



He rejected the advice and disregarded the criticism, understanding that, while a President must deal with an incredibly broad range of complex issues, the American people wanted a leader to calm their fears and ease their angst over what many perceived to be an increasingly bleak future.

By sticking to his theme of job creation and economic recovery, Romney gained ground steadily, even invoking Ronald Reagan's 1980 "are you better off now than you were four years ago?" campaign mantra to draw a sharper contrast between he and Obama.

While the Romney campaign has been energized and encouraged by his resurgence, the odds ever so slightly continue to favor the President.

In the half dozen states in which the Electoral College votes will likely determine the outcome, Obama holds slender leads in a majority of them. Romney, on the other hand, while competitive in those states, must run the table to reach the 270 electoral votes to win. Not impossible, certainly, but a loss in one — Ohio, say — pretty much dooms his chances.

It wasn't supposed to be this way for the Democrats. Many hoped for Presidential coattails to help regain seats in the House of Representatives and survive with their majority in the Senate. It appears those hopes will go largely unfulfilled.

The abstract notion of a defeat wasn't something the President or his party wanted to confront. To their dismay, they've discovered that it's always lurking in campaigns and always will be.

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