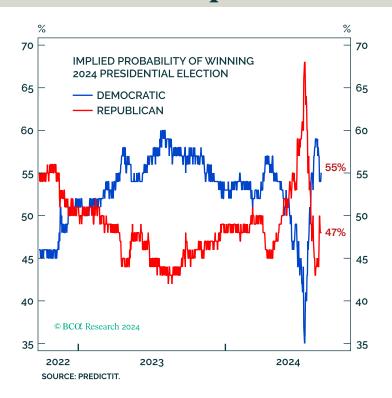


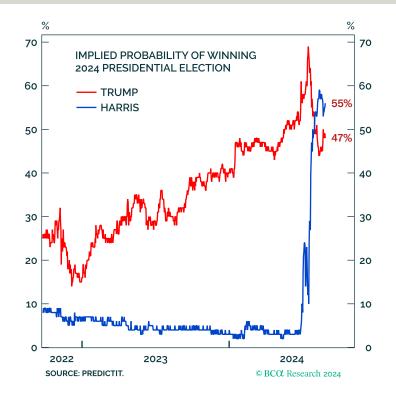
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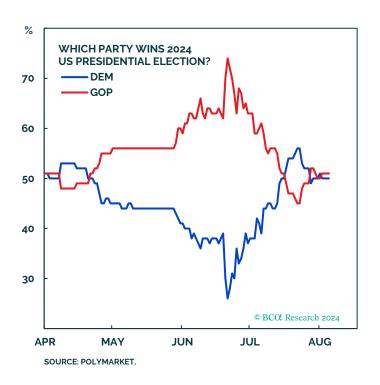
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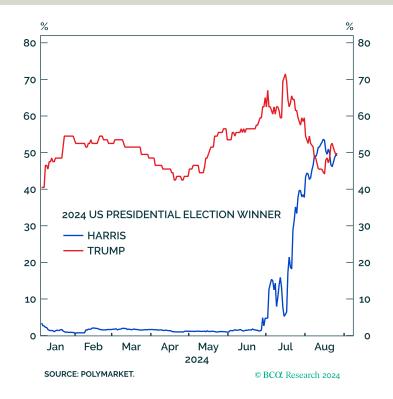
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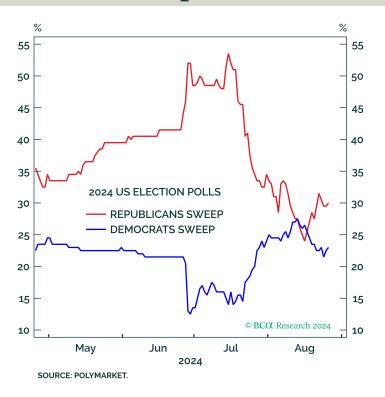


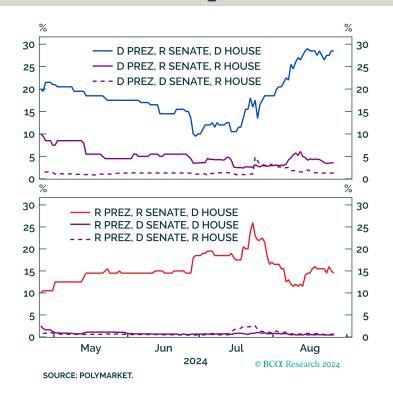
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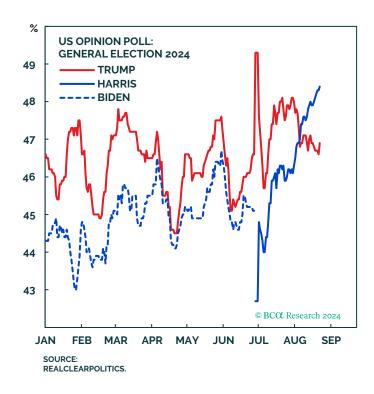


