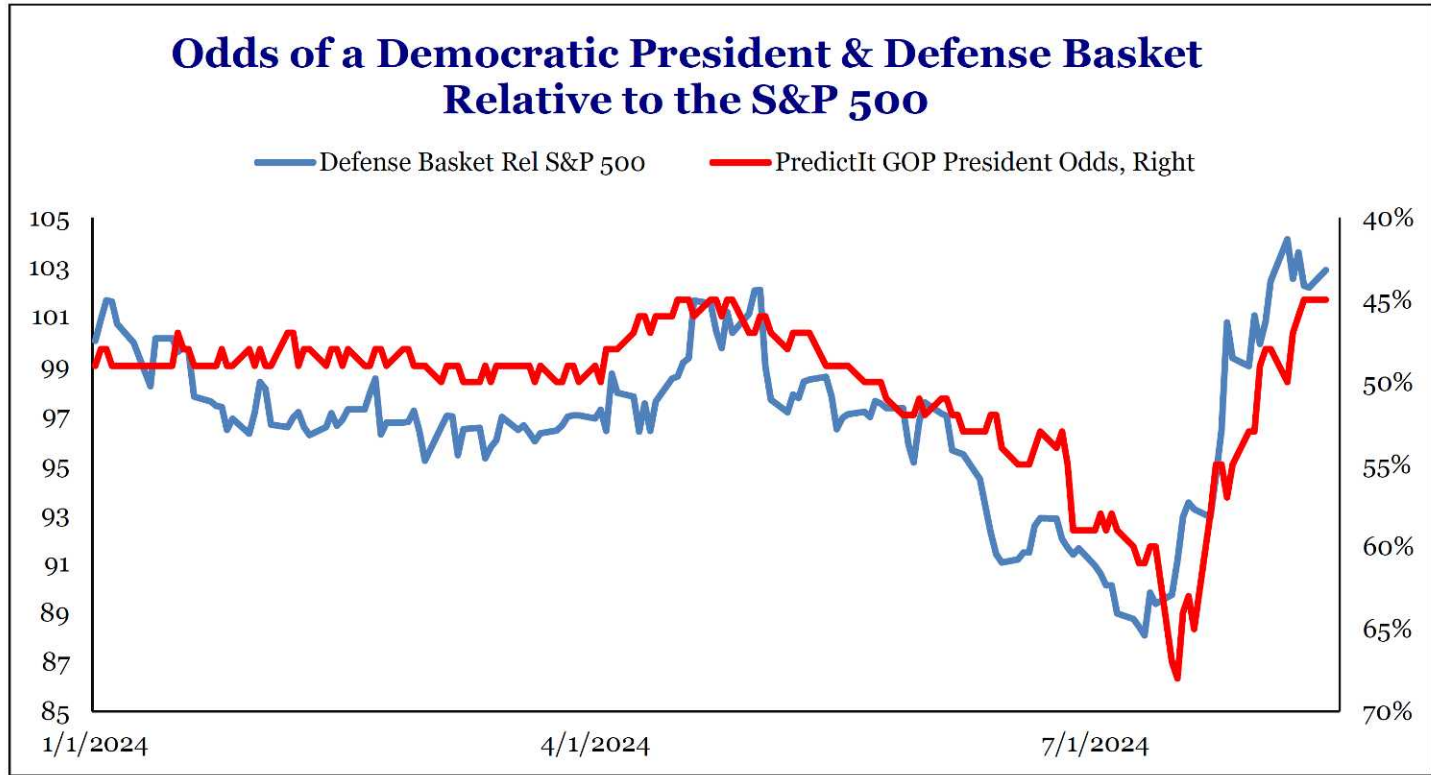


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What are the most significant risks of each candidate's policies?

Geopolitics



The markets are viewing Harris as additive to geopolitical risk.

