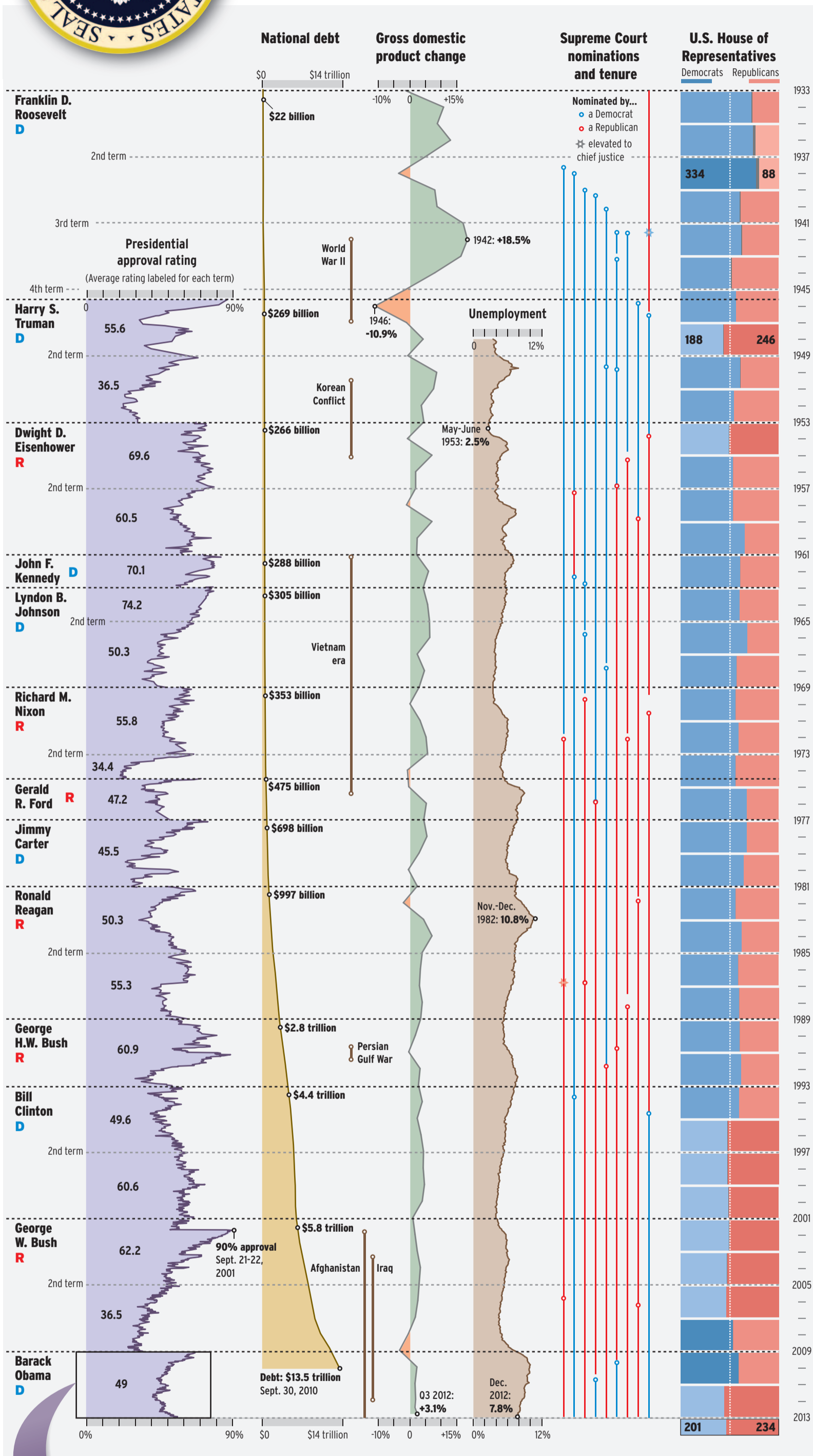


# THE PRESIDENCY IN TERMS

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The eve of President Barack Obama's second term calls for a look back at previous presidencies. This data represents political, social and economic measures and tells the story of each administration since the beginning of World War II. Obama will be the eighth president since Franklin D. Roosevelt to serve more than one term. Before Roosevelt, 12 presidents served more than one term.



