

# 2020 WEALTH MANAGEMENT FORUM

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# ECONOMIC AND MARKET OUTLOOK

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# THE 2010'S BY THE NUMBERS

	12/31/2009	12/31/2019
Total Nominal GDP (\$ Trillions)	\$14.4	\$21.5
US Unemployment Rate	9.9%	3.5%
10 Year Treasury Yield	3.9%	1.9%
Negative Yielding Debt (Notional Principal)	\$O	\$11 Trillion
U.S Crude Oil Production (Million Barrels per Day)	5.4	12.2
FAANG Weight in S&P 500	3.9%	11.3%
Est. Number of Amazon Prime Users (Millions)	2.0	105.0
RESENTS THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES: FACEBOOK, AMAZON, APPLE, NETFLIX, ALPHABET (GOOGL	E)	

SOURCE: US TREASURY, US BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, US ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION, FACTSET



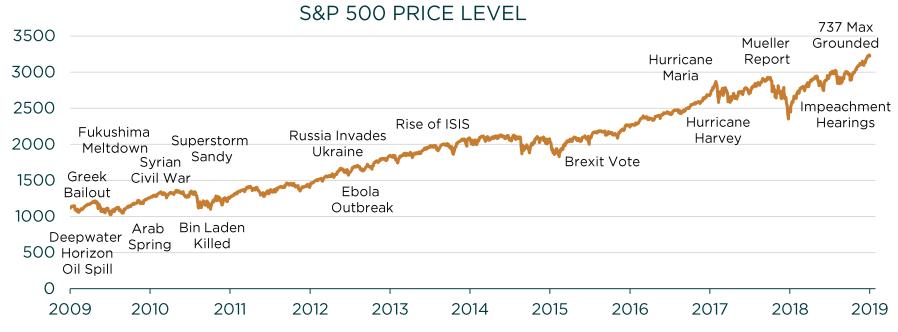
# A DECADE OF GREAT RETURNS

#### S&P 500 PRICE LEVEL





# AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, THE MARKET CLIMBED A WALL OF WORRY...



SOURCE: FACTSET, BUSINESS INSIDER



## 2019 WAS A GREAT YEAR ACROSS ASSET CLASSES

ASSET TYPE	INDEX	2019 RETURNS
US EQUITIES	RUSSELL 3000	31.0%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	MSCI ACWI EX-US	21.5%
OIL AND GAS PIPELINES	TORTOISE NORTH AMERICAN PIPELINE INDEX	24.1%
GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE	DJ BROOKFIELD GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE	28.7%
FIXED INCOME - TAXABLE	BARCLAYS INTERMEDIATE GOV/CREDIT	6.8%
FIXED INCOME - MUNICIPAL	BARCLAYS 5 YEAR GO	5.3%



## 2019 RETURNS WERE SET UP BY A WEAK 2018

	MARKET CORRECTION	CENTRAL BANK RESPONSE	6 MONTHS AFTER LOW
1984	-14%	Fed funds cut	20%
1988	-34%	Fed funds cut	19%
1998	-19%	Fed funds cut	40%
2010	-16%	QE2 & PBoC eased	24%
2011	-19%	OT announced	29%
2016	-13%	Fed paused	20%
AVERAGE	-19%		25%
2018	-20%	FED FUNDS CUTS	27%