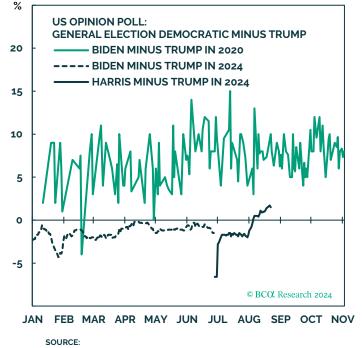
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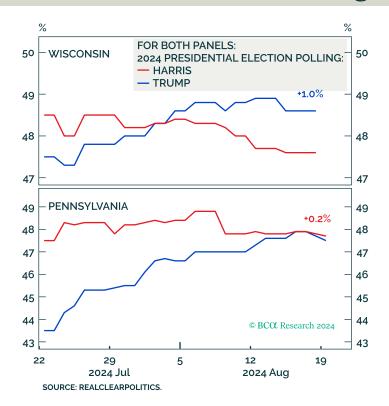
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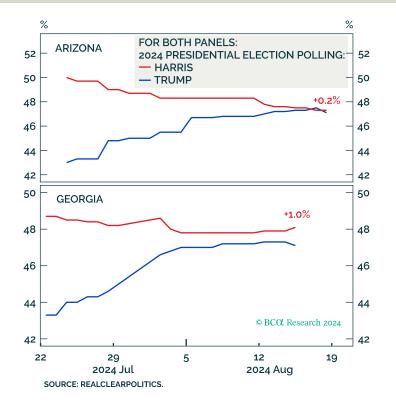




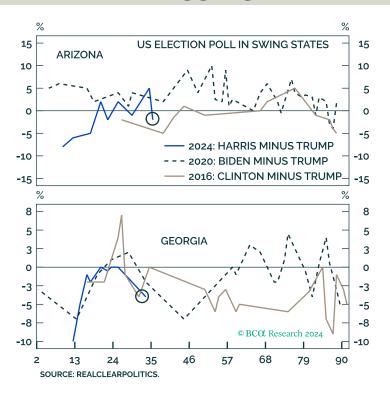
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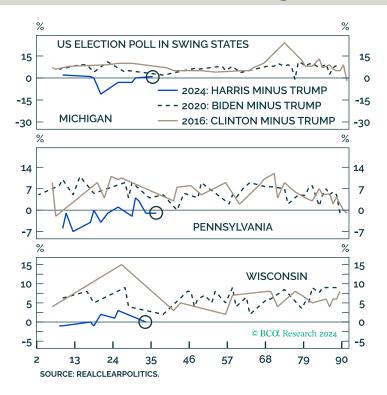
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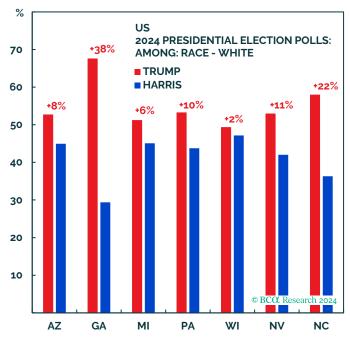


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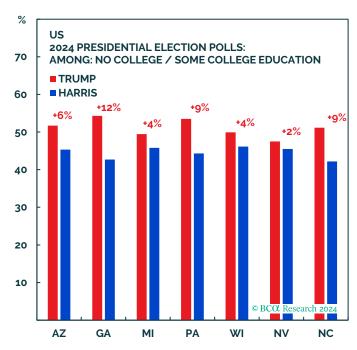




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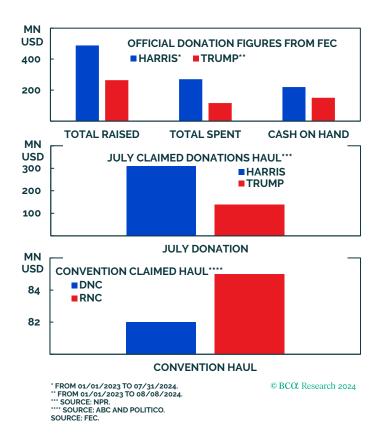


