The Economy Has Grown Faster Under Democratic Presidents

Real GDP has grown about 1.6 times faster under Democrats, on average

Source: JEC Democratic staff calculations based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (updated through Q1 2016, second estimate, released in May 2016)

Notes: GDP data begin in Q1 1947 (when data became available), while President Truman took office in Q2 1945; weighted average for Republican and Democratic presidents adjusts for number of terms and incomplete data for Presidents Truman and Obama; average annualized growth rate by president is calculated as change from Q1 of year assumed office to Q1 of year left office.