SOURCE: EVERCORE ISI



## DECADE OF STRONG RETURNS DRIVEN BY EARNINGS





# 2019 RETURNS DRIVEN BY VALUATION CHANGE

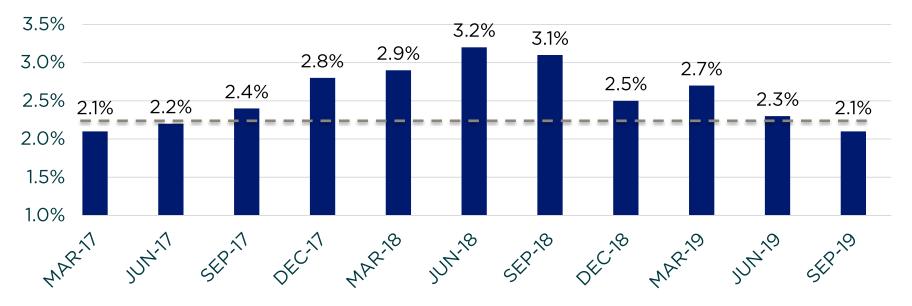


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# GROWTH SLOWED

#### REAL GDP GROWTH (YEAR-OVER-YEAR)



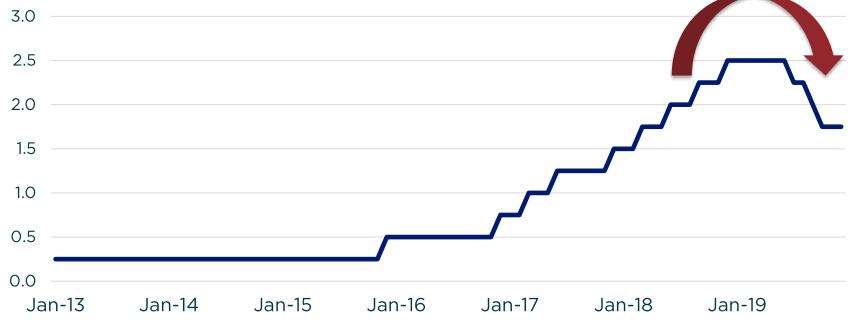
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POST CRISIS AVERAGE



# THE FED PIVOTED FROM TIGHTENING TO EASING

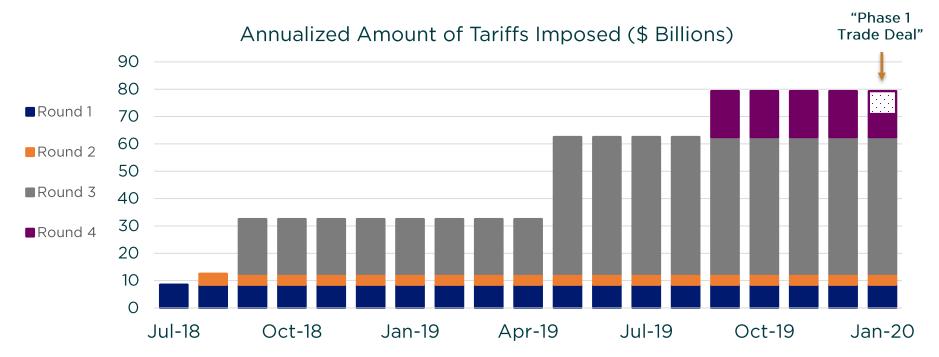
#### FED FUNDS TARGET RATE (%)



➢ SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



# TRADE PRESSURE INTENSIFIED





# MANUFACTURING WEAKENED

#### ISM MANUFACTURING INDEX





# LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 67 YEARS

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

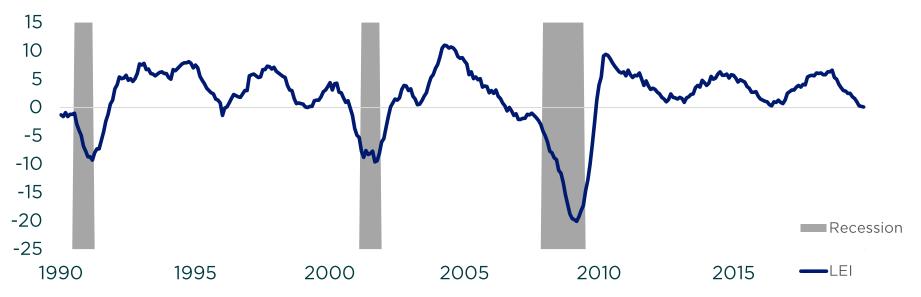


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## THIRD MINI-RECESSION OR...