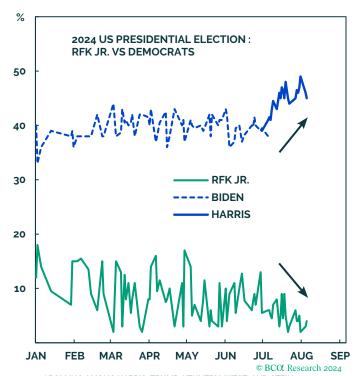
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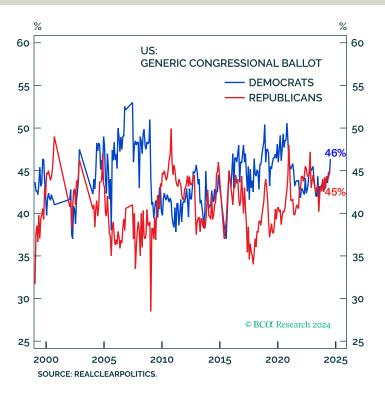
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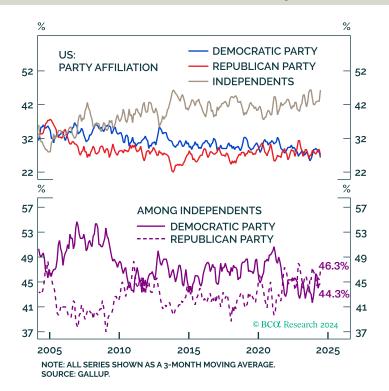




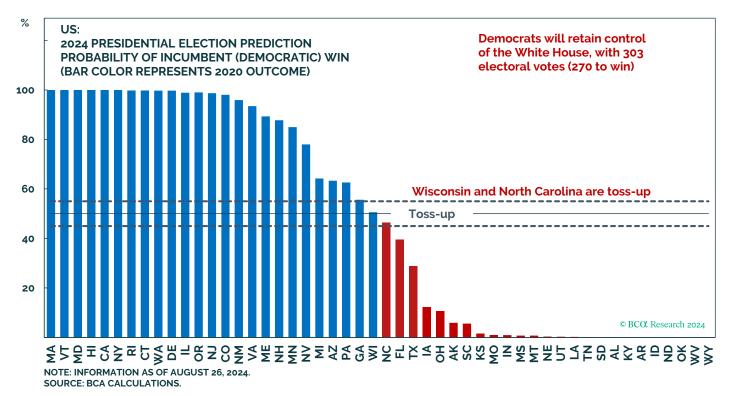
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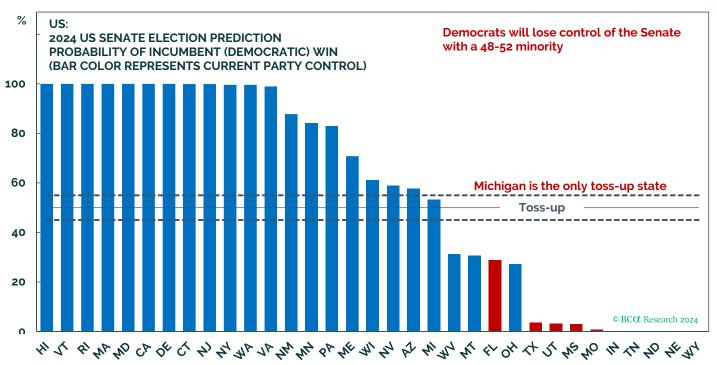




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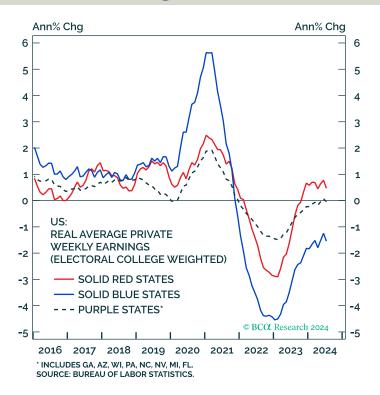


