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Why the Bear Market Isn't Over

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Investors finally got the inflation reading they were looking for, and are likely to get a split government for the next two years. That combination propelled stocks to their best weekly showing since June. On Friday, the S&P

The New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, the day the market took off.
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The S&P ended the week 5.9% higher, closing just below 4,000. The Dow Jones Industrial Average [DJIA +0.10%](#) ▲ rose 4.1%, and the Nasdaq Composite [COMP +1.88%](#) ▲ jumped 8.1%. It was the best weekly