Leading Economic Indicators (Year-Over-Year)



➢ SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



## **RECESSION SCORECARD**

		Previous Three Economic Recessions			
	12/31/2019	2007	2001	1990	
Yield Curve					
IG Spreads					
HY Spreads					
Stock Market					
Jobless Claims					
Unemployment Rate					
Temp Employment					
Weekly Hours					
Leading Indicators					
Coin/Lagging Index					
Ecri Lei					
ISM Manufacturing					
Capacity Utilization					
Capital Goods					
Housing Starts					
Retail Sales					
Consumer Sentiment					
*One month prior to recession					

Provinus Three Economic Recessions\*

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG, JOHNSON INVESTMENT COUNSEL RESEARCH



#### YEAR-TO-YEAR RESULTS ARE NOT DRIVEN BY RECENT HISTORY

#### % OF YEARS POSITIVE

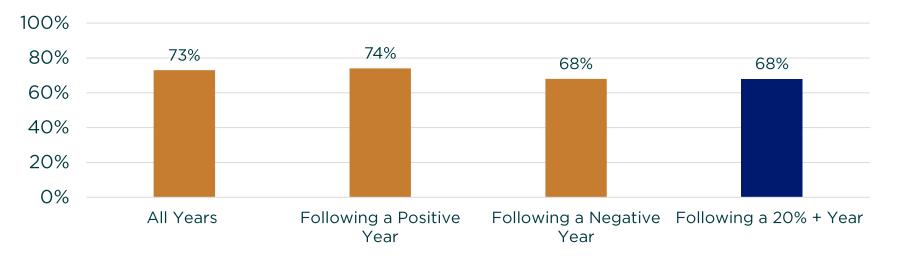


CHART IS BASED ON AVERAGE YEARLY S&P 500 TOTAL RETURNS SINCE 1928

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



## MARKET TIMING IS DIFFICULT AND CAN BE COSTLY

Median Total Return Leading Up To and Following Equity Market Peaks

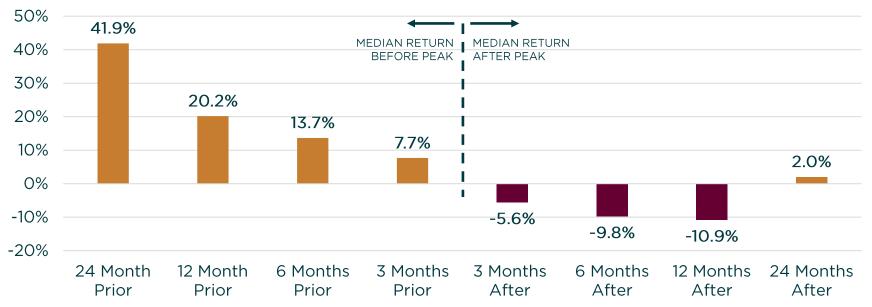


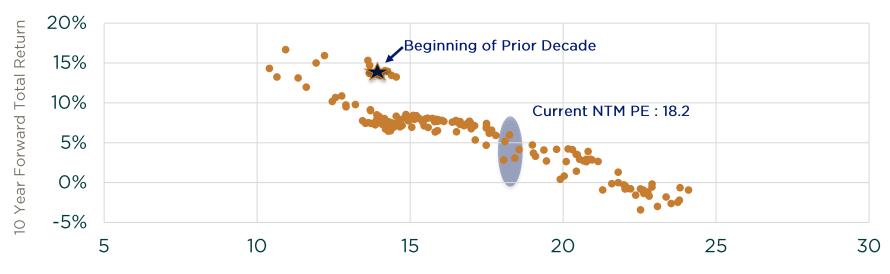
CHART IS BASED ON RETURN DATA FROM 9 BEAR MARKETS SINCE 1950. A BEAR MARKET IS DEFINED AS A DECLINE OF 20% OR MORE IN THE S&P 500 BENCHMARK PRICE.

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG, JOHNSON INVESTMENT COUNSEL RESEARCH



### STOCK VALUATION SUGGESTS LOWER RETURNS OVER THE NEXT DECADE

#### S&P 500 VALUATION AND RETURNS



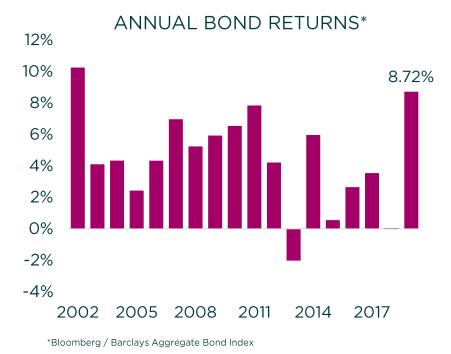
DATA FROM 12/31/1996 - 12/31/2009

Price to Earnings Ratio (Next Twelve Months Earnings)