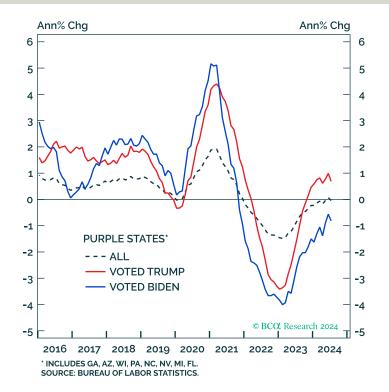
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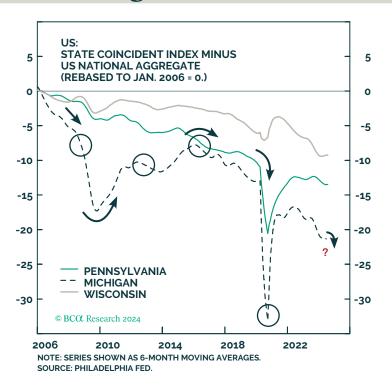
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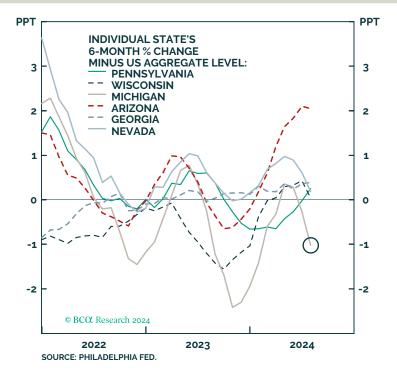
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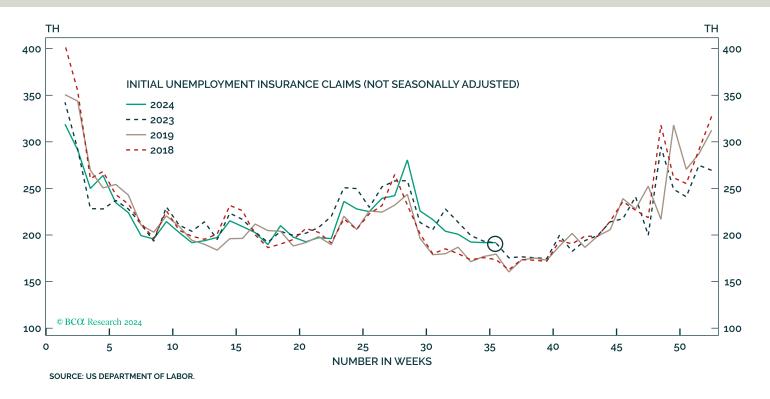


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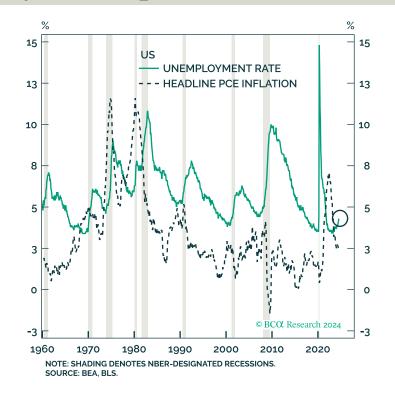


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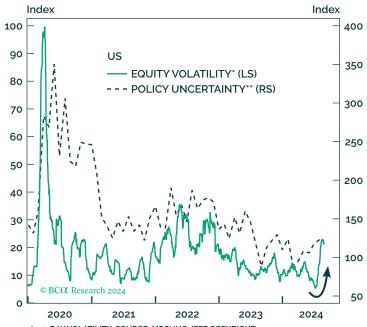


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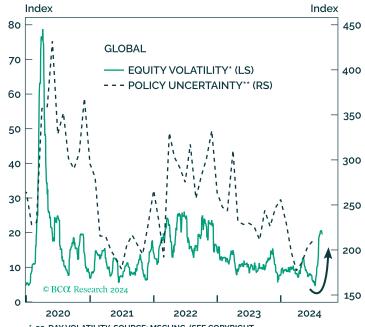




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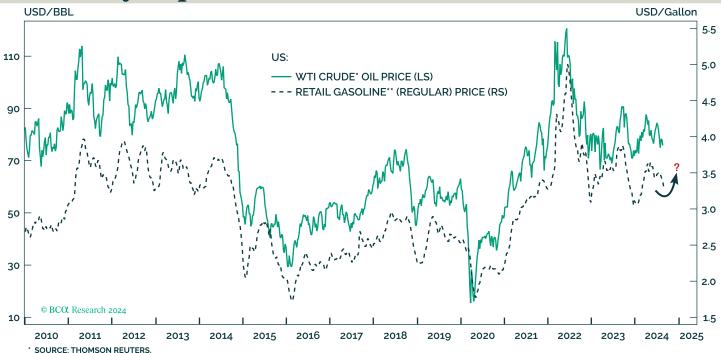


