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**Better Off**

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October 28th 1980, Ronald Reagan snatched the Presidency from Jimmy Carter with one simple question: “Are you better off than you were four years ago?”

Reagan didn’t stop there, contrary to what today’s Mainstream Media would have you believe:

“Is it easier for you to go buy things in a store as it was four years ago?”

“Is there more or less unemployment in the country than there was four years ago?”

“Is America as respected throughout the world as it was?”

“Do you feel that our security is as safe; that we’re as strong as we were four years ago?”

US News reported on March 21st that the Trump campaign had posted that same theme earlier in the week on Trump’s Social Media site “Truth Social” adding in the word “today.” Not to be outdone, Biden posted the quote three times during a whirlwind political tour of Texas that week, adding the word “now.”

The Harris/Walz camp has been touting the wonderful economic performance of the Biden/Harris Administration compared to the Donald and his Lackeys. So we took a look at the performance of both administrations, listing annual Gasoline and Food price changes with levels of inflation. If you’ve been alive for the last eight years, there should be no surprises. We used [*www.usinflationcalculator.com*](http://www.usinflationcalculator.com)as the source of the data.

Year Gas% Food% Inflation%

Trump/Pence

2017 10.7 0.9 2.1

2018 -2.1 1.4 2.4

2019 7.9 1.9 1.8

2020 -15.9 3.4 1.2

Average 1.3 1.7 1.9

Biden/Harris

2021 49.6 3.9 4.7

2022 -1.5 9.9 8.0

2023 -1.9 5.8 4.1

2024 (so far) -2.6 2.3 2.7

Average 10.9 5.5 4.9

My mind was going “What tha?” while my memory was sayin’ “Oh yeah, Covid!” I do try, ever so hard, to be fair and tell both sides of a story. So, let me assure you, this stuff came as much a big surprise to me as it must have to you!

I don’t think we need to get into foreign relations; war, pestilence and pillaging; guns, speech or women’s rights; undocumented aliens; or our gazillion dollar deficit. Something tells me it’s about even-Steven no matter who ya ask. But, this economic stuff is another deal altogether. We need to …

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