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Summary: Increases in real disposable income per person in only the two quarters before a vote can, with an adjustment for tenure in the White House, predict the vote share of parties that are governing America to a striking degree of accuracy. Because inflation has fallen without a recession, tight labor markets continue to produce strong real wage growth. In the last quarter of 2023, real disposable income per person grew at an annualised rate of 1.9%. If maintained until the election, that pace would be associated with a winning margin equivalent to Bill Clinton's in 1996. Related: Consistent Signs of Erosion in Black and Hispanic Support for Biden and Americans Are Suddenly a Lot More Upbeat About the Economy and What's Behind the Recent Slump in Consumer Sentiment?

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