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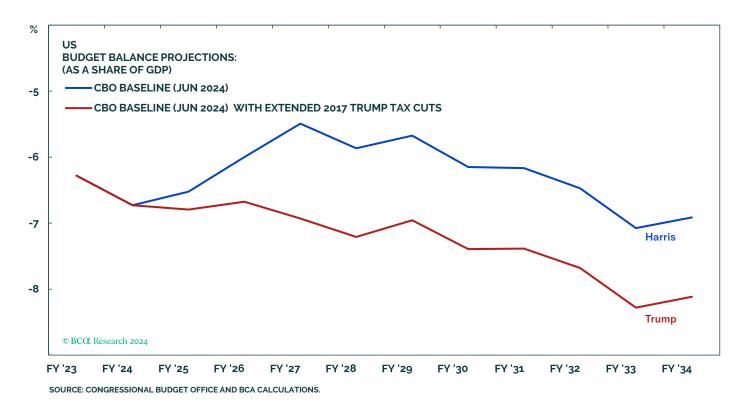
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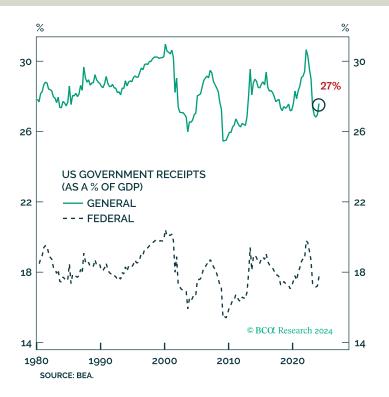


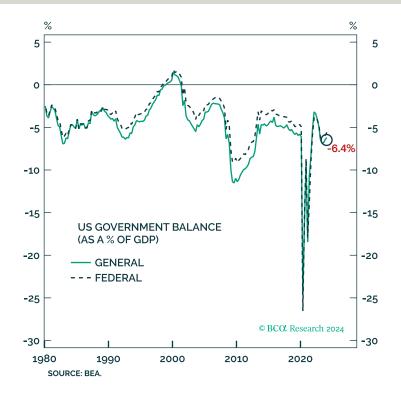
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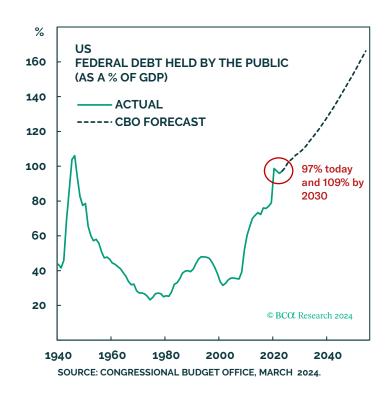


#### US Tax Revenues Flat For Decades, Budget Deficit Grows





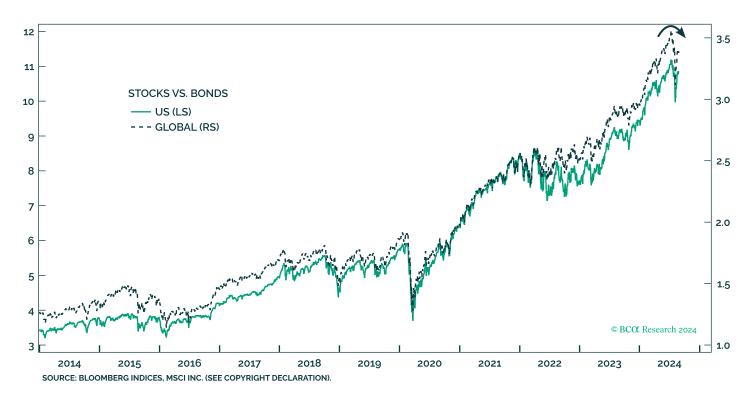
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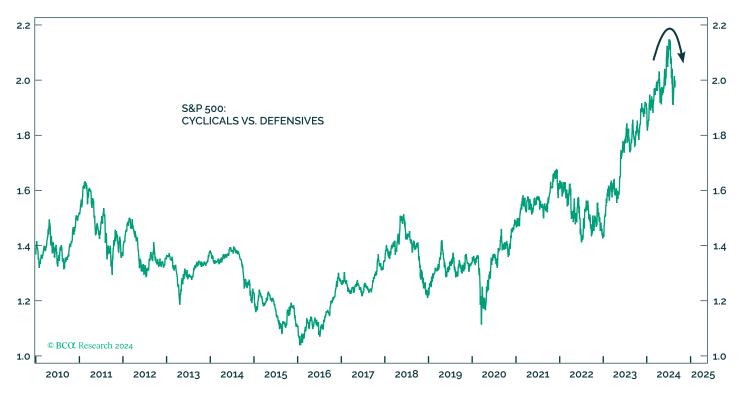


