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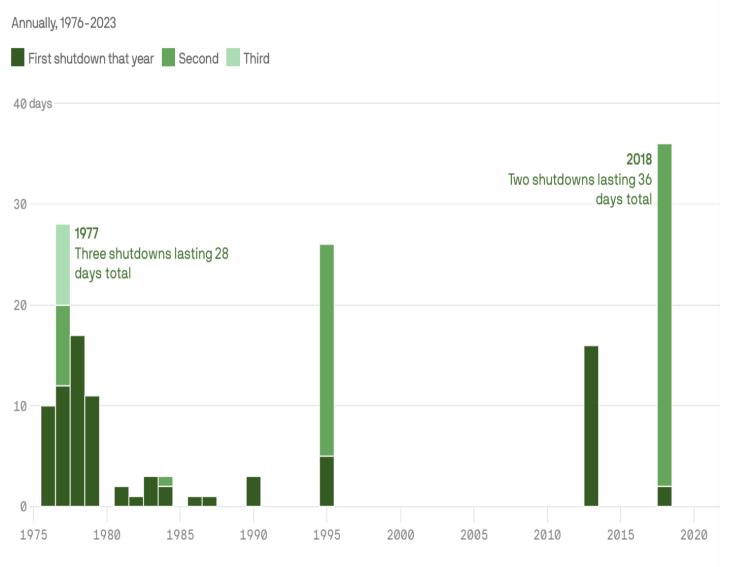
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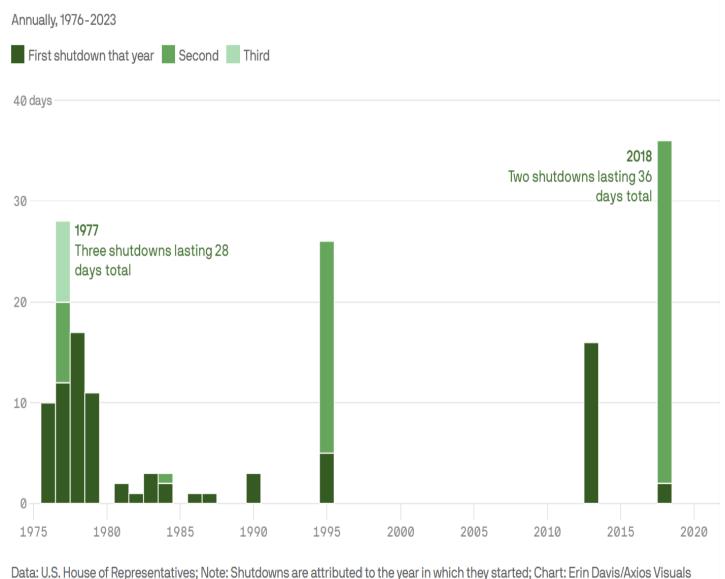
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- The U.S. is on the verge of a 22nd government shutdown in five decades, with Congress facing a Sept. 30 deadline to pass appropriations bills to fund the government.
- 2. Under a government shutdown, nonessential federal functions are suspended. All employees, both essential and non-essential, are not paid during the shutdown. Their paychecks catch up when operations resume.
- 3. In 1980 and 1981, U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti established the basis for government shutdowns still in use today.

September 24, 2023, Axios, "The history of government shutdowns and how long they last".

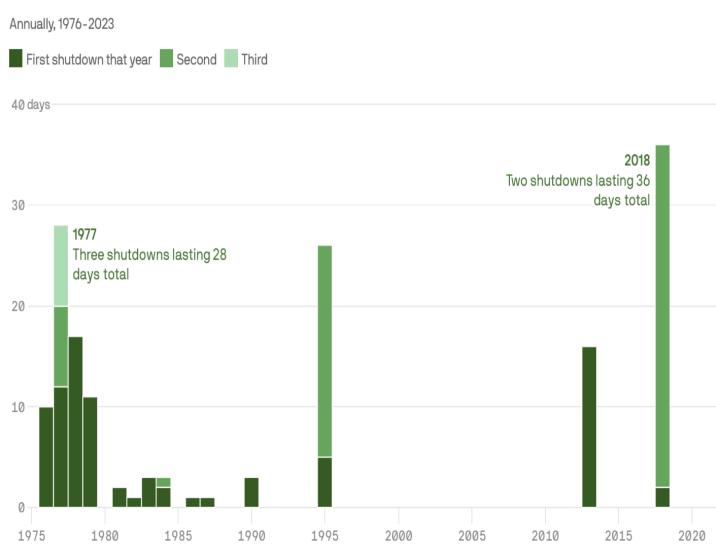
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- 4. Every year, Congress is expected to pass the 12 appropriations bills that fund every government agency and program by September 30, in time for the start of the government's fiscal year on October 1. The last time all 12 bills had passed Congress by the deadline was 1997.
- Congress passes a "continuing resolution" or temporary extension of funding that keeps the government open and operating. A "CR" can last for a days, weeks or months. On three occasions in the last 20 years, the continuing resolution has lasted the entire fiscal year.
- 6. Without a CR, the government shuts down. The last shutdown lasted 35 days from late December 2018 to late January 2019—the longest shutdown ever.

