


Zions Bank Economic Overview

Tariffs, Taxes, and Doge:

How the World Has Changed in the Last Few Months

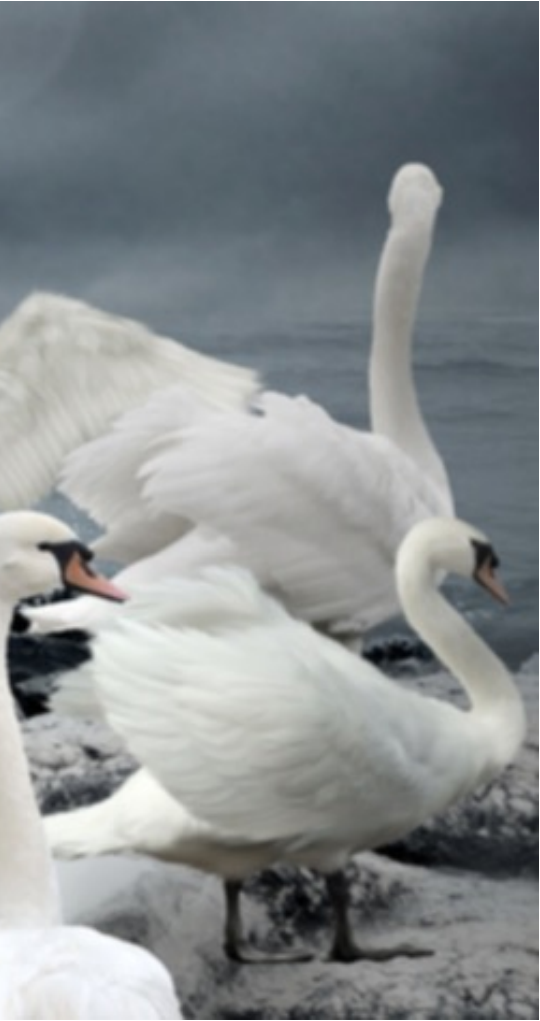
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Is Unbiased Analysis Possible?





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The Trump Economic Policy

Reindustrialize

Reprivatize

Refocus

The Trump Trade Policy



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China has been hit much harder than the USA, not even close. They, and many other nations, have treated us unsustainably badly. We have been the dumb and helpless “whipping post,” but not any longer. We are bringing back jobs and businesses like never before. Already, more than FIVE TRILLION DOLLARS OF INVESTMENT, and rising fast! THIS IS AN ECONOMIC REVOLUTION, AND WE WILL WIN. HANG TOUGH, it won’t be easy, but the end result will be historic. We will, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!

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The Trump Trade Policy

A User's Guide to Restructuring the Global Trading System

November 2024

Executive Summary

The desire to reform the global trading system and put American industry on fairer ground *vis-à-vis* the rest of the world has been a consistent theme for President Trump for decades. We may be on the cusp of generational change in the international trade and financial systems.

The root of the economic imbalances lies in persistent dollar overvaluation that prevents the balancing of international trade, and this overvaluation is driven by inelastic demand for reserve assets. As global GDP grows, it becomes increasingly burdensome for the United States to finance the provision of reserve assets and the defense umbrella, as the manufacturing and tradeable sectors bear the brunt of the costs.

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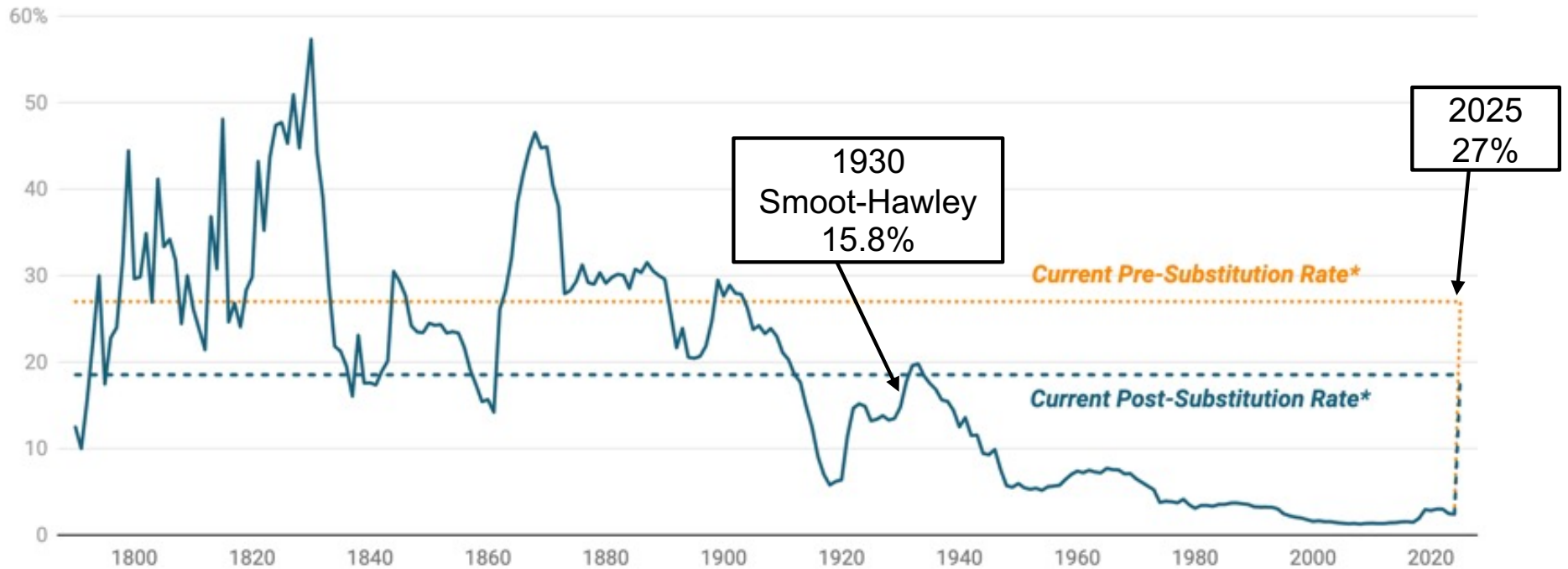
Current Trump Tariffs

As of May 7, 2025

- April 5
 - 10% “baseline” tariffs on imports from all countries
- April 10
 - 145% tariffs on Chinese imports
 - Exemption for electronics (smartphones, computers)
 - Retaliatory 125% tariffs from China (exemptions on critical inputs)
- July 9
 - “Reciprocal” tariffs on 75 countries
 - 90-day pause for negotiations
- March 4
 - 25% tariffs on Canada, Mexico, automobiles, auto parts (May 3), steel and aluminum
 - Special exemptions for cars, USMCA industries, Canadian energy
- Announced
 - Movies, critical minerals, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, copper, lumber, agriculture, buyers of Venezuelan oil or Russian oil

Average Tariff Rate on U.S. Imports

Customs duty revenue as a percent of goods imports



* Through April 9, including revised April 9 announcement.

Chart: The Budget Lab • Source: Historical Statistics of the United States Ea424-434, Monthly Treasury Statement, Bureau of Economic Analysis, The Budget Lab analysis. • Created with [Datawrapper](#)



Source: Yale Budget Lab



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Since our announcement of LIBERATION DAY, many World Leaders and Business Executives have come to me asking for relief from Tariffs. It's good to see that the World knows we are serious, because WE ARE! They must right the wrongs of decades of abuse, but it won't be easy for them. We must rebuild the Wealth of our Great Country, and create true RECIPROCITY. But for those who want the easiest path: Come to America, and build in America!

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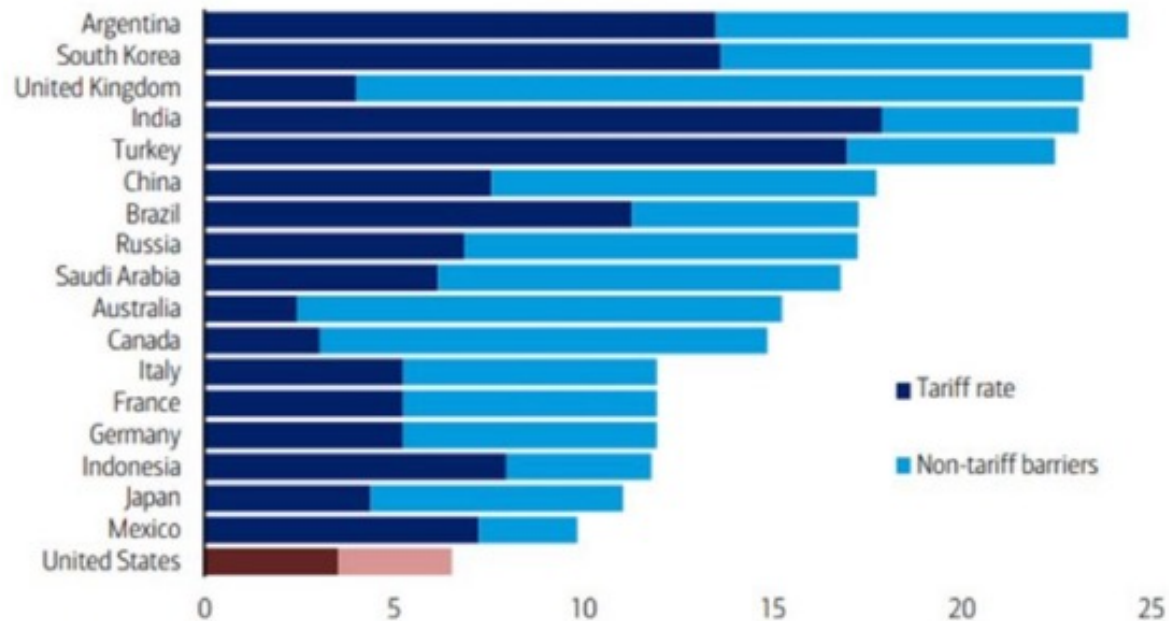
UK Trade Deal Is a Model For Others



Why “Reciprocal” Tariffs?

Exhibit 5: “Free trade”

G20 trade barriers by type, data as of 2022 to 2023, %



Source: BofA Research Investment Committee, World Bank, PWC; tariff rate = MFN simple average, barriers = average ad valorem equivalent; UN Trade and Development data used for non-tariff barriers in Saudi Arabia, China, Türkiye, India, and South Korea; Non-tariff barriers include regulations, rules of origin, and quotas.