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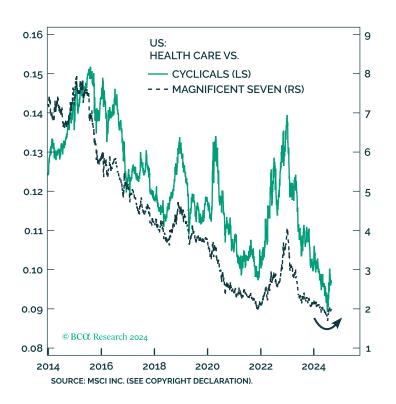
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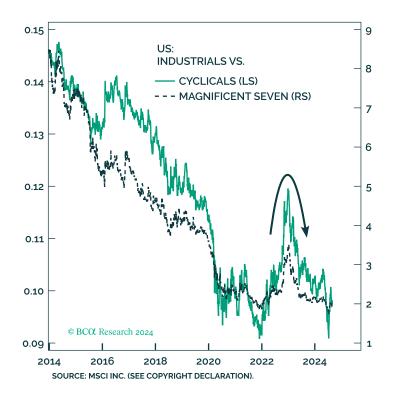


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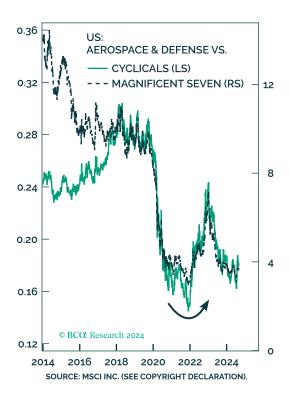


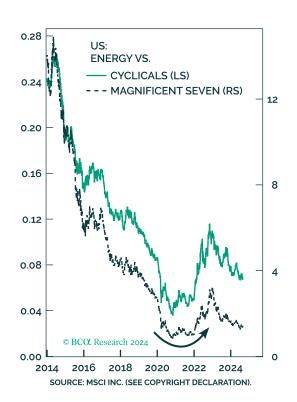
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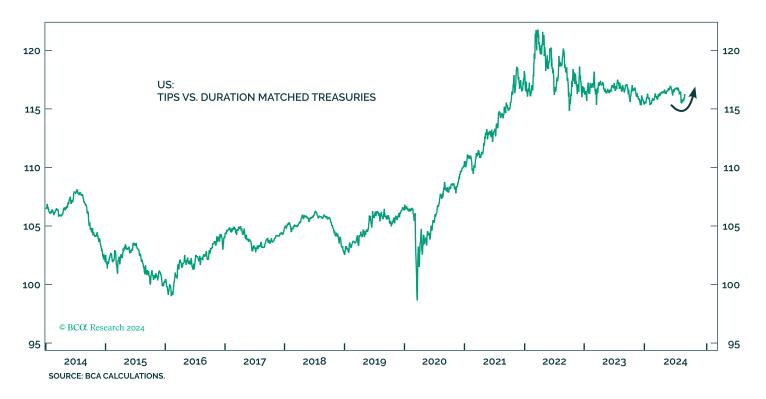
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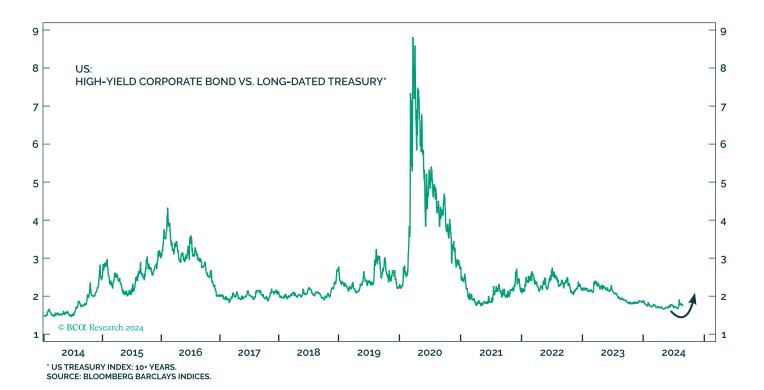