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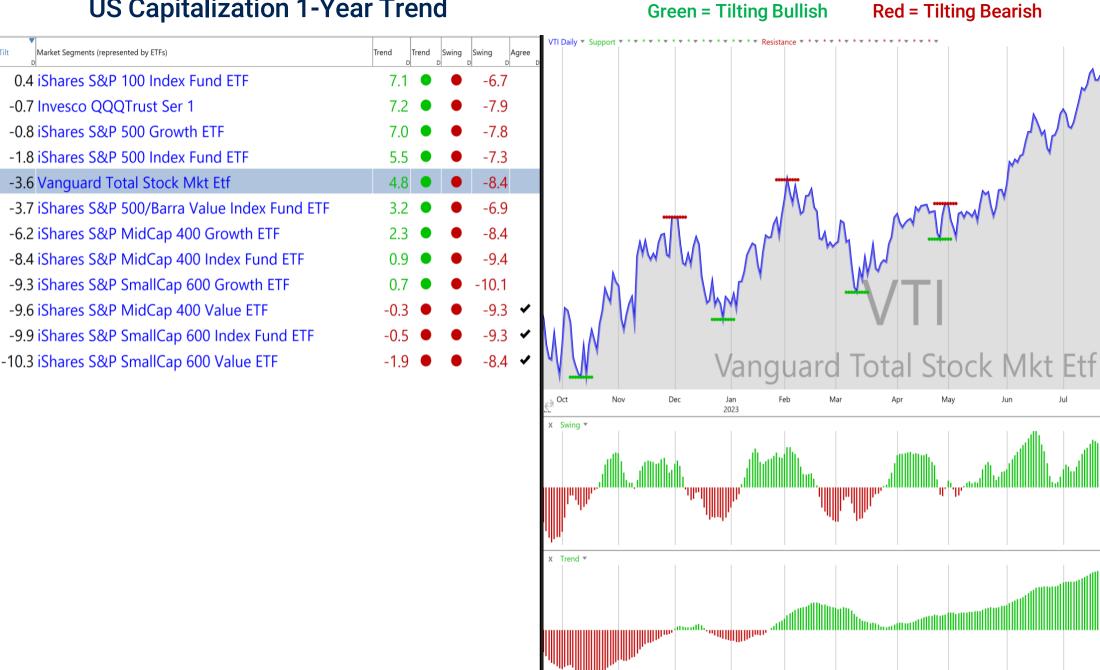


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- 7. Historically, government shutdowns have not caused a major reaction in the markets. In fact, the S&P 500® has risen during the last five government shutdowns.
- 3. But shutdowns can increase market volatility. In the 2018-2019 shutdown, the S&P 500 dropped by 2.7% on the first trading day after the shutdown, rebounded nearly 5% on the next trading day and was up more than 10% by the end of the overall 36-day shutdown.
- 9. An extended shutdown could have a modest impact on the overall economy. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the 2018-2019 shutdown cost the economy about \$3 billion.

