



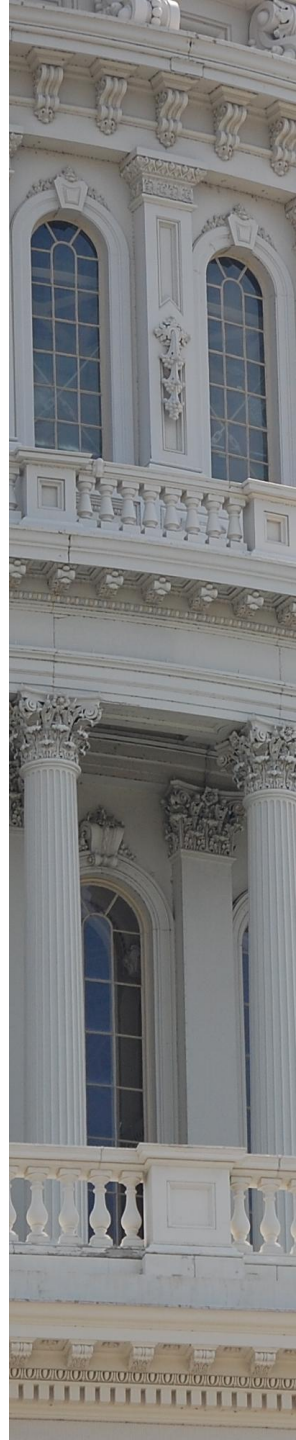
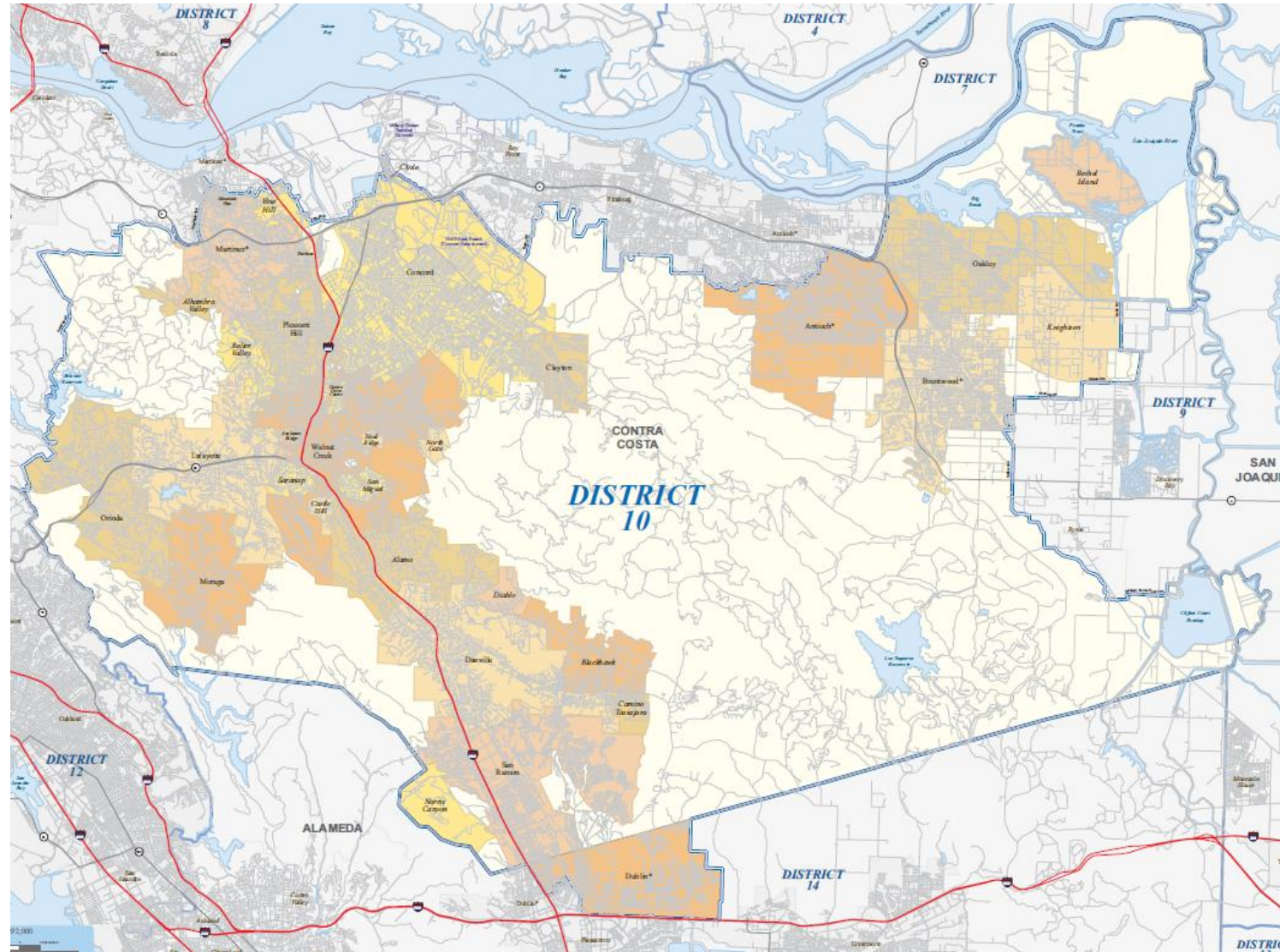
Town Hall: Fighting Back against the Administration in Congress

Hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (CA-10)

March 20, 2025

California's 10th Congressional District

CA-10 includes most of Contra Costa and part of Alameda County



Committee Assignments

Ethics Committee

- *Named Ranking Member (top Democrat) by House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries*

Education and Workforce Committee

- *Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions*
- *Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development*

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- *Subcommittee on Aviation*
- *Subcommittee on Highways and Transit*
- *Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials*
- *Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment*



“Flooding the Zone”

- The Administration has attempted to create chaos by “flooding the zone,” making it hard for people to see what policies and programs are being overturned or paused. In total, the Administration has so far issued 89 Executive Orders.
 - There are over 120 court challenges to the Administration’s actions.
- Some of the troubling actions by the Administration include:
 - Freezing funding for financial assistance, grants, and loans across the federal government.
 - Ended protections for LGBTQI+ Americans.
 - Halted thousands of infrastructure projects, threatening jobs and critical repairs in communities across the country.
 - Moved to increase oil drilling and paused new offshore wind projects, derailing climate efforts.
 - Imposed a 25% tariff on foreign steel and aluminum and threatened countries with other tariffs.



Fighting Back Against the Administration

- Since the start of the new Administration, I've supported over 50 efforts to push back so far.
- Major efforts supported:
 - Taxpayer Data Protection Act (H.R. 1101), which seeks to stop Musk and DOGE's unlawful access to Americans' sensitive data.
 - Resolution condemning the President's pardons for insurrectionists who assaulted Capitol Police Officers (H.Res. 116).
 - Resolution supporting K-12 schools and condemning efforts to defund public education or weaken the Department of Education (H.Res. 94).
 - Resolution condemning the President's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement (H.Res. 68).
 - Amicus Brief supporting the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau against actions taken by the Administration



Fighting and Winning in Courts

- From the minority, courts are the most effective tool to stop Trump.
- Trump lost 78% of court cases related to actions in his first Administration.
- Over 120 pending lawsuits against the Administration's executive orders and administrative actions.
- Federal courts have successfully paused several of the Administration's actions.
 - Force the rehire of thousands of illegally fired probationary employees
 - Paused the enforcement of the Administration's memo freezing all federal financial assistance.
 - A federal judge ruled that Trump's firing of the chair of the National Labor Relations Board was an "illegal act" and "power grab" and that she must be reinstated.