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NON-TARIFF CHEATING:

1. Currency Manipulation
2. VATs which act as tariffs and export subsidies
3. Dumping Below Cost
4. Export Subsidies and Other Govt. Subsidies
5. Protective Agricultural Standards (e.g., no genetically engineered corn in EU)
6. Protective Technical Standards (Japan's bowling ball test)
7. Counterfeiting, Piracy, and IP Theft (Over \$1 trillion a year)
8. Transshipping to EVADE Tariffs!!!

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U.S. Share of Global GDP Trending Down...

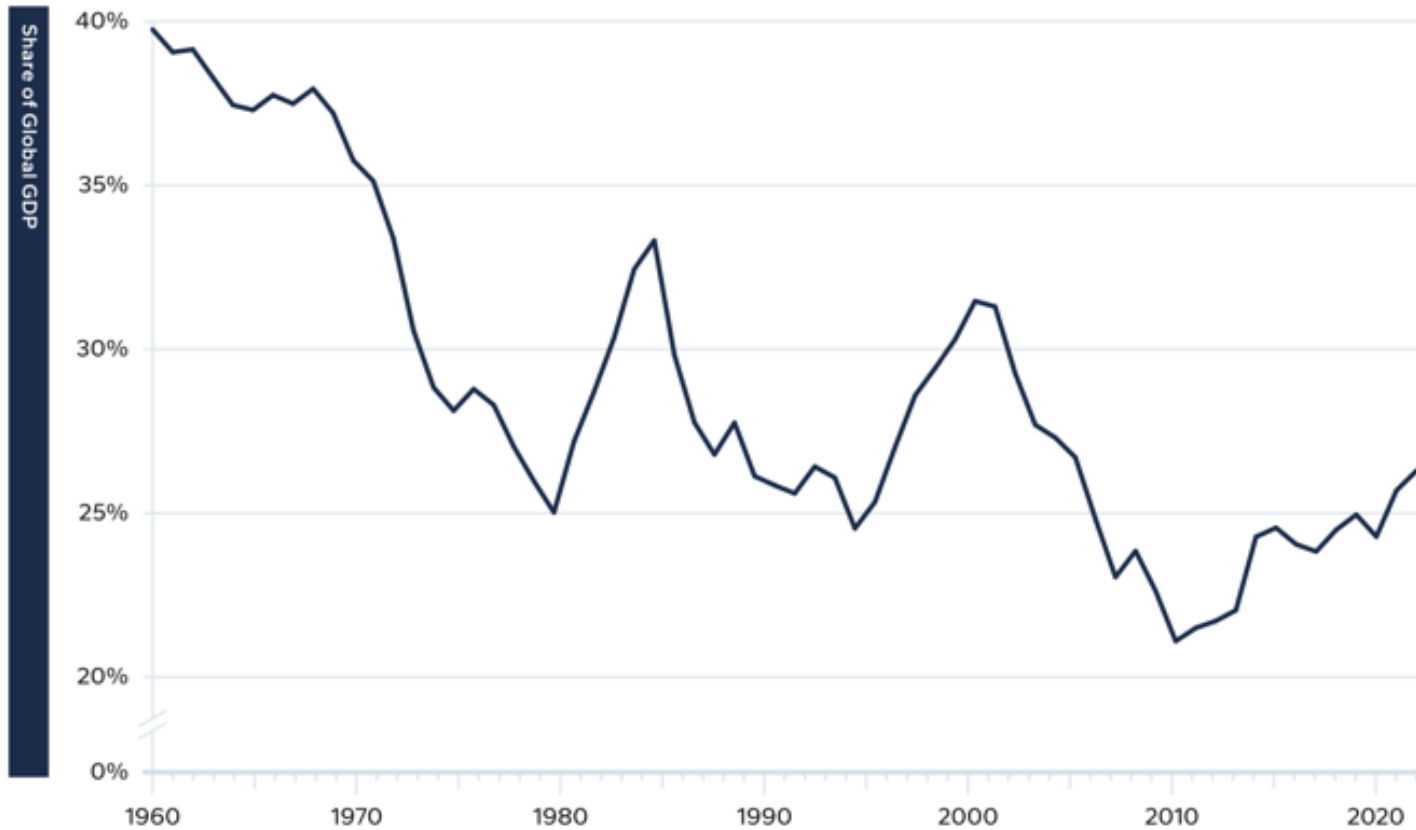
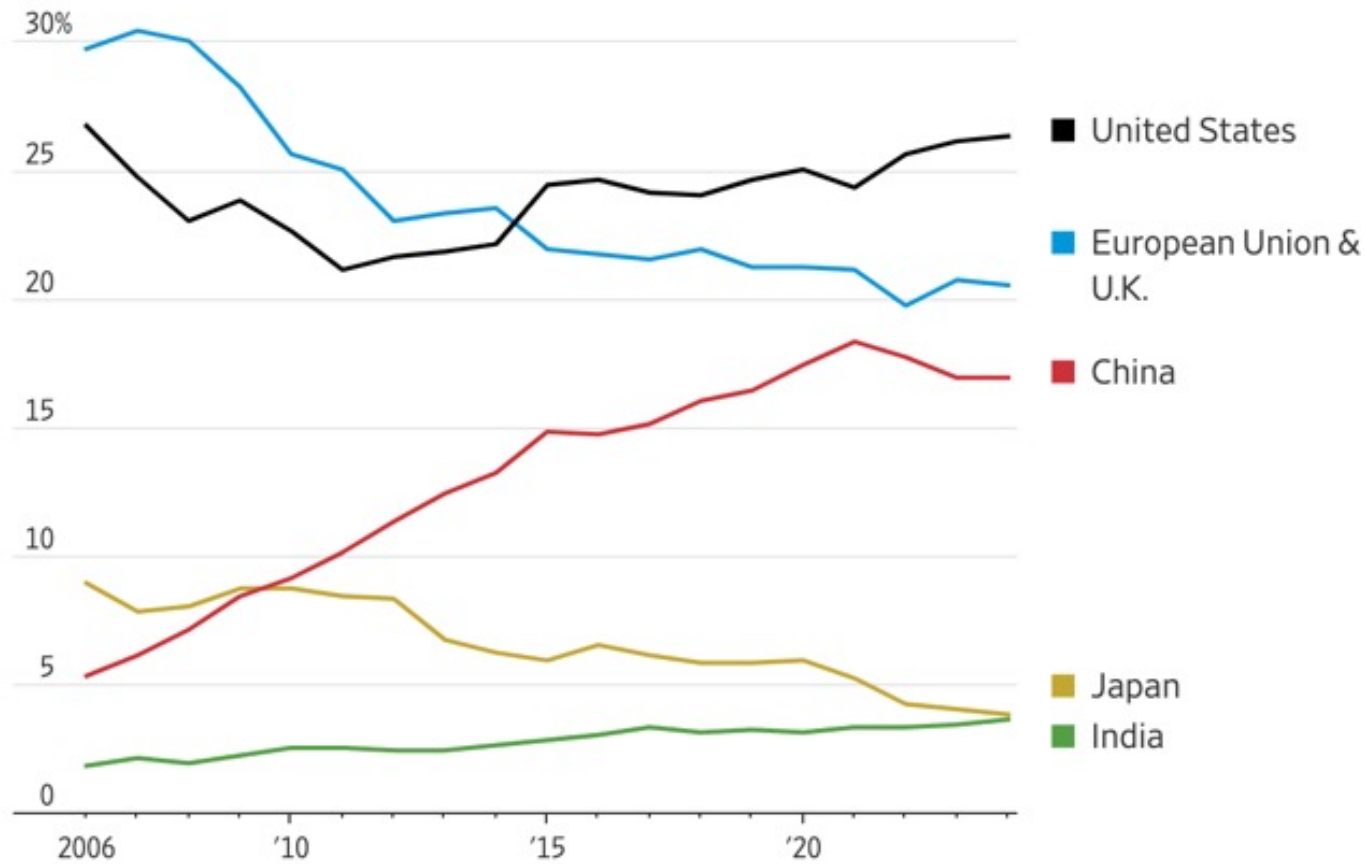


Figure 2 U.S. share of global GDP. Source: World Bank



Source: Hudson Bay Capital

... China's Share of Global GDP Trending Up



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Sources: Wall Street Journal, International Monetary Fund