✤ SOURCE: FACTSET, BLOOMBERG



#### FIXED INCOME - STILL AN IMPORTANT PART OF PORTFOLIOS

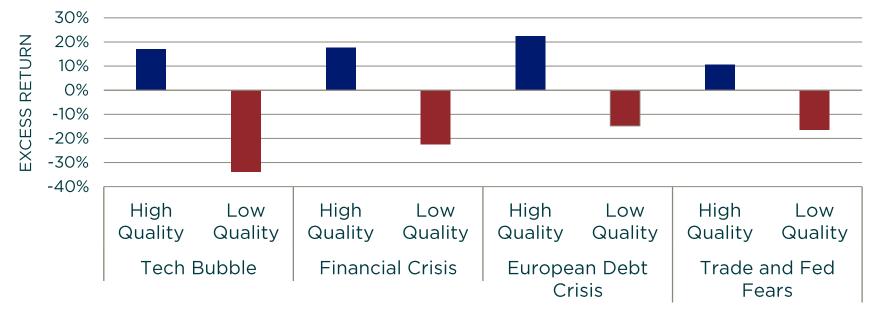


10 YEAR TREASURY YIELD





## HIGH QUALITY STOCKS SHINE IN PERIODS OF STRESS



SOURCE: : FACTSET, JOHNSON INVESTMENT COUNSEL RESEARCH, DATES: TECH BUBBLE 8/00 TO 9/02, FINANCIAL CRISIS 10/07 TO 2/09, EUROPEAN DEBT CRISIS 4/11 TO 9/11, TRADE AND FED FEARS 9/18 TO 12/18



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## You Should Be Prepared For Anything

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## **O**VERVIEW

- Near-term issues: Iran, drug prices, dollar, big tech.
- The Democratic primary is wide open. Trump is weak, but his opposition could save him.
- Election could reverse pro-growth structural changes under Trump. Sector most at risk: pharma/biotech.

## ISSUES IN PLAY IN 2020

- Iran What prevails: Iran's pattern of escalation or Trump's aversion to using force?
- **Drug prices –** Roughly 40% chance of major drug price law passing.
- **The Dollar –** Trump is preoccupied with the dollar; he wants it lower.
- **Big Tech** Trump sees bias against him/GOP and it's high on his radar.
- **Tech privacy –** One-in-three chance bipartisan bill gets signed.
- **Highway reauthorization –** Negligible new outlays.



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## NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN 2020

- Major infrastructure package.
- Tax cuts / fiscal boost.
- Trump removed by the Senate.
- Housing finance reform / GSEs released from conservatorship.



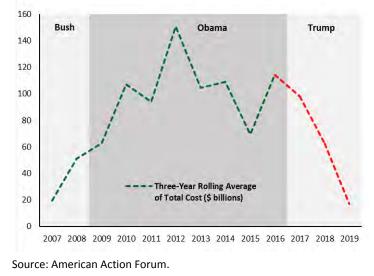
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#### **TWO MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES UNDER TRUMP**



#### **Total Cost To Private Sector Of Finalized Regulations**





### **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES SUPPORT TRILLIONS IN NEW TAXES**

	Biden	Buttigieg	Klobuchar	Sanders	Warren
Tax Hikes					
Individual & Estate	\$1.7	\$2.8	\$2.0	\$9.2	\$4.0
Corporate	\$1.5	\$2.3	\$1.2	\$5.8	\$2.3
Payroll	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$4.2	\$4.2
Total New Revenues (\$ Tn)	\$4.6	\$6.5	\$4.6	<b>\$19.2</b>	\$10.5

Note: Totals reflect a collection of campaign estimates, public estimates, and our assumptions about policies and the revenue generated by them. Figures exclude tax increases associated with Medicare for All.