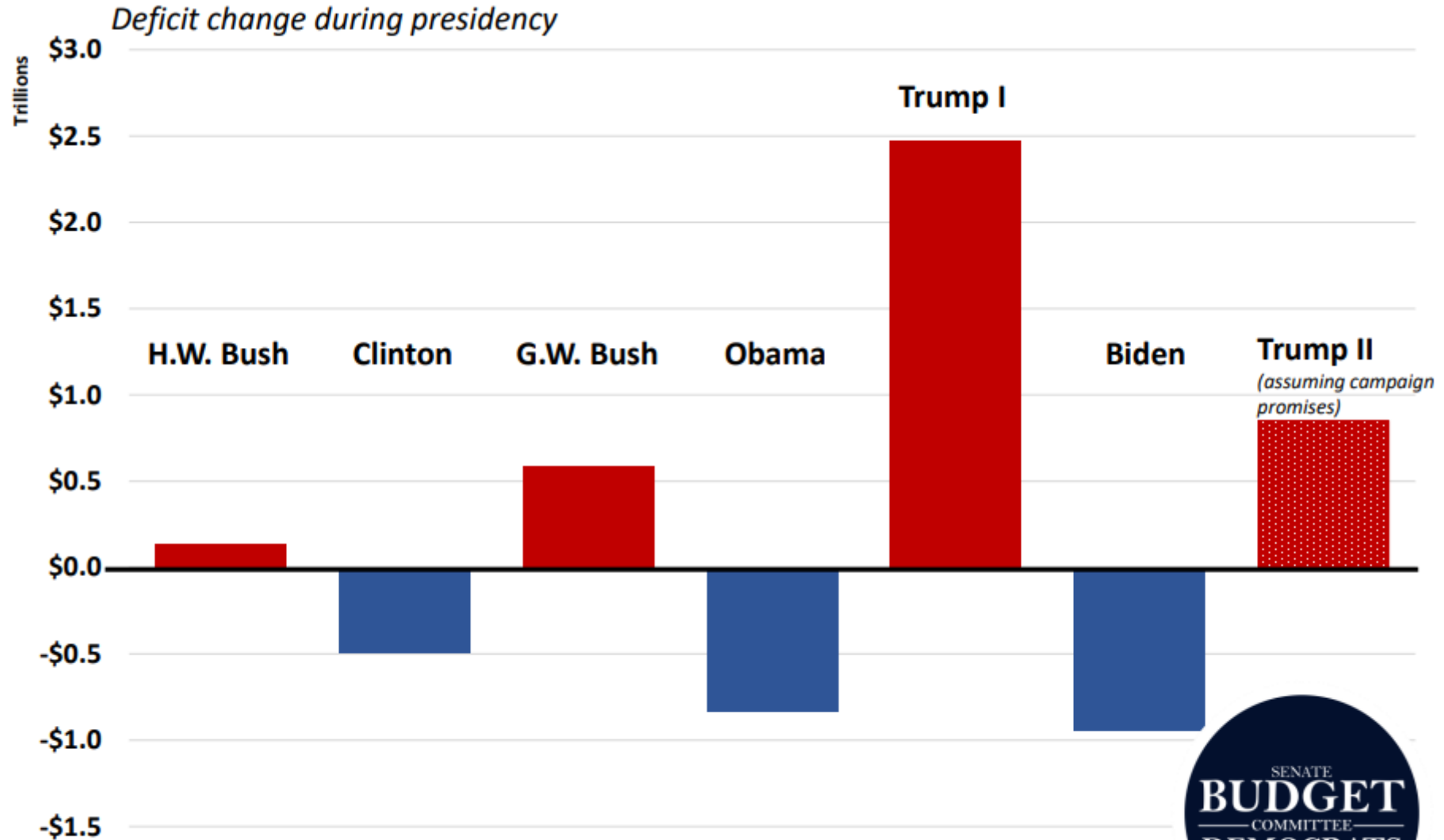
Admin Action	Legal Outcome
EO ending Birthright Citizenship	Multiple District Courts Issue Preliminary Injunction
Trump's "Buyout" Offer for Federal Employees	District Court Lifted Preliminary Injunction on Feb. 12th
OMB Federal Funding Freeze	Multiple District Courts Issue Preliminary Injunction (including the U.S. First Circuit Court denying an appeal by the Trump Administration to stop the district court's ruling)
DOGE Access to Taxpayer Data	Multiple District Courts Issue Preliminary Injunction
Purge of FBI Agents (<i>class action</i>)	District Court Issues Temporary Restraining Order (with consideration of the Preliminary Injunction expected in late March)
Dismantling of USAID	District Court Issues a Narrow Temporary Restraining Order
DOGE Access to Treasury Payment Systems	Multiple District Courts Issue Temporary Restraining Order
Dismantling of CFPB	Trump Administration Agrees to Temporary Block Until a Hearing regarding the Preliminary Injunction is Held on March 3rd
Termination of U.S. Special Counsel	U.S. Supreme Court Temporarily Blocks Removal of U.S. Special Counsel
Termination of Probationary Employees	District Court Judge Issues a Temporary Restraining Order