### WHY IT MATTERS

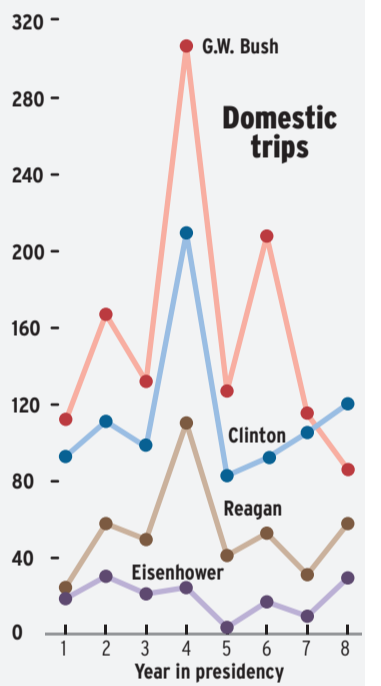
While political commentators talk about various milestones in Barack Obama's first term and expected themes for his second, comparing presidential data puts his presidency in context with others.

### 21 U.S. presidents have served more than one term

Of those:

- 11 - Served two full terms
- 4 - Served the remainder of another's term and were elected in their own right
- 2 - Assassinated in the second (William McKinley, Abraham Lincoln)
- 1 - Elected to four terms, died shortly into the fourth (Franklin D. Roosevelt)
- 1 - Elected to two terms, has not yet begun (Barack Obama)
- 1 - Resigned in the second (Richard Nixon)
- 1 - Served two full terms, but the first inauguration was delayed until April 30 (George Washington)

### Two-term travel



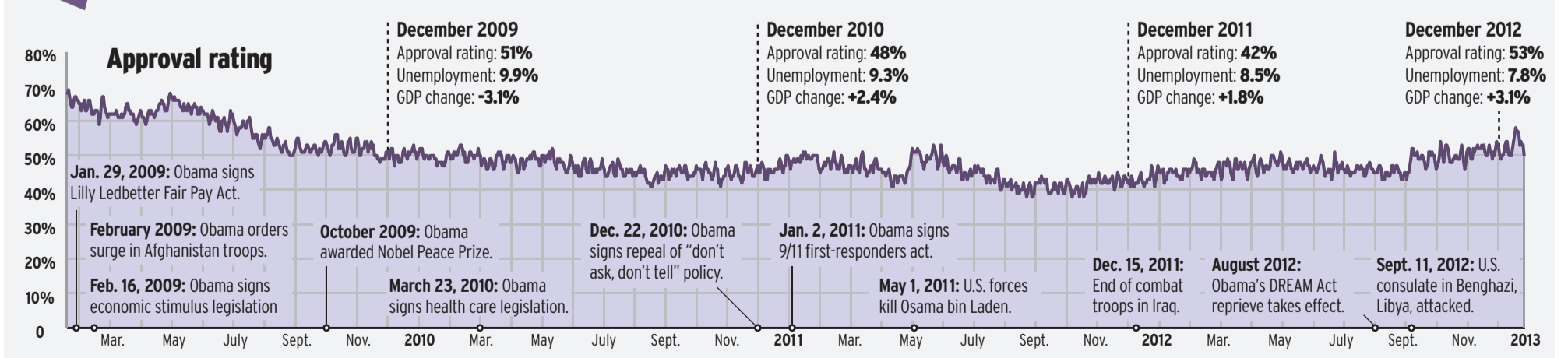
### Days in office

**4,422** - Most days in office. Franklin D. Roosevelt died shortly after starting his fourth term.

**31** - Shortest administration. William Henry Harrison died of pneumonia.

**1** - Until 1937, presidents were inaugurated on March 4. In 1849, Zachary Taylor's Inauguration Day fell on a Sunday, but Taylor postponed it until Monday. Senate President Pro Tem David Atchison claimed he was president for one day. However, although he hadn't taken the oath of office, Taylor became president on March 4.

### Obama's first four years



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