#### **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES SUPPORT AMBITIOUS PROGRESSIVE AGENDA**

	<u>Biden</u>	<b>Buttigieg</b>	<u>Klobuchar</u>	<u>Sanders</u>	Warren
Tax Policy					
Higher Taxes On Capital Gains	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Higher Corporate Rate	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Target Profit Shifting	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Wealth Tax		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Apply Payroll Tax To Wages > \$250k	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Labor Market					
Minimum Wage to \$15+	✓	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Protecting the Right to Organize Act	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
End "Right to Work" Laws		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Sectoral Bargaining		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Establish Wage Boards				$\checkmark$	
End Misclassification of Indep. Contractors	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Federal Contracts Based on Labor		$\checkmark$			
Standards				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Workers Elect Some/40%+ Board Members		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Reshaping / Regulating Economy					
Accountable Capitalism Act					✓
Curb / Ban Stock Buybacks				✓	✓

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	<u>Biden</u>	<b>Buttigieg</b>	<u>Klobuchar</u>	<u>Sanders</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Climate and Energy					
Support Green New Deal Resolution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phase Out Nuclear or No New Plants		✓		✓	✓
Supports Carbon Pricing / Tax	✓	✓	✓		✓
Import Fee on Carbon Intensive Goods	✓		✓	✓	✓
Ban Fracking on Private Land		*		✓	✓
Ban Fossil Fuel Exports				✓	✓
End Leases for Drilling on Federal Land	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eliminate Fossil Fuel Subsidies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financials					
Break Up Big Banks (Glass-Steagall)				✓	✓
Stop Wall Street Looting Act (Private Equity)				✓	✓
Financial Transaction Tax		✓		✓	✓
Bank Tax		✓	✓	✓	✓
Health Care					
Public Option	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medicare for All				✓	✓
Importation	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allow Medicare to Negotiate Rx Prices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Limit Price Increases	✓	✓		✓	✓
Government Manufacture Rx Drugs					✓
Tech Sector					
Name Specific Companies to Break Up				✓	✓
Treat "Big Tech" Like Utilities					✓
Reverse / Restrict / Tax Mergers		✓	✓		✓
Increase Anti-Trust Enforcement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note: \* Buttigieg supports "banning new fracking" and would seek to end the practice over time.



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## **RELATIVE RISKS / FOCUS OF EACH CANDIDATE**

Biden	Buttigieg	Klobuchar	Sanders	Warren
Obama Agenda 2.0	Wild Card	Pro-infrastructure and pocketbook issues	Single payer health care	Reforming capitalism
<ul> <li>Increase health care coverage.</li> <li>Secondary focus on carbon pricing.</li> <li>Seek compromise.</li> <li>Risks: drug stocks,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emphasize generational issues.</li> <li>Pursue economic, and environmental justice package.</li> <li>Risks: health care,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Agenda, though small bore, adds up in cost.</li> <li>Has anti-tech focus.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Socialist agenda.</li> <li>Tax, takeover, regulate key sectors and expand government.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dramatically change scope of government.</li> <li>Attack engines of inequality: wealth, finance, labor law.</li> </ul>
traditional energy, economy wide.	traditional energy, economy wide.	<ul> <li>Risks: drug stocks, tech, economy wide.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risks: health care, financials, traditional energy economy wide.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risks: health care, financials, tech, labor costs, economy wide.</li> </ul>

#### **BIDEN AGENDA**

	Legislation		Executive Action
	Taxes on wealthy and corporations to finance agenda.	$\boldsymbol{\lambda}$	Return to Obama era regulatory costs.
	Public option (settle for Obamacare 2.0).		Climate regs: CAFE standards, no new leases for drilling on public land, methane standards.
$\triangleright$	Negotiate / cap drug prices.		
	PRO Act (labor agenda).	$\wedge$	Labor regs to increase pay, work flexibility, right to organize and strike.
$\triangleright$	Attempt carbon pricing.		
$\blacktriangleright$	Boost renewables and tax fossil fuel companies.		



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### **BUTTIGIEG AGENDA**

	Legislation		Executive Action
	Tax hike includes 35% corporate rate, tax unrealized capital gains at ordinary rates.	$\boldsymbol{\lambda}$	Go well beyond Obama era regulatory costs.
~			Likely to pursue aggressive climate and
	Climate and economic justice package = carbon tax and green energy subsidies		labor regulations.
	packaged with consensus Dem labor agenda.		Seeks to ban all new fracking.
	"Medicare for All Who Want It."		
$\triangleright$	Negotiate / cap drug prices.		

