



Democrats have dramatically shifted their views of the US economy since the election

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The way Democrats view the economy has undergone a dramatic shift in the week since Donald Trump was elected president of the United States.

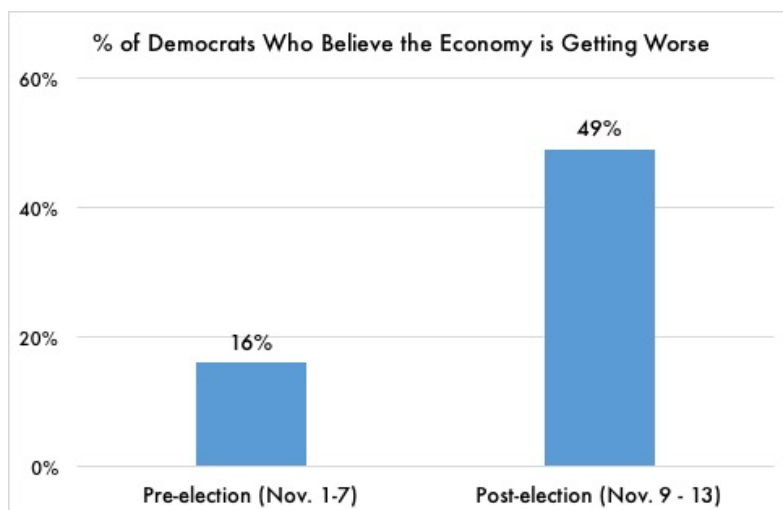
Gallup's Economic Confidence Index, based on an average of how Americans view current economic conditions, registered a large shift among self-identified Democrats over a week time period following Election Day.

"Lagging economic confidence is mostly due to Democrats' more negative evaluations after Donald Trump won the election," said the release from CBS News. "Democrats had a more optimistic view of the economy — especially of its future direction — during President Barack Obama's two terms."

In fact, the percentage of Democrats saying the economy is getting worse increased from 16% in the preelection period to 49% after Trump was elected.

It is important to note that despite the huge swing in Gallup's polling, economic conditions — including rates of unemployment, inflation, and wage growth — have not changed over the past few weeks.

"Democrats are out of their minds if they think the economy is suddenly doing worse because of Trump," said Susan Thomas, a retired schoolteacher from Harrisburg, PA who voted for the President in 2016. "He's rescuing us from all the damage Obama did. Anyone who can't see that is delusional."



Democrats became more pessimistic about the economy immediately following Trump's election. Source: Gallup Polls, Nov. 1-13, 2016.