“An American President is not a king – not even an ‘elected’ one – and his power to remove federal officers and honest civil servants...is not absolute, but may be constrained in appropriate circumstances, as are present here”

-- U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell



History of Balanced Budgets



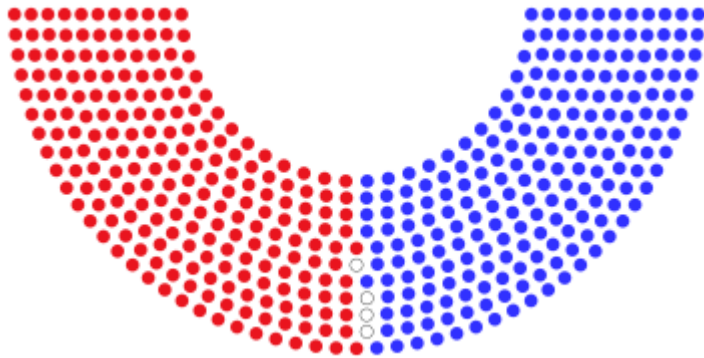
Source: CBO, showing the difference between the first year and last year. "Trump II" projections are Senate Budget Committee calculations based on CBO, JCT, and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.



Republicans Hold Majorities in Both Chambers of Congress.

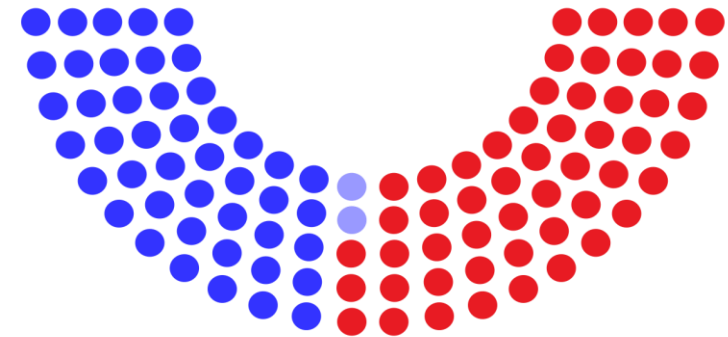
U.S. House

218 **Republicans**, 213 **Democrats**, and
4 vacancies (FL-01, FL-06, TX-18,
and AZ-07)