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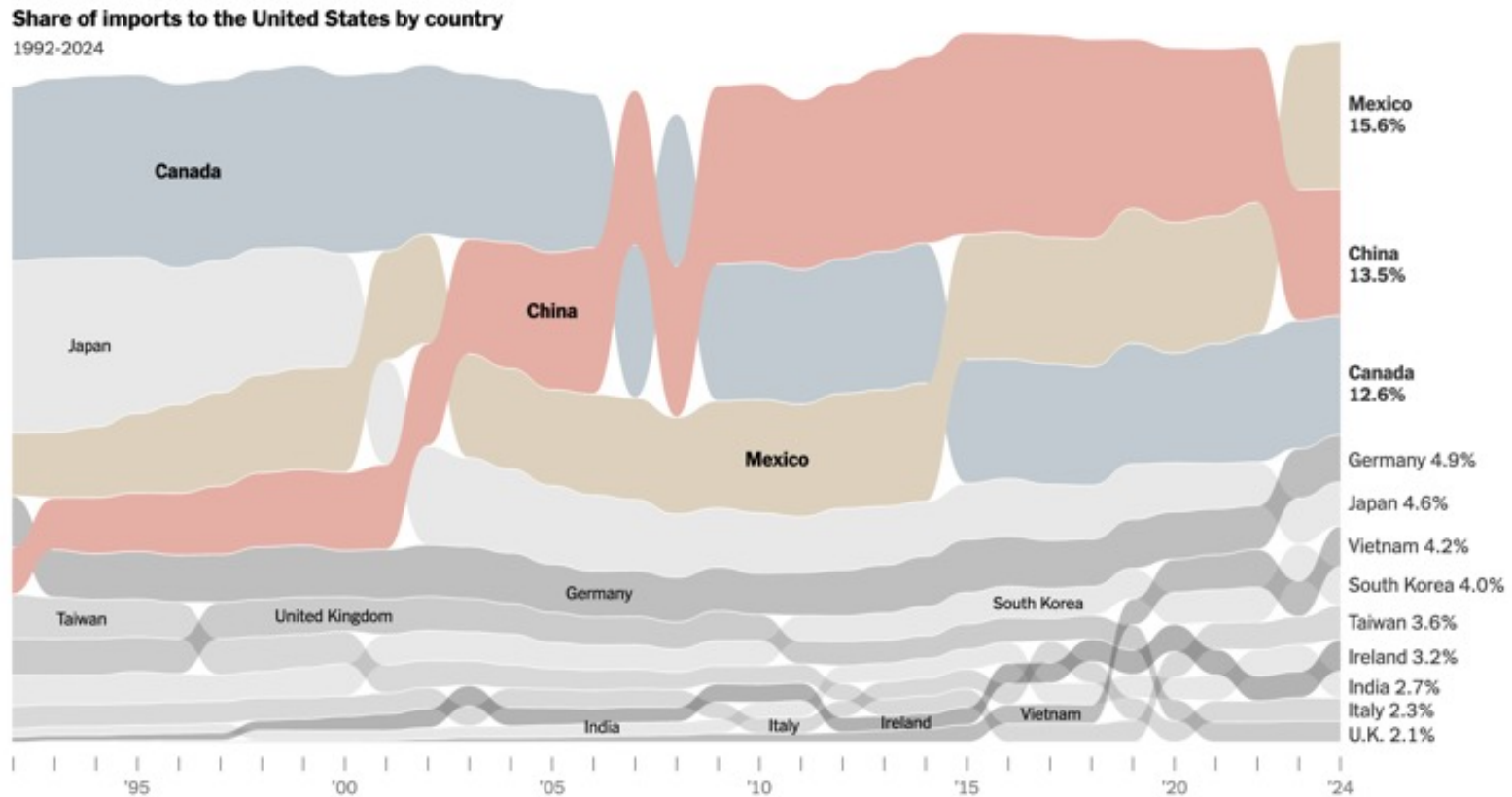
Our farmers are GREAT, but because of their GREATNESS, they are always put on the Front Line with our adversaries, such as China, whenever there is a Trade negotiation or, in this case, a Trade War. The same thing happened in my First Term. China was brutal to our Farmers, I these Patriots to just hold on, and a great trade deal was made. I rewarded our farmers with a payment of \$28 Billion Dollars, all through the China deal. It was a great transaction for the USA, until Crooked Joe Biden came in and didn't enforce it. China largely reneged on the deal (although they behaved during the Trump Administration), only buying a portion of what they agreed to buy. They had ZERO respect for the Crooked Biden Administration, and who can blame them for that? Interestingly, they just reneged on the big Boeing deal, saying that they will "not take possession" of fully committed to aircraft. The USA will PROTECT OUR FARMERS!!!

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China Country Hopping to Avoid US Trade Policy

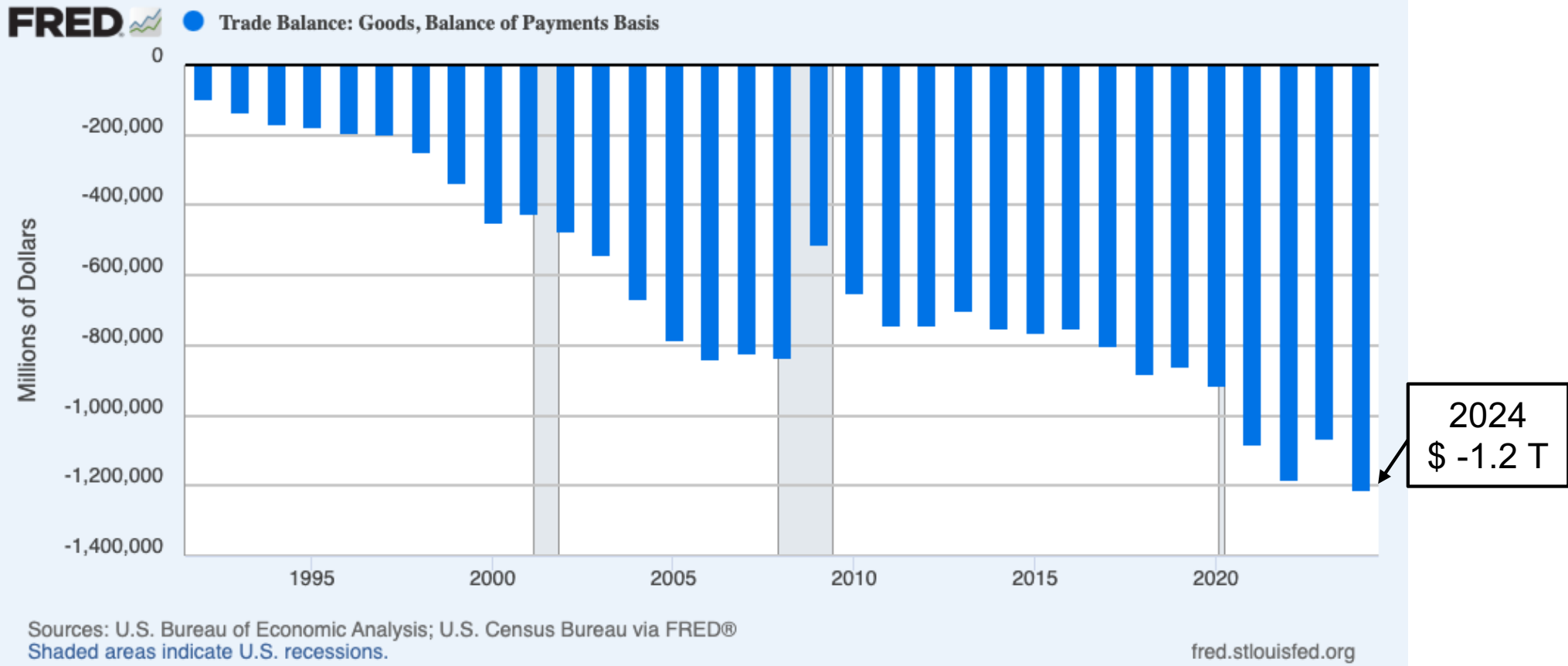


Source: Census Bureau - Notes: Countries with at least a 2 percent share in 2024, through November, are shown, accounting for about three-quarters of imports. - The New York Times



Source: New York Times

US Trade Deficit Growing





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When Tariffs cut in, many people's Income Taxes will be substantially reduced, maybe even completely eliminated. Focus will be on people making less than \$200,000 a year. Also, massive numbers of jobs are already being created, with new plants and factories currently being built or planned. It will be a BONANZA FOR AMERICA!!! THE EXTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS HAPPENING!!!

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U.S. Manufacturing Employment

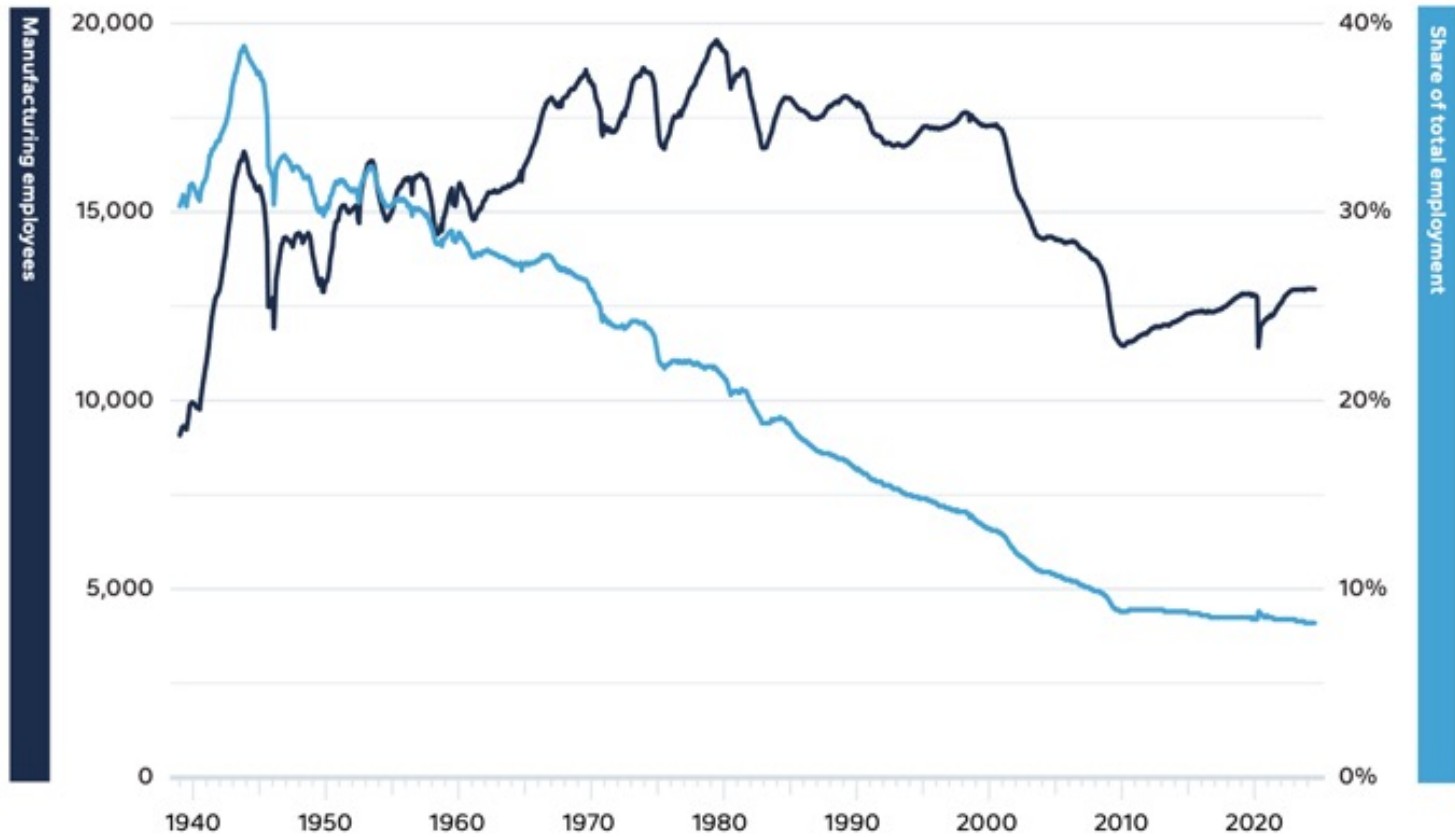
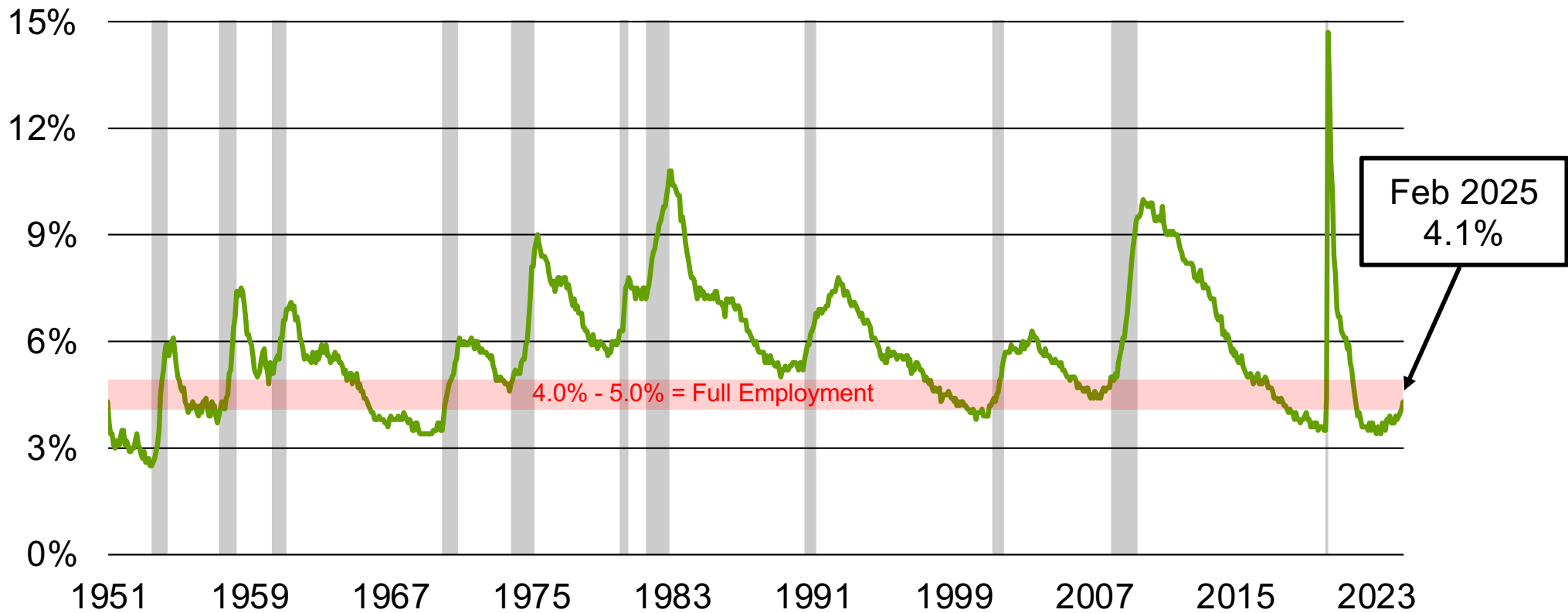


