



HELL IN A HANDBASKET: LIFE UNDER A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS

Democrats running for office this year complain a lot about America and the cost of living. What might surprise you is that most of the backsliding in the American way of life has happened while Democrats control the U.S. Congress. Below are a few key examples:

	Inauguration Day 2001 (01-20-2001)	Election Night 2006 (11-07-2006)	New Dem Congress (01-04-2007)	Latest Figure (July 2008)
Gallon of Gas ¹	\$1.46	\$2.22	\$2.30	\$4.11
Loaf of Bread ²	\$0.98	\$1.14	\$1.15	\$1.37
Gallon of Milk ³	\$2.85	\$2.99	\$3.07	\$3.77
Dozen Eggs ⁴	\$1.01	\$1.35	\$1.55	\$1.92
Cong. Approval ⁵	50%	26%	35%	14%
Dow Jones Average ⁶	10,588	12,157	12,481	11,239
Stock Market Wealth ⁷	\$15.401 trillion	\$16.919 trillion	\$16.919 trillion	\$16.866 trillion
Net Worth ⁸	\$39.551 tril	\$55.626 tril	\$56.532 tril	\$55.970 tril
Per Capita GDP ⁹	\$33,403	\$44,640	\$45,173	\$47,337
Inflation Rate ¹⁰	3.7%	2.0%	2.1%	5.0%
Unemployment Rate ¹¹	4.2%	4.5%	4.6%	5.5%
Real GDP Growth ¹²	-0.5%	2.1%	0.6%	1.0%
Average Wage ¹³	\$28,700	\$33,980	\$34,320	\$35.960
Dollar vs. Euro ¹⁴	0.95	0.85	0.83	0.63

¹ Department of Energy

² Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Gallup.com

⁶ Yahoo Finance

⁷ Federal Reserve Flow of Funds

⁸ Ibid. Figures are in 2008 dollars.

⁹ Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

¹⁰ Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

¹³ Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

¹⁴ Yahoo Finance

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