U.S. Senate

53 **Republicans**, 45 **Democrats**, and
two **Independents**

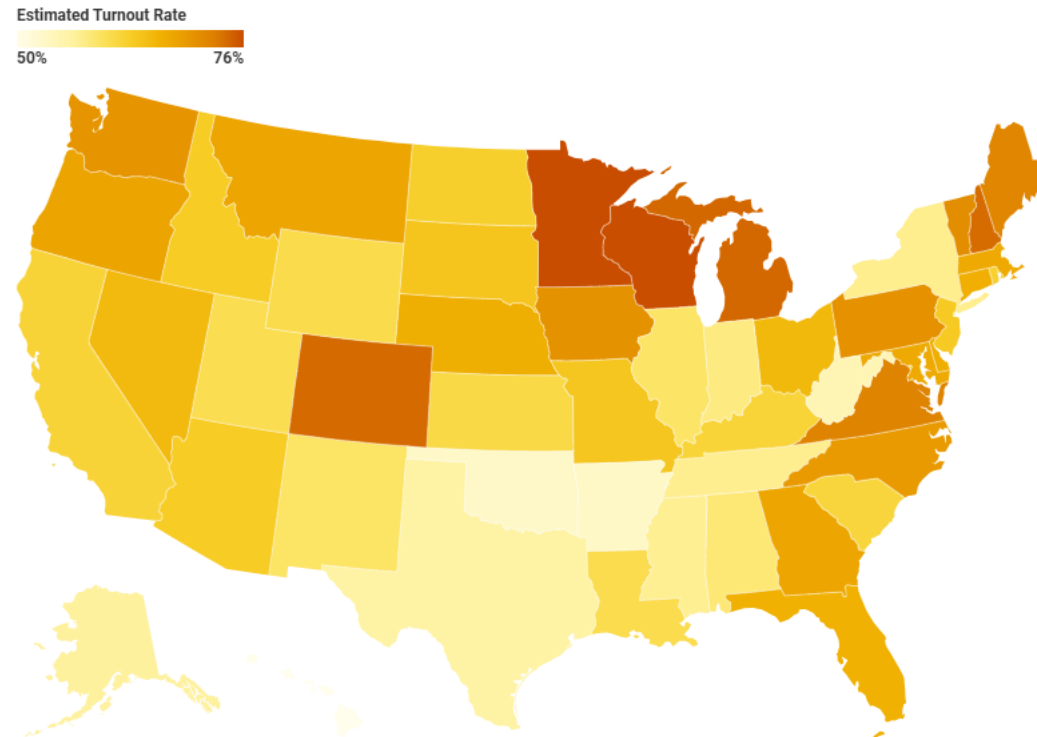


Being in the minority means Democrats do not have the power to decide which bills are voted on or debated or to call hearings.

Voter Turnout in 2024 vs. 2020

Only 7,309 votes across three districts (IA-8, CO-8, PA-7) determined the House majority in 2024.

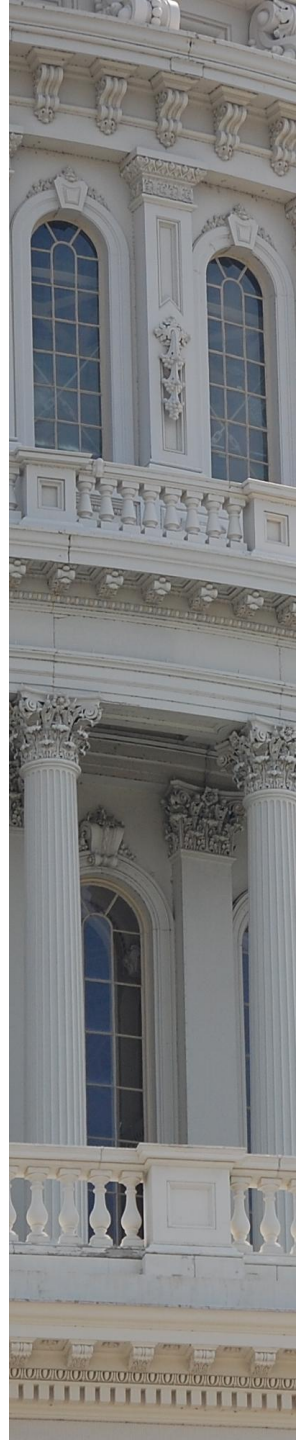
- 63.9% (156 million out of 245 million) of eligible voters cast a ballot in 2024, down from 65.3% (158 million out of 243 million) in 2020.
- Over 88 million eligible voters stayed home in 2024, which is 4 million more than in 2020.
- 42% of youth voters voted in the 2024 election compared to over 50% in 2020.



*Americans 18 years or older, minus ineligible noncitizens and felons.