Figure 1 Manufacturing employment in the United States. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

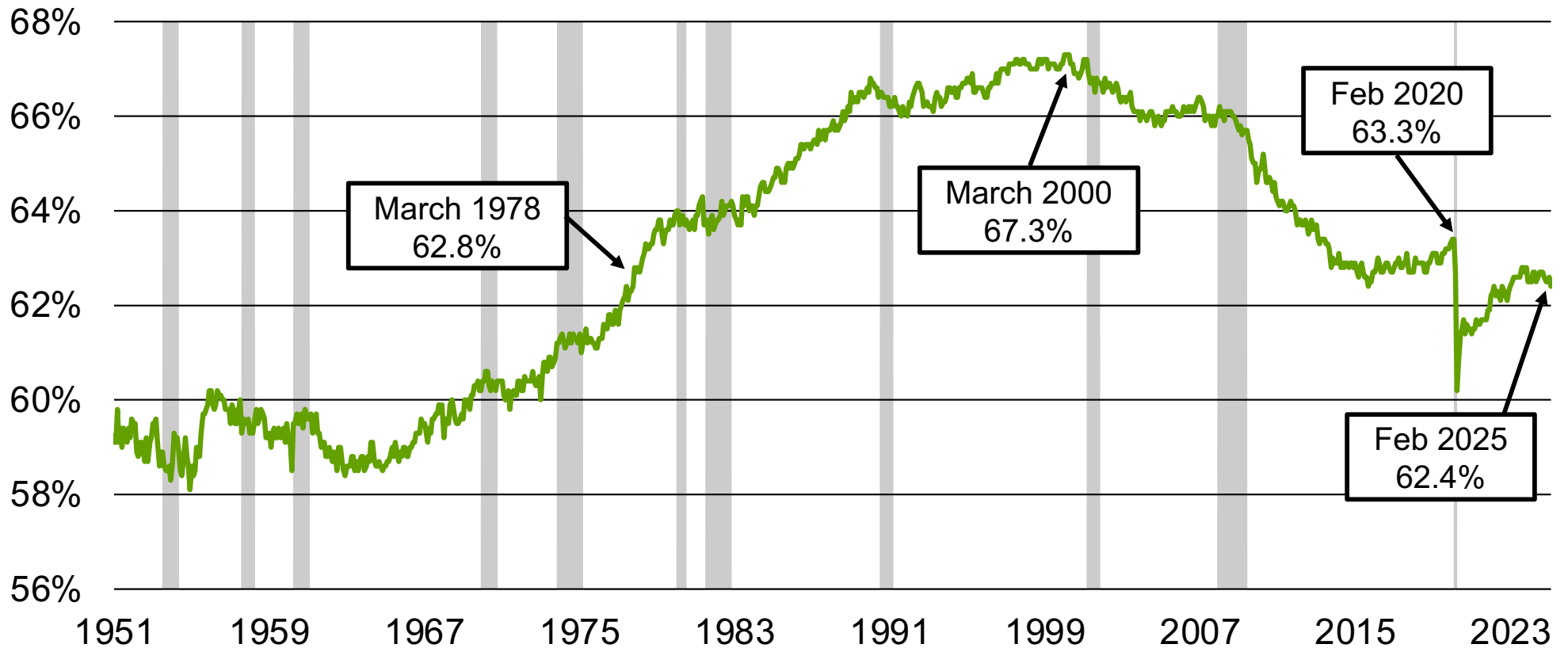


U.S. Unemployment Low...



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... But Labor Force Participation Trending Down



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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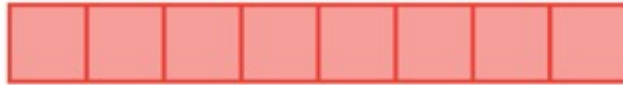
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Overview of House Budget Bill

Spending cuts

\$2 trillion



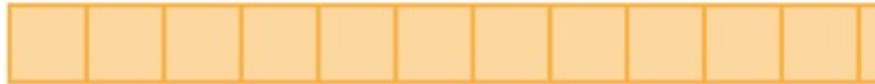
Tax cuts and spending increases

\$4.8 trillion



Deficit increase

\$2.8 trillion



Each square represents \$250 billion over 10 years.

Do Tariffs Generate Revenue?

Table 1: The Effects of President Trump's Tariffs on Revenues and Imports

Billions of dollars

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2025-2034	2025-2054
Revenues	419	570	566	561	554	544	532	518	501	481	5,246	16,390
Value of imports	-319	-434	-492	-555	-627	-706	-794	-892	-1,000	-1,118	-6,937	-37,236
<i>Memorandum:</i>												
Dynamic revenues	388	516	504	492	477	462	444	425	405	383	4,496	11,829

Source: Penn Wharton Budget Model.


Notes: Revenues include an estimate of how demand will respond to higher prices.

Dynamic revenues reflect the tariff revenues after households adjust their consumption in response to the higher import prices, thus capturing the broader behavioral and economic feedback effects.



Source: Penn Wharton Budget Model

The DOGE Tracker

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Department of Government Efficiency

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Savings

Payments

Spend

Workforce

Regulations

Join

Estimated Savings

\$170B

Combination of asset sales, contract/lease cancellations and renegotiations, fraud and improper payment deletion, grant cancellations, interest savings, programmatic changes, regulatory savings, and workforce reductions.

Amount Saved Per Taxpayer

\$1,055.90

Per taxpayer amount is calculated using an estimate of 161 million individual federal taxpayers.


We are working to upload all of our receipts in a digestible and transparent manner consistent with applicable rules and regulations. To get started, listed below are a subset of contract, grant, and lease cancellations, representing ~30% of total savings.

The contracts listed below have been posted publicly on [fpds.gov](https://www.fpds.gov). FPDS posting of the contract termination notices can have up to a 1 month lag. There may be discrepancies between FPDS / USAspending and the posted numbers, the latter of which originate directly from agency contracting and grant officials.

Last updated **May 11th, 2025**. This will initially be updated weekly; over time, the website will improve and the updates will converge to real-time.

