

After Two-Term Presidencies, Parties Rarely Maintain Control of the White House

Presidential Election Results Following 2nd Presidential Term

1960-2008

Year	President	Party	2 nd Term Approval	Party Election Result
1960	Eisenhower	Republican	61%	Democrats take White House
1968	Kennedy/Johnson	Democrat	50%	Republicans take White House
1976	Nixon/Ford	Republican	53%	Democrats take White House
1988	Reagan	Republican	55%	Republicans keep White House
2000	Clinton	Democrat	61%	Republicans take White House (Dems win popular vote)
2008	G. W. Bush	Republican	37%	Democrats take White House
2016	Obama	Democrat	50%	?

Sources: “Post-World War II Presidential Elections Following Second Presidential Term,” Cook Political Report, December 6, 2016; “Presidential Approval Ratings -- Gallup Historical Statistics and Trends,” Gallup; RealClearPolitics, 2016.