Map: Seth Cline | U.S. News & World Report • Source: University of Florida Election Lab

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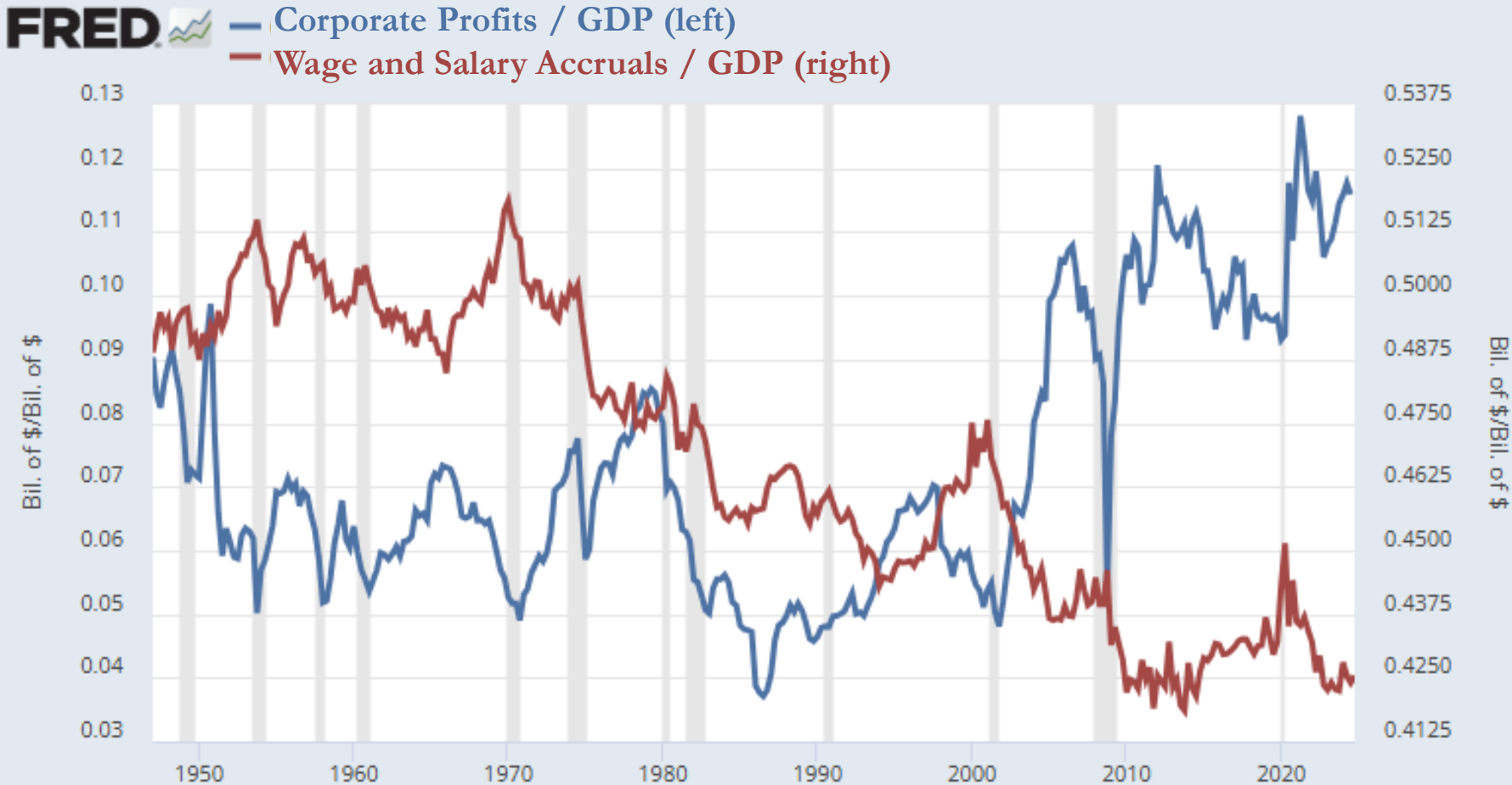


Historic Inequality in America



The 3 wealthiest men in America have the same cumulative income as the bottom 165 million Americans.

Inequality



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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