DOGE Spending Tracker

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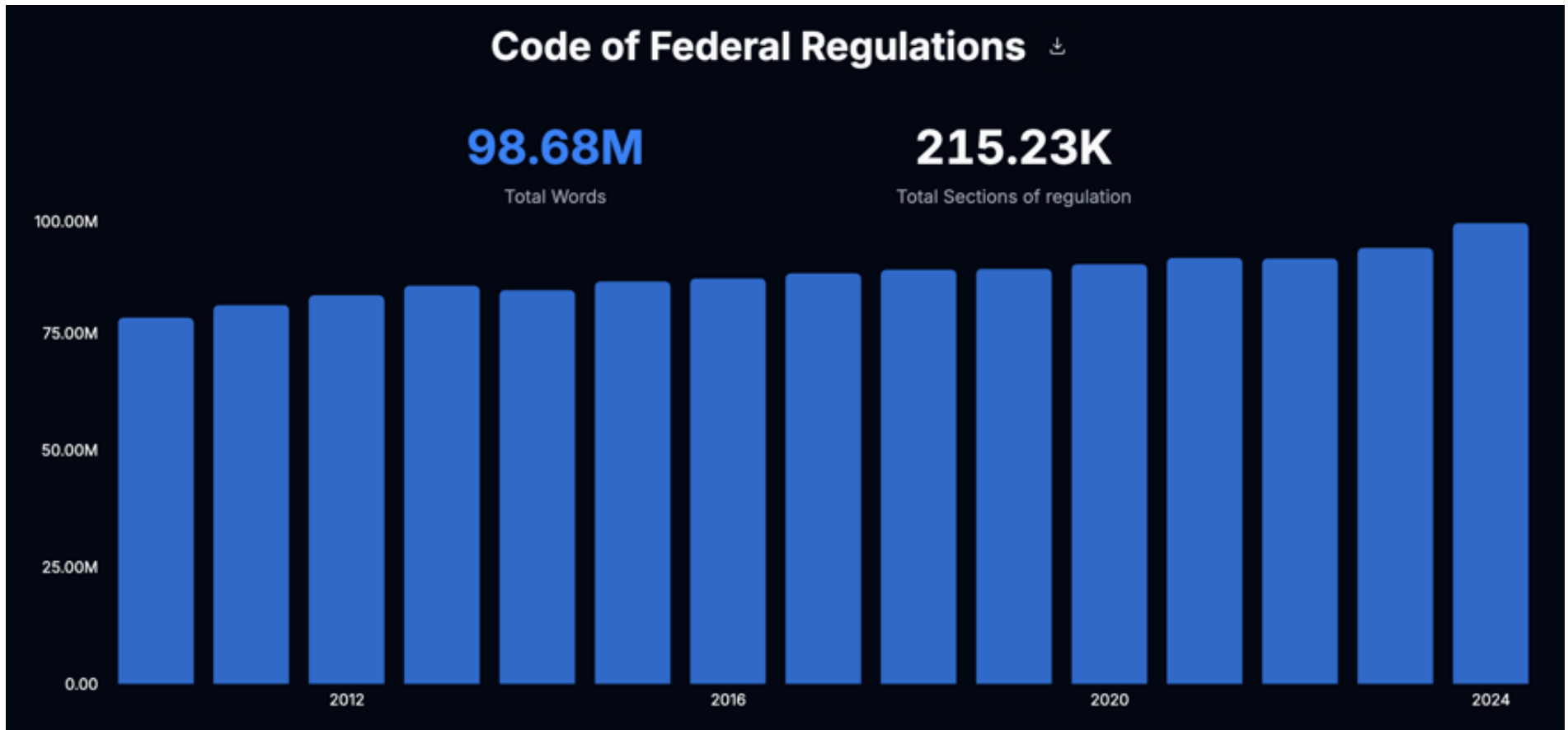
Savings Payments **Spend** Workforce Regulations Join

Agency Spending

Agency	FY2019	FY2024
Department of Health and Human Services #9	\$1213.8B	\$1720.6B
Social Security Administration #8	\$1101.8B	\$1519.7B
Department of the Treasury #15	\$689.5B	\$1311.9B
Department of Defense #17	\$654.0B	\$826.3B
Department of Veterans Affairs #11	\$199.6B	\$325.0B
Department of Education #2	\$104.4B	\$268.4B
Total Spending	\$4446.6B	\$6746.5B

+51.7% change from FY2019 to FY2024

DOGE Regulation Tracker



The Trump Economic Policy

- Increased tariffs – reduce international imports
 - Slow international migration
 - Reduce government spending and support
- VS**
- Lower taxes
 - Support domestic workforce
 - Deregulation
 - Reduced government debt

Market Reaction



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This is Biden's Stock Market, not Trump's. I didn't take over until January 20th. Tariffs will soon start kicking in, and companies are starting to move into the USA in record numbers. Our Country will boom, but **we have to get rid of the Biden "Overhang."** **This will take a while**, has NOTHING TO DO WITH TARIFFS, only that he left us with bad numbers, but when the boom begins, it will be like no other. **BE PATIENT!!!**

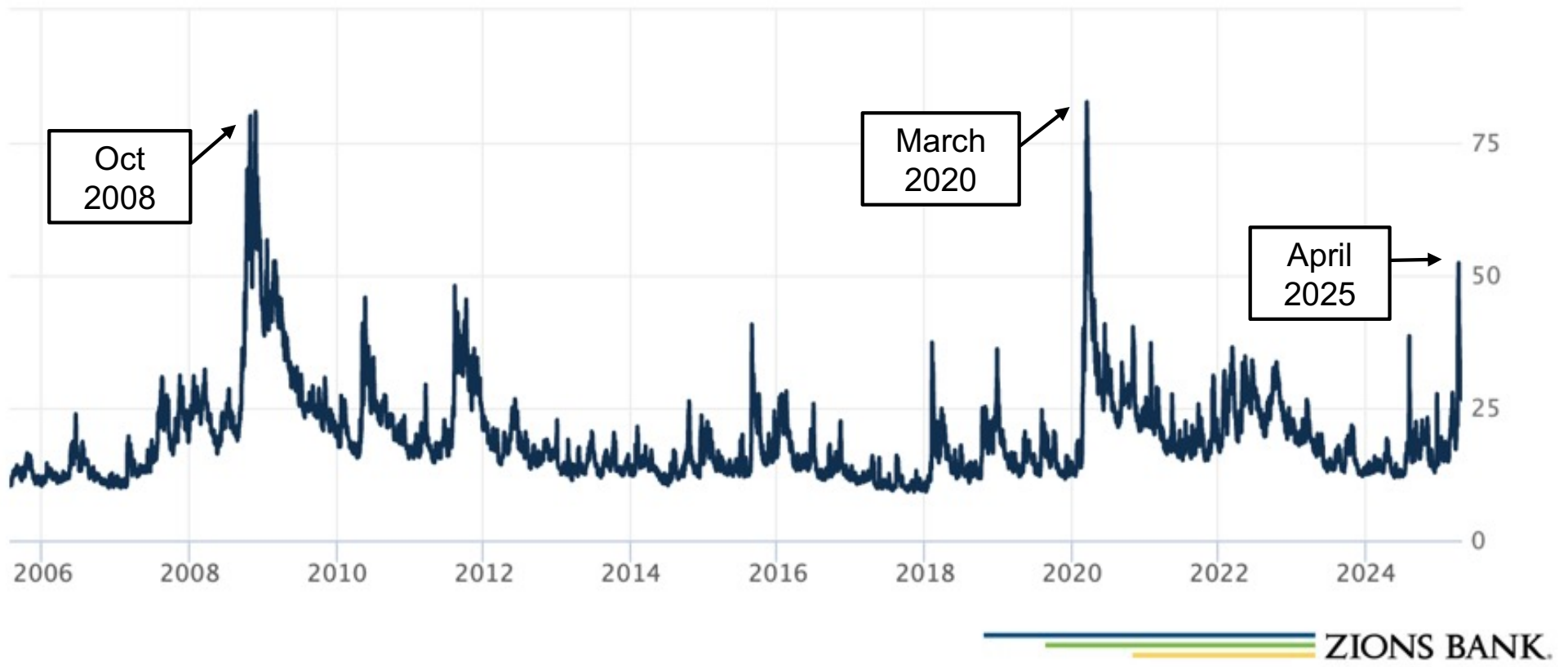
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Market Volatility Spiked