## **KLOBUCHAR AGENDA**

	Legislation	Executive Action
	Infrastructure package.	Return to Obama era regulatory costs.
$\blacktriangleright$	Public option and drug pricing reforms.	Climate regs: CAFE standards, no new leases for drilling on public land, methane standards.
	Progressive taxes to pay for family/ worker/student friendly policies.	Greater scrutiny of tech and antitrust
	Antitrust reforms.	in general at FTC / DOJ.
$\triangleright$	Attempt a carbon tax.	

### **SANDERS AGENDA**

	Legislation		Executive Action
$\succ$	Pursue Medicare for All.	$\checkmark$	Go well beyond Obama era regulatory costs.
$\succ$	Enormous tax increases, especially		
	on the wealthy and corporations.	$\checkmark$	Very aggressive climate, financial, and labor regulations.
	Aggressive pro-labor agenda.		
	Green New Deal-style climate plan.		
	Break up big banks and enact financial transaction tax.		

## WARREN AGENDA

Legislation		Executive Action
<ul><li>Reforming Capitalism:</li><li>Major tax increases on capital income and</li></ul>		Go well beyond Obama era regulatory costs.
<ul><li>corporations.</li><li>Redistribution &amp; reforms.</li><li>Changes in corporate</li></ul>		Very aggressive climate, financial, and labor regulations.
<ul><li>governance.</li><li>Aggressive labor agenda.</li></ul>		DOJ and FTC will target big-tech.
	$\succ$	Broader antitrust scrutiny.
Pursue financial sector overhaul: break up banks and reform private equity.		

#### WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON CORE TAX POLICIES

	Biden	Buttigieg	Klobuchar	Sanders	Warren
Top Individual Rate	39.6%+	N/A	39.6%+	52% above \$10m	39.6%+
Capital Gains	Tax as Ordinary Income (39.6%+) for Top ~1%	Tax Unrealized Gains of Top ~1%	Tax as Ordinary Income (39.6%+) for Top ~1%	Tax as Ordinary Income (39.6%+) for Top ~1%	Tax Unrealized Gains of Top ~1%*
Wealth Tax	No	No	No	Up to 8%	2-3% (up to 6%*)
Payroll Tax	Apply Payroll Tax (12.4%) on Wages Above \$250k	Apply Payroll Tax (12.4%) on Wages Above \$250k	Apply Payroll Tax (12.4%) on Wages Above \$250k	Apply Payroll Tax to all Income Above \$250k	Apply Payroll Tax (14.8%) to Wages above \$250k and 14.8% investment income tax
Corporate Rate	28%	35%	28%	35%	35%
Book Income/ "Real Profits" Tax	15% Minimum tax	No	No	No	7% Add-on tax
International Profit Shifting	21% GILTI	N/A	Tweak GILTI and foreign tax credits	Worldwide, no FDII, stricter BEAT	35% Minimum tax*
<b>Financial Sector</b>	No	FTT & Bank Tax	Bank Tax	FTT & Bank Tax	FTT* & Bank Tax*
Climate	Carbon Pricing	Carbon Tax	Carbon Tax	"Tax Polluters"	N/A

\*Associated with Medicare for All.

# LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR ON TAX POLICY

- Corporate Rate of 28%+
- Capital Gains & Dividends Taxed as Ordinary Income for Top 1%
- Target Low-Tax Multinationals (Profit Shifting)
- Top Personal Rate to 39.6%+
- Major Increases in Estate Tax
- Apply Payroll Tax to Wages (12.4%) above \$250k

TOTAL = ~\$4 Trillion of New Taxes Over 10 Years



# SIGNIFICANT RISK FOR HEALTH CARE, EVEN WITH LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR

**Drug Pricing -** Expect something like the Pelosi bill (negotiated prices and price growth caps).

**Public Option -** Supported by Biden, Klobuchar, Buttigieg. Path to Medicare for All.

# **CONSENSUS ON OTHER KEY POLICIES**

Labor:

- \$15/hr minimum wage and the PRO Act.
- Boost unionization & ban/weaken right to work laws.
- Overtime pay changes, new joint employer rules, conditioning federal contracts on labor criteria.

