


I am offering another reason to shift predictions from a Trump to a Harris win. A key in Alan Lichtman's predictions is the economy. Many Americans were more convinced a month ago that the economy was on fire than they are today.

The Conference Board [said](#) its consumer confidence index rose 9.5 points to 108.7. Unemployment hovers below the target of 5%, and inflation is at 2.1%- both ideal from the Federal Reserve perspective. Other indicators, like the stock market, gas prices, and real wage increases, have also started to affect people viscerally.

While Republicans will play inciting rhetoric to their base about edging toward a recession, real economic numbers continue a positive trajectory. At a certain point, people have to trust what they see. The economy's overall state is hard to gauge, so most people trust their instincts. Those instincts are shifting as we come nearer to the election. Just like a recession isn't identifiable until half a year in, it takes time before an economic boom becomes clear.

The election is bringing out two layers of reality. The first layer is what is actually happening according to data, reports, etc. The second layer is the perception of reality. An example might be hurricane relief in NC, where the Governor said FEMA met his [demands](#).

Meanwhile, a [narrative](#) was peddled that FEMA was not assisting people. The same is true of the economy, immigration, and gun rights. Eventually, reality catches up to the narrative.

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The effect the executive has on the economy is overstated. However, if you want to criticize a person for an economic downfall on their watch, you better be ready for them to take credit for the economic gifts they receive in office.