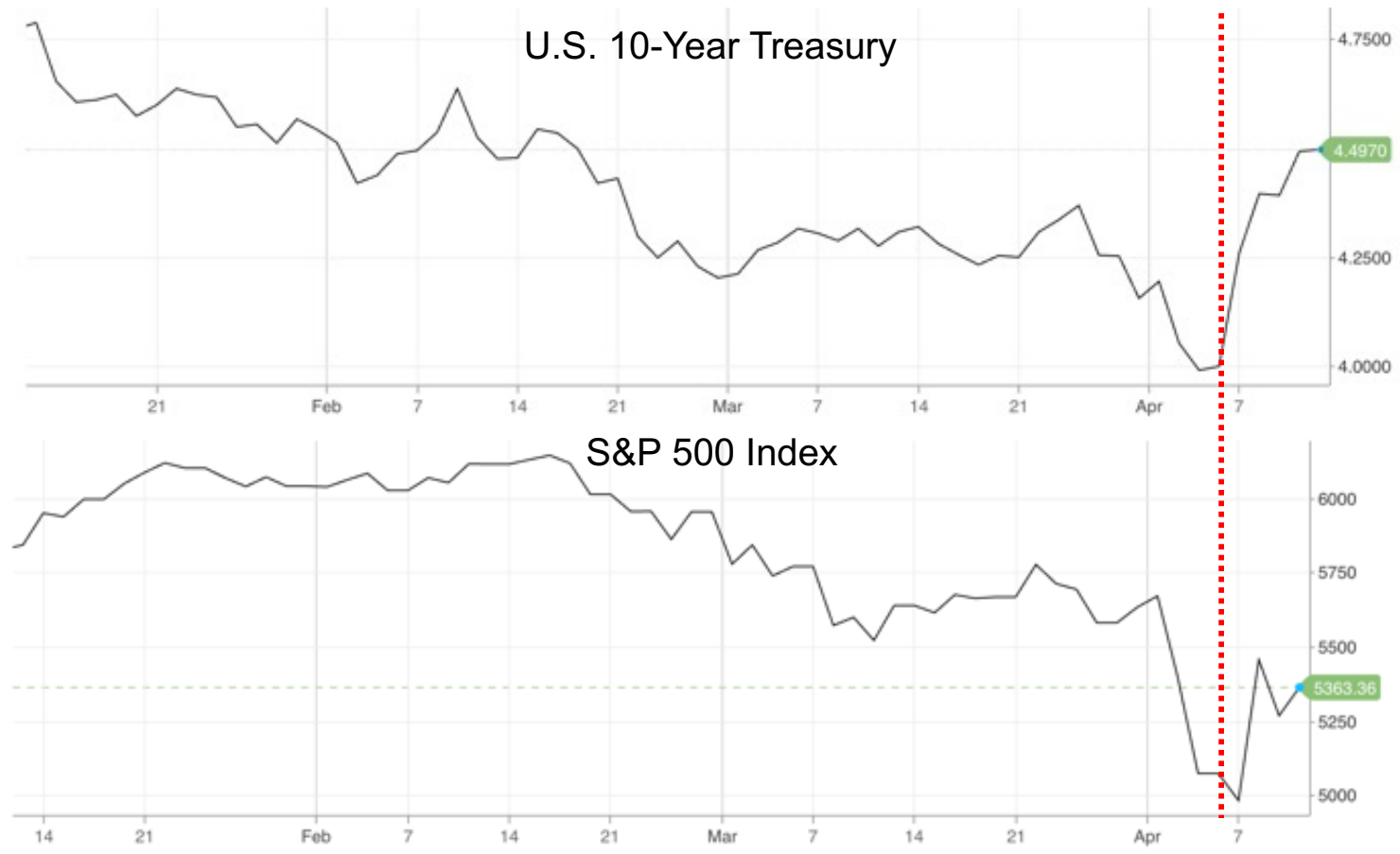
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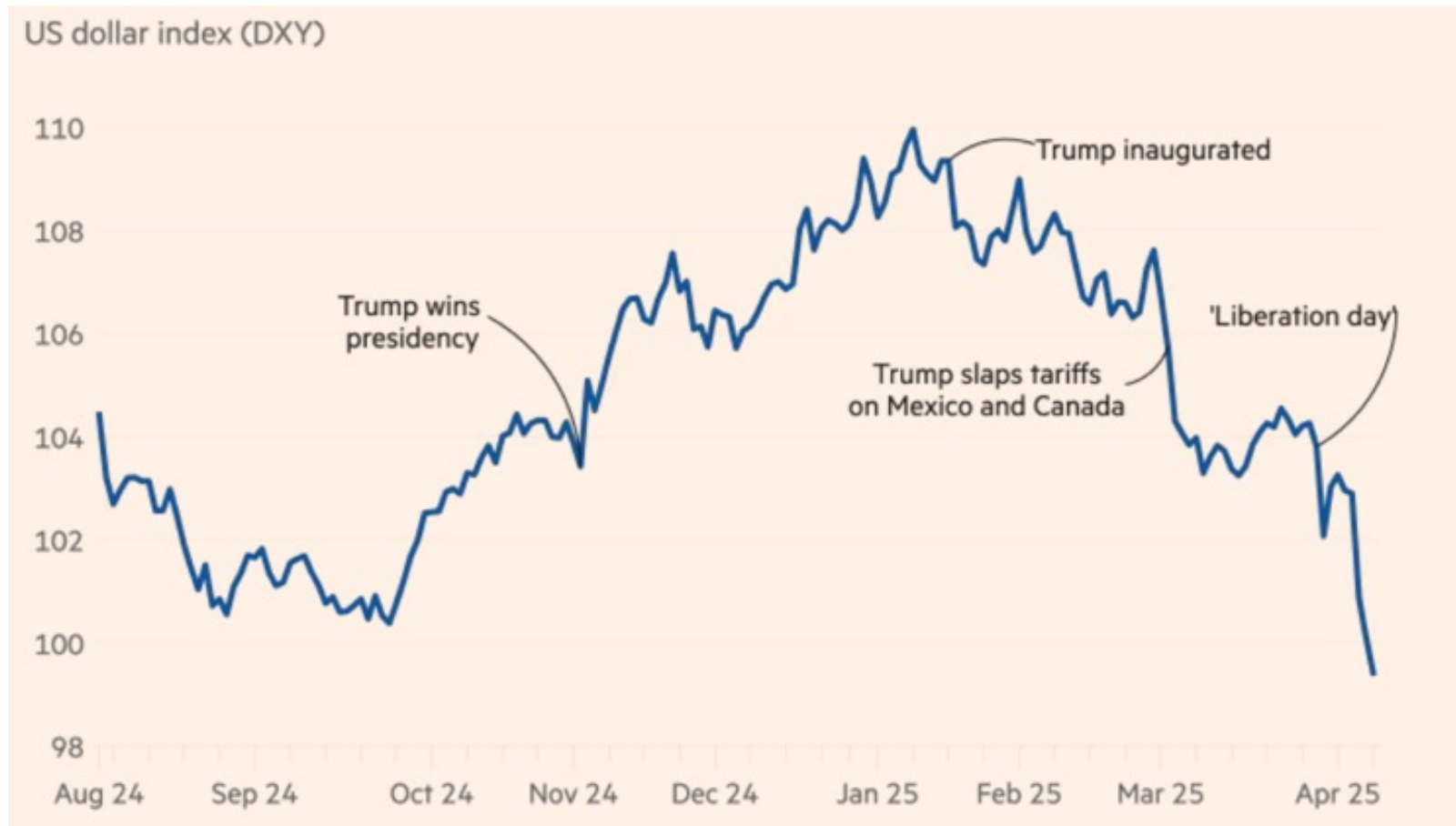
Source: FRED

Bond Markets Showed Signs of Distress



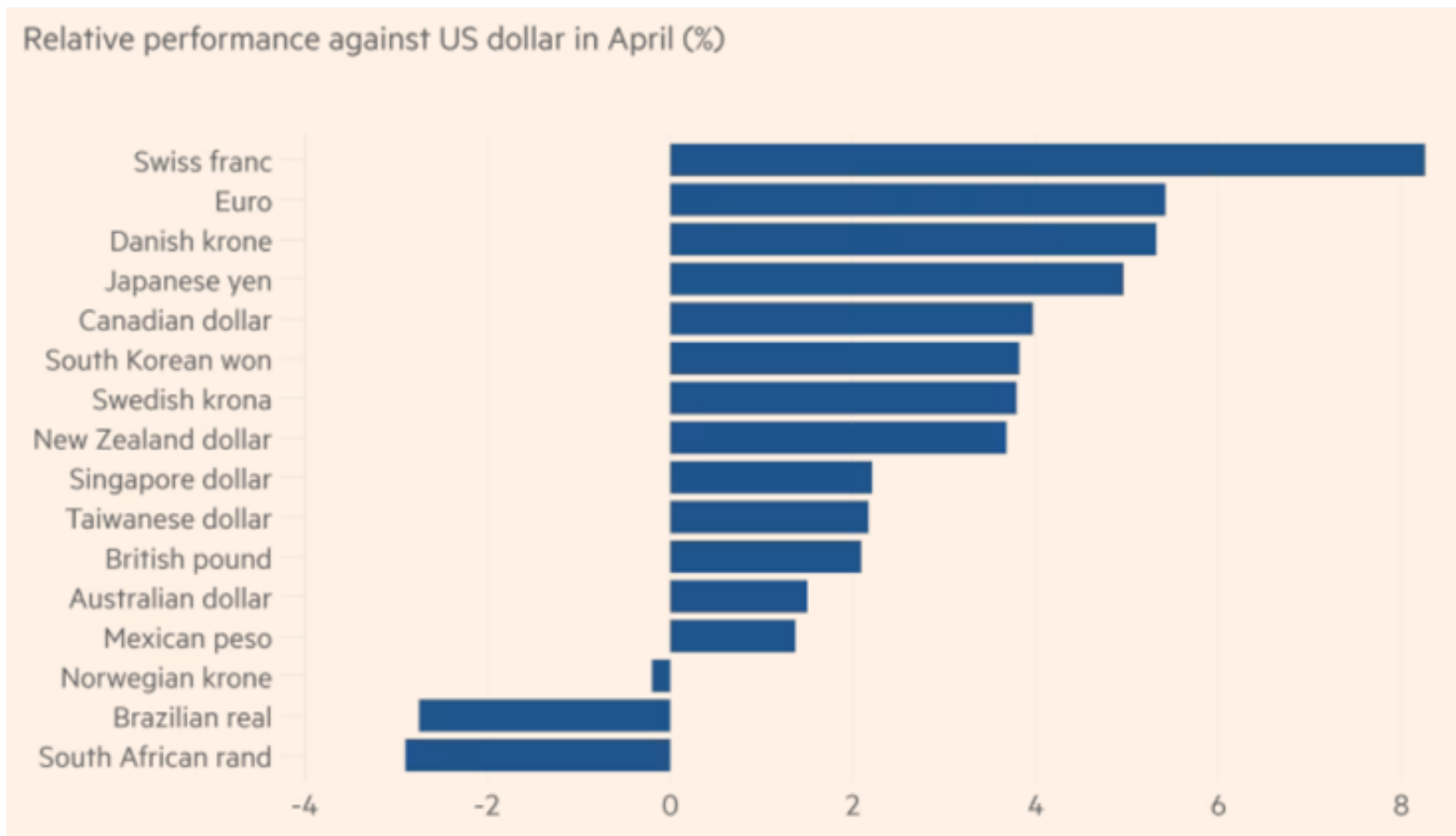
Source: CNBC

The Dollar Selloff...



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The Dollar Has Fallen Compared to Other Currencies



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Stephen Miran on the “Exorbitant Privilege” of Dollar Dominance

- “Most economists and some investors dismiss tariffs as counterproductive at best and devastatingly harmful at worst. **They’re very wrong.**”
- President Trump has made it clear that he will no longer stand for **other nations free riding** on our blood, sweat and tears, whether in national security or trade.
- The best outcome is one in which America continues to create global peace and prosperity and remain the reserve provider, and other countries not only participate in reaping these benefits, but **they also participate in bearing the costs.**
- The world can still have the American defense umbrella and trading system and reserve assets, but **it should start paying its fair share** for them.



Gold Price Surged to Historic High

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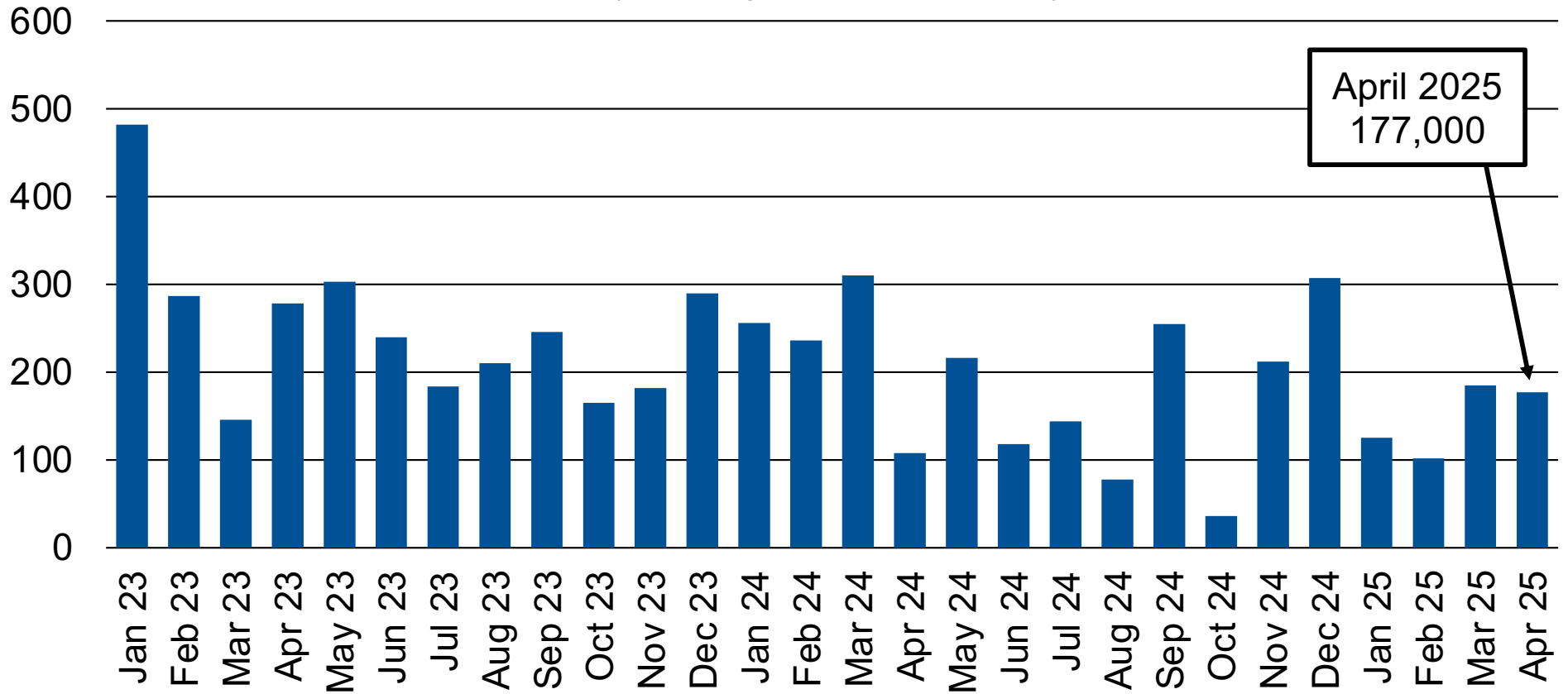


