

Employment

The country typically creates some 5 million jobs in any given month, economists say—offset by nearly as many jobs that are eliminated, with the difference working out to a net gain of about 180,000 a month in recent years.

“When you have almost 200 million workers in the U.S., you cannot move the needle cutting deals for 800 jobs,” said Nicholas Bloom, a Stanford University economist. “If Trump can make one deal a day, it would take him 20 years to create as many jobs as the U.S. economy does in one month. It makes great media but poor government.”

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