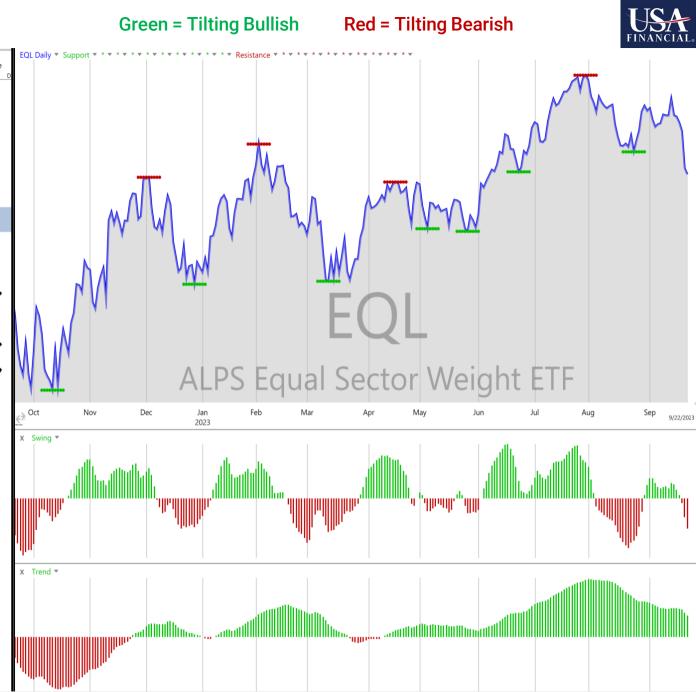
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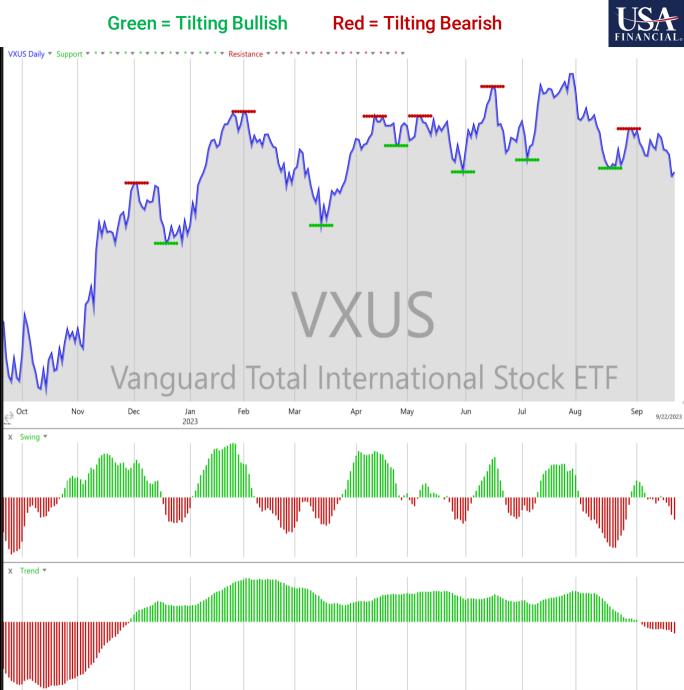
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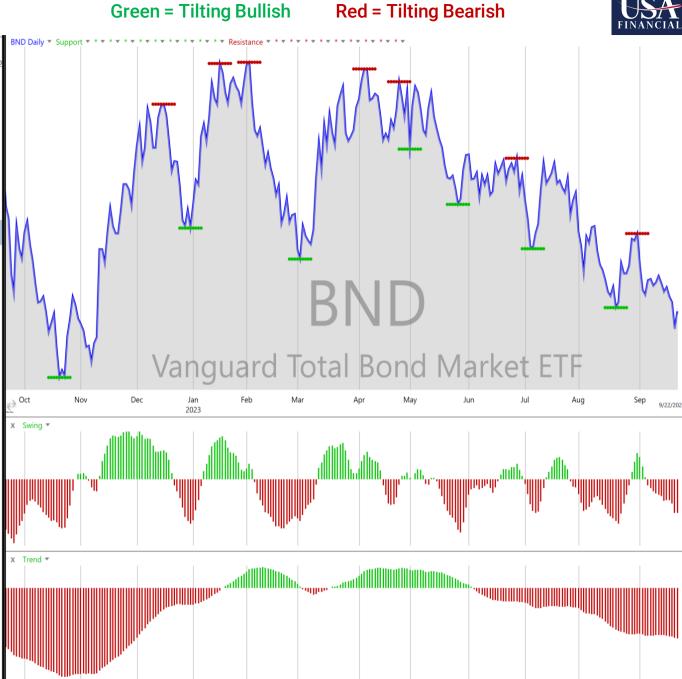
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