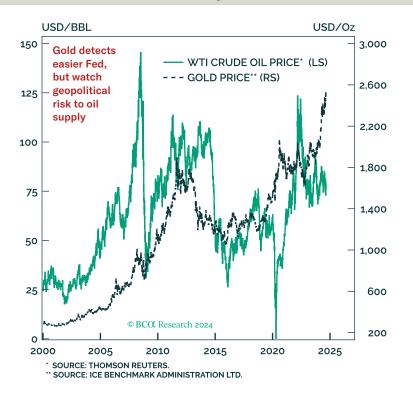
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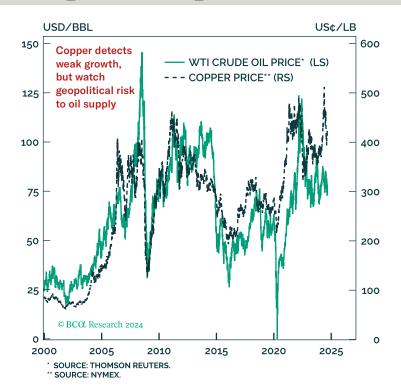


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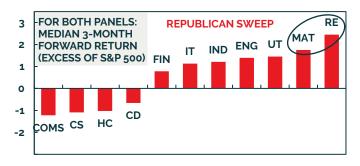


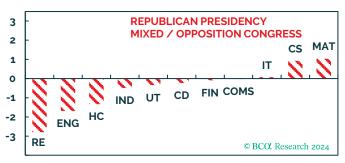
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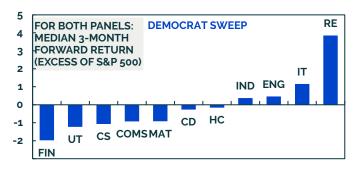


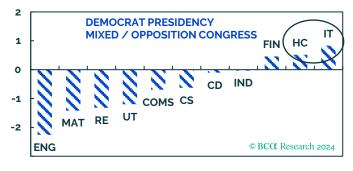


#### Historical Equity Response To US Election Scenarios Across Four Years









## **US Political Capital Index**

	FAVORABLE (%)	POLITICAL CAPITAL
Political/Constitutional Strength	40%	WEAK
Political Polarization	50%	MODERATE
Household Sentiment	33%	WEAK
Business Sentiment	17%	WEAK
Government Sector	33%	WEAK
Economic Conditions	22%	WEAK
Asset Market	33%	WEAK

## **Open Trades & Positions**

CYCLICAL TRADE RECOMMENDATIONS (6-18 MONTHS)			
ASSET	INITIATION DATE	RETURN	
LONG ISE CYBER-SECURITY INDEX	Dec 8, 2021	-6.8%	
LONG AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE VS. S&P 500	Mar 30, 2022	2.1%	
LONG BIOTECH VS. S&P 500	Jul 8, 2022	-9.1%	
LONG US 10-YEAR TREASURY	Sep 28, 2022	7.3%	
LONG HEALTHCARE VS. S&P 500	May 1, 2023	-12.0%	
LONG ENERGY VS. CYCLICALS (EX-TECH)	Jun 21, 2023	-3.7%	
LONG LONG-DATED TREASURIES VS. HIGH YIELD CORPORATE BONDS	Oct 16, 2023	2.4%	

NOTE: RETURN AS OF MARKET CLOSING VALUE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 (UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2024).

TACTICAL TRADE RECOMMENDATIONS (0-6 MONTHS)			
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