Source: Wall Street Journal

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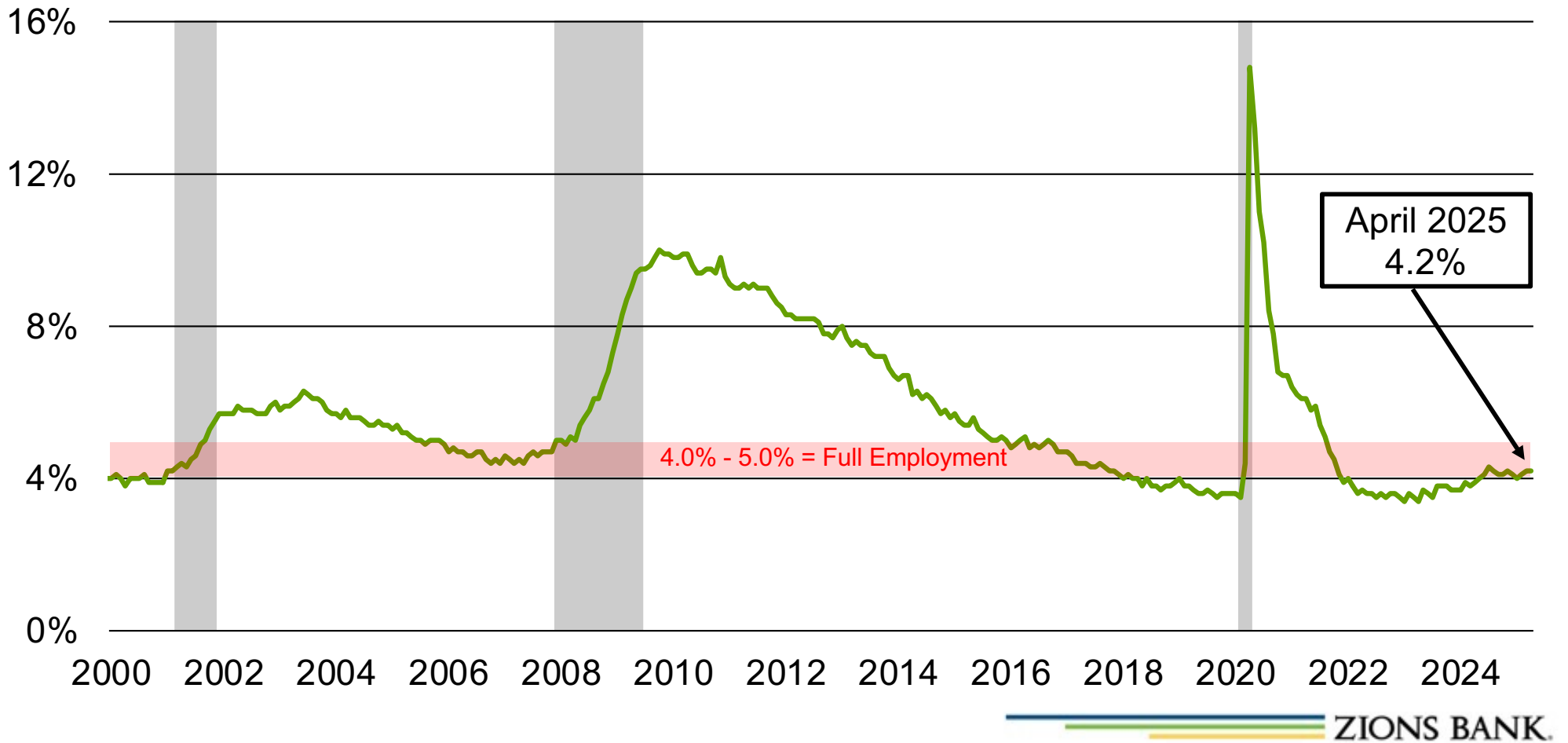
U.S. Job Growth Strong in April

Nonfarm Payroll Change: Thousands of Employees



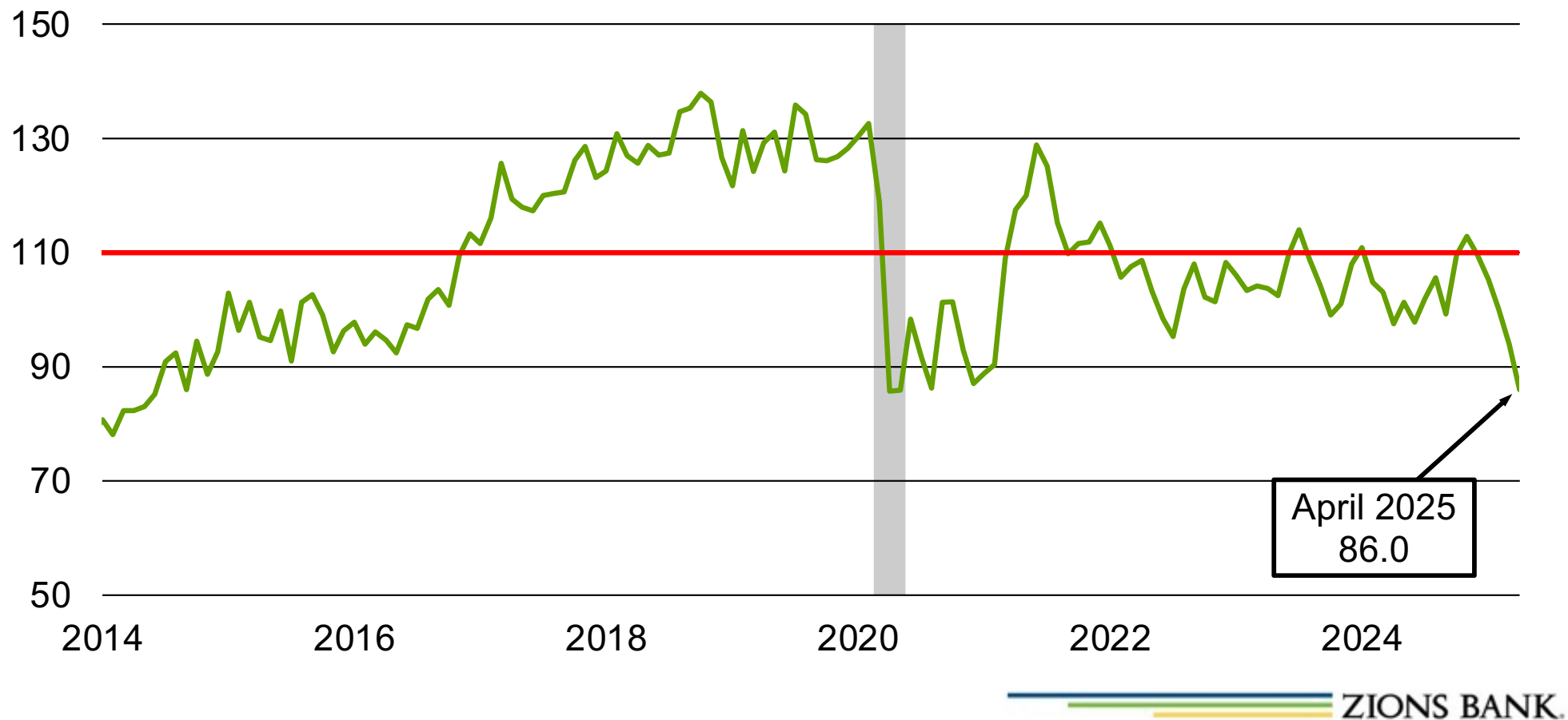
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U.S. Unemployment Rate Steady in April