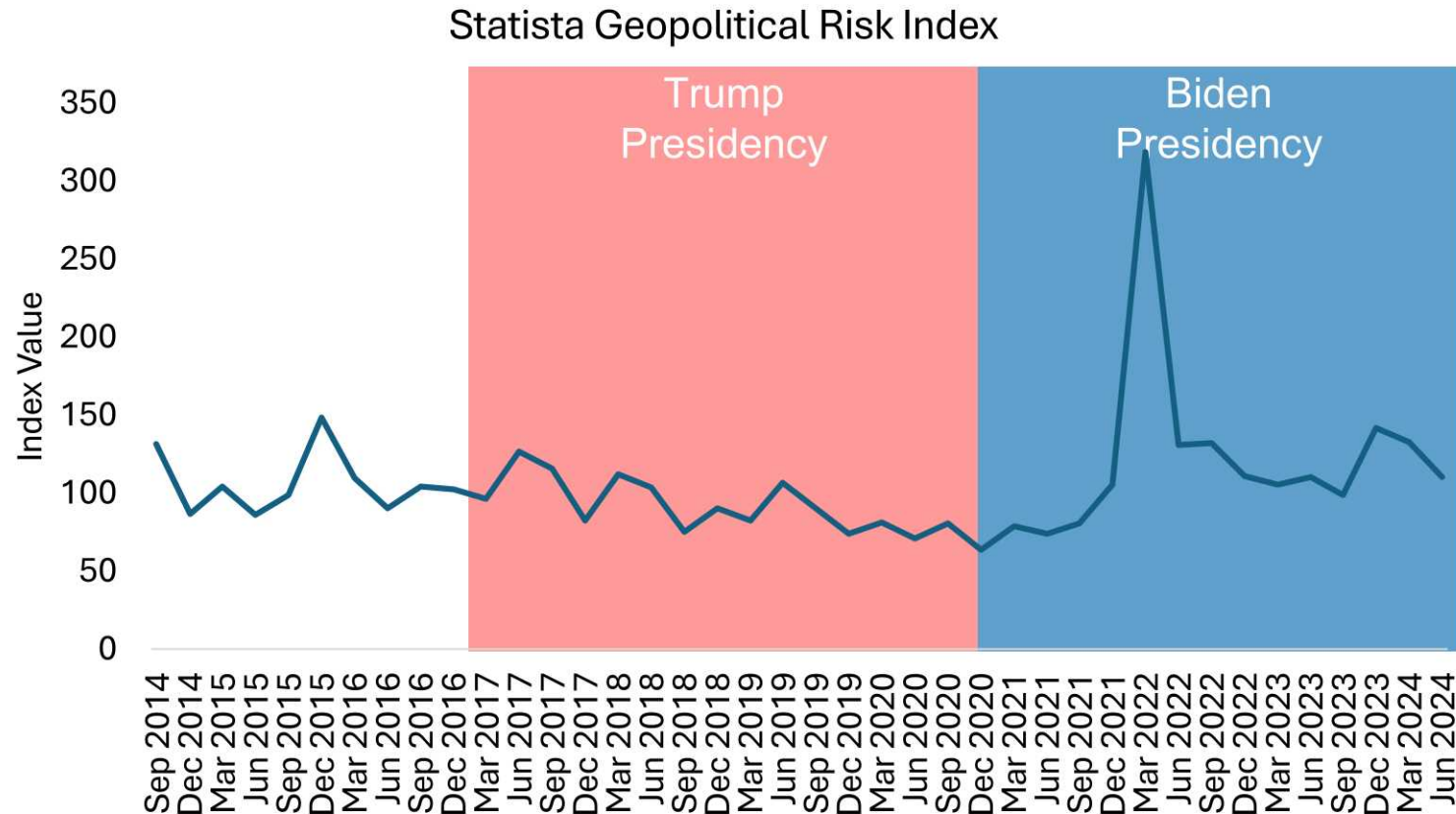


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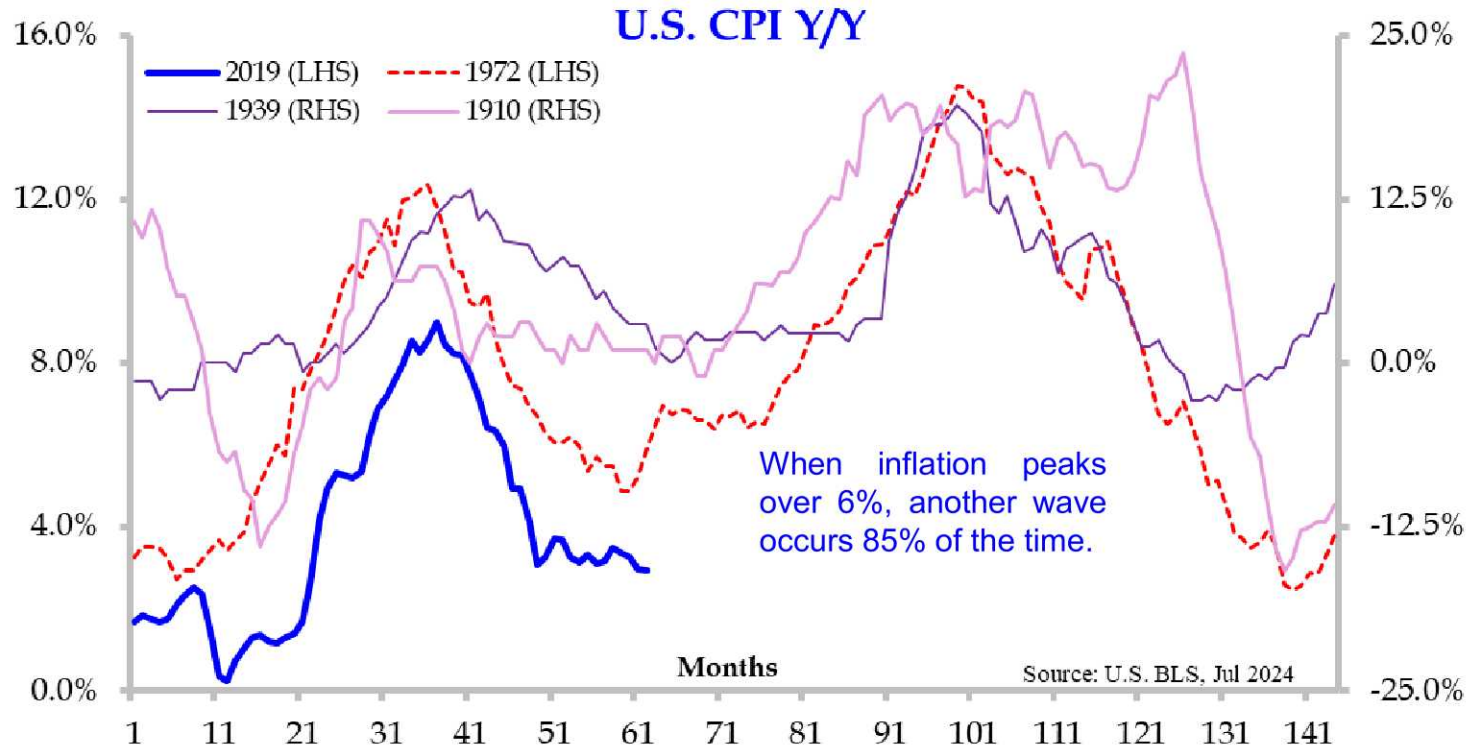
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We would expect heightened global risk and trade tension under a second Trump term. Although he is untrusted by most world leaders, his track record is surprisingly better than Biden's.



What are the most significant risks of each candidate's policies?

Another Wave of Inflation



Under both candidates, the biggest risk to markets is another bout of inflation.



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What are the most significant risks of each candidate's policies?

The USD/JPY exchange rate would be especially sensitive to another bout of inflation.



Summary

- ❑ What policies are the most divergent between Trump and Harris?

Immigration and Tariffs

- ❑ How will their policies affect US interest rates?

Deficit spending will rise under both candidates putting upward pressure on the cost of money.

- ❑ What are the most significant risks of each candidate's policies?

It's not geopolitics, it's another wave of high inflation.