#### **Climate:**

• Target fracking & emissions, no new leases on public land.

#### Tech:

• Heightened antitrust scrutiny and DOJ/FTC appointments.



# **REPUBLICAN SWEEP SCENARIO**

- Tax cut effort mostly for middle class, some business; make 2017 tax law permanent.
- Risks of unconstrained Trump.
- China escalation, maybe followed by a deal.
- Modest drug pricing reforms.
- Infrastructure.

#### POTENTIAL AREAS FOR COMPROMISE UNDER DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

	Trump		"Centrists"	"Revolutionaries"
•	Infrastructure	•	Infrastructure	Less gets done, for two reasons:
•	Drug pricing	•	Drug pricing	Warren and
•	Tech privacy	•	Tech privacy	Sanders not likely to compromise.
•	Housing finance	•	Housing finance	<ul> <li>GOP inclined to fight revolutionary</li> </ul>
		•	Minimum wage hike	agenda.





#### **CORNERSTONE MACRO'S 2020 ELECTION ODDS**

#### **Election Scenarios**

White House	Senate	House	Scenario Odds	
	Dem 30%	Dem 30%	Dem Sweep 30%	
Democrat		GOP 0%	0%	
55%	GOP 25%	Dem 25%	Dem WH, Div Govt 25%	
		GOP 0%	0%	
	Dem 0%	Dem 0%	0%	
Trump 45%	Deni 0%	GOP 0%	0%	
		Dem 25%	Status Quo 25%	
	GOP 45%	GOP 20%	GOP Sweep 20%	



### **BLOWOUTS COMMON WHEN INCUMBENTS SEEK REELECTION**

Year	Incumbent	Opponent	Incumbent's Vote Margin	
2012	Obama	Romney	+3.9%	
2004	W. Bush	Kerry	+2.5%	
1996	Clinton	Dole	+8.5%	
1992	H.W. Bush	Clinton	-5.6%	5 out of
1984	Reagan	Mondale	+18.2%	<ul><li>9 were</li><li>blowouts</li></ul>
1980	Carter	Reagan	-9.7%	Diowouts
1976	Ford	Carter	-2.1%	
1972	Nixon	McGovern	+23.2%	
1964	Johnson	Goldwater	+22.6%	

Source: Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Elections. Winners' names are bolded.



# IN 2016, SENATE CANDIDATES AND TRUMP RAN EVEN IN SWING STATES

State	Trump Vote Share	Senate Candidate Vote Share	Candidate Minus Trump
Colorado	43.3%	44.3%	1.0%
Florida	49.0%	52.0%	3.0%
Georgia	50.8%	54.8%	4.0%
Nevada	45.5%	44.7%	-0.8%
New Hampshire	46.5%	47.8%	1.3%
North Carolina	49.8%	51.1%	1.3%
Pennsylvania	48.2%	48.7%	0.5%
Wisconsin	47.2%	50.2%	3.0%
		Average =	1.7%



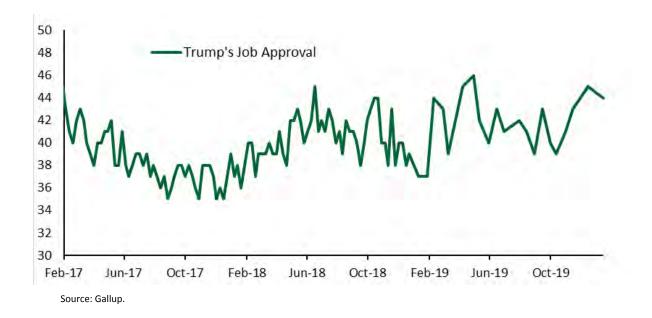
# **GOP FAVORED TO KEEP SENATE**

#### **Republican-Held Swing Senate Seats Up In 2020**

State	Senator	Trump 2016 Vote Share
Colorado	Gardner	43.3%
Maine	Collins	44.9%
Arizona	McSally	48.7%
North Carolina	Tillis	49.8%
Georgia	Perdue Loeffler	50.8%
Iowa	Ernst	51.2%
Texas	Cornyn	52.2%
National		45.9%



#### **TRUMP APPROVAL RATING STEADY AT LOW LEVEL**





## HALF OF COUNTRY WANTS TO FIRE TRUMP

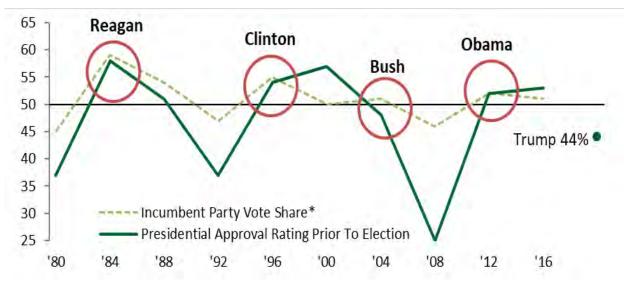
54%	Disapprove of Trump's job performance.
50%	Very uncomfortable with Trump being president.
48%	Certain to vote against Trump.
48%	Support impeachment and removal.
44%	<u>Strongly</u> disapprove of Trump's job performance.

Source: NBC/WSJ; poll conducted December 14-17, 2019.





#### JOB APPROVAL AND VOTE SHARE ARE CLOSELY LINKED



Sources: Gallup and David Leip's Atlas of US Presidential Elections. \*Two party vote share.



# HOW THE DEMOCRATIC FIELD STACKS UP AGAINST TRUMP

Candidate	Odds Of Beating Trump
Klobuchar	High
Biden	>50%
Buttigieg	Wild Card
Warren	<50%
Sanders	Low

#### FOUR DEMS WITHIN SIX POINTS IN IOWA AND NH

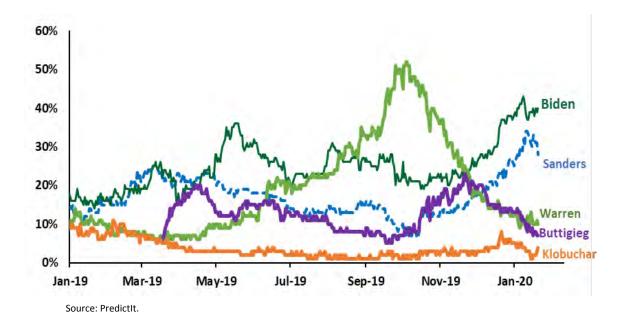
National		Iowa	NH	NV	SC
	National	Feb 3	Feb 11	Feb 22	Feb 29
Biden	28.0%	21.0%	18.5%	25.0%	32.0%
Sanders	21.9%	17.3%	19.8%	19.3%	15.0%
Warren	14.7%	16.7%	14.3%	14.7%	14.0%
Buttigieg	7.6%	16.3%	14.3%	7.7%	6.3%
Bloomberg	7.3%	1.0%	-	-	2.5%
Yang	3.6%	3.7%	4.3%	3.0%	2.7%
Klobuchar	3.4%	8.3%	5.8%	2.7%	1.3%
Steyer	2.0%	3.3%	3.3%	7.3%	8.3%
Gabbard	1.3%	1.7%	4.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Bennet	0.8%	-	0.8%	-	-

Source: RealClearPolitics poll average.





#### **ONLINE ODDS OF WINNING DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**



# **INVESTMENT IMPLICATIONS BY CANDIDATE**

		Trump	"Centrists"	Revolutionaries
	Тах	Pro-growth changes preserved.	If Dems have the Senate, big tax hikes.	With the Senate, very big tax hikes.
Macro	Regulation	Minimal new costs to private sector.	Obama-era level of reg. costs. Ambitious labor agenda.	Regulatory costs far in excess of Obama. Labor agenda.
Trade Chir		Stays tough on China; protectionist instincts could extend further.	Not likely to fold to China, but most likely to get a deal.	Protectionist instincts keep trade risks elevated.
Sector		Most at risk: drug stocks.	Most at risk: drug stocks, energy.	Most at risk: health care, financials, energy, big tech.



#### DISCLOSURES

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