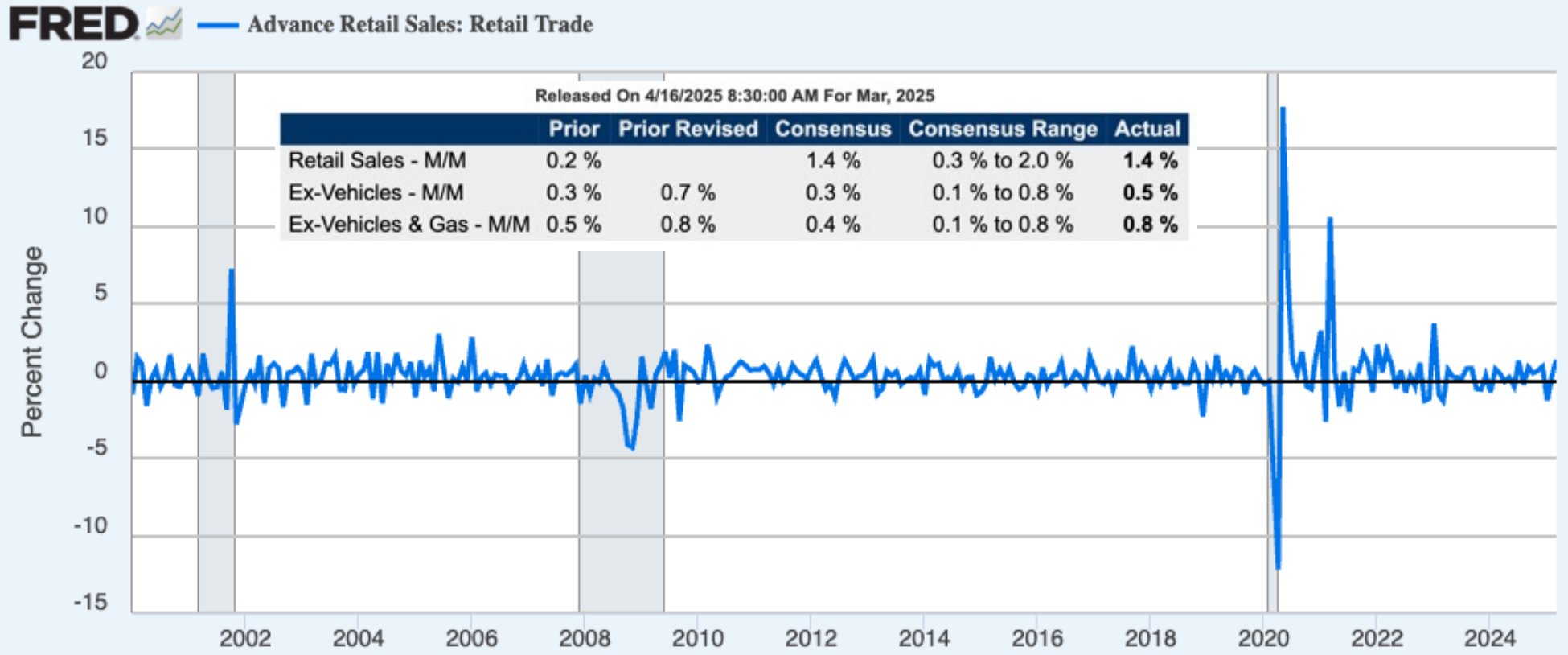
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Consumer Confidence Continued to Drop in April



Source: The Conference Board

Retail Sales Still Stable



Source: U.S. Census Bureau via FRED®
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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis



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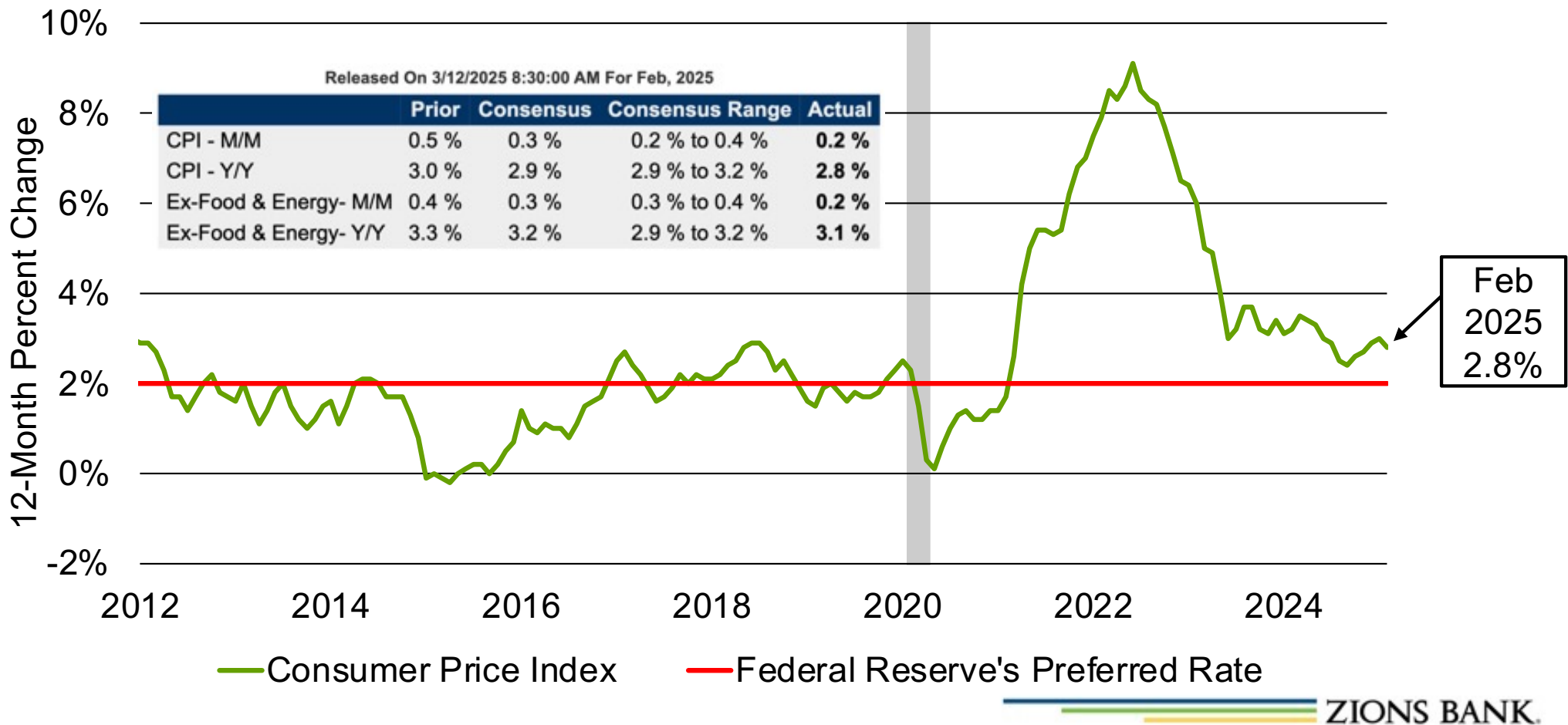
Gasoline just broke \$1.98 a Gallon, lowest in years, groceries (and eggs!) down, energy down, mortgage rates down, employment strong, and much more good news, as Billions of Dollars pour in from Tariffs. Just like I said, and we're only in a **TRANSITION STAGE, just getting started!!!** Consumers have been waiting for years to see pricing come down. **NO INFLATION, THE FED SHOULD LOWER ITS RATE!!! DJT**

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Consumer Inflation Down From 2022



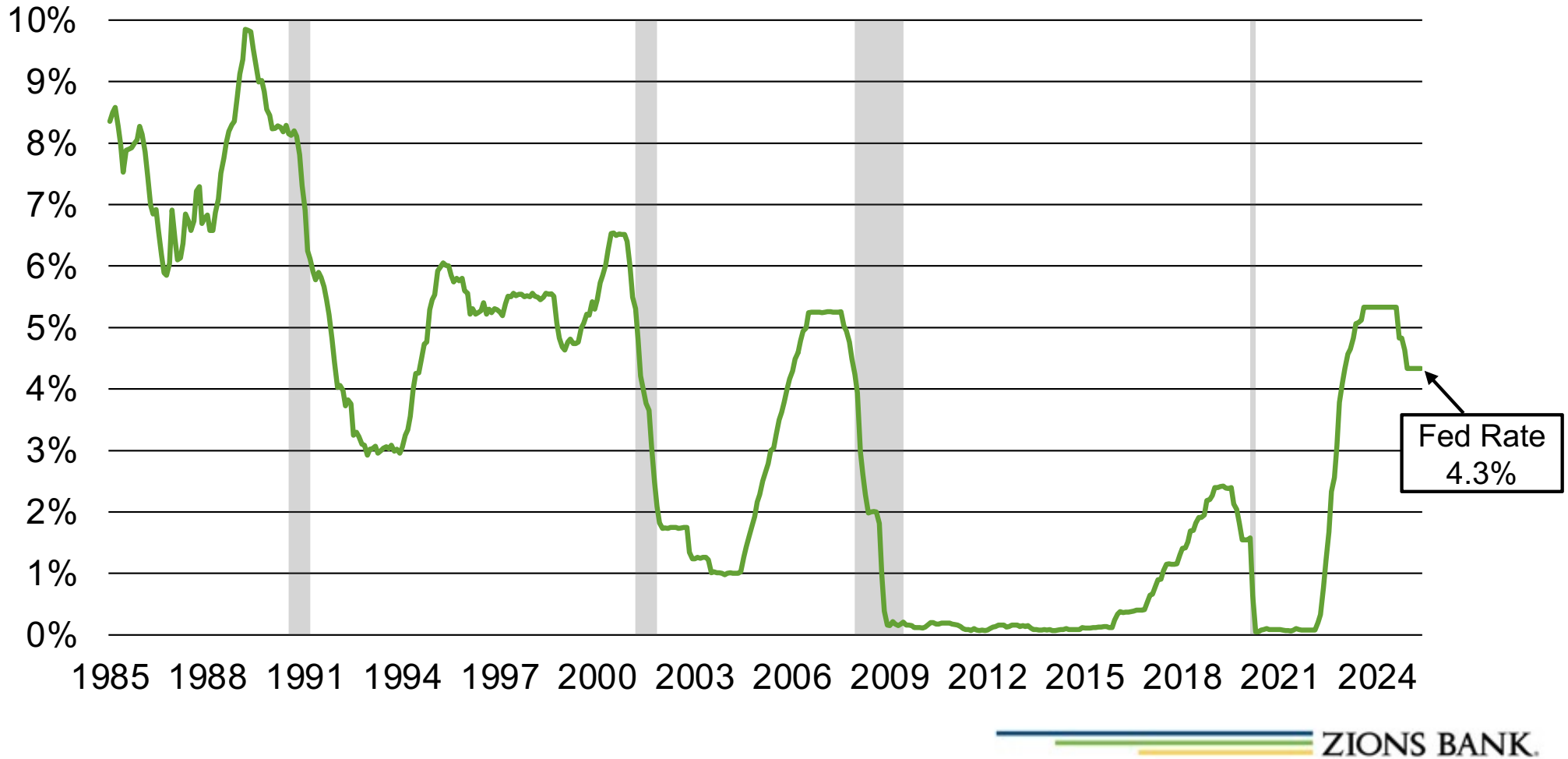
Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Econoday

"I don't think that a beautiful baby girl needs – that's 11 years old – needs to have 30 dolls," Trump told "Meet the Press" host Kristen Welker. "I think they can have three dolls or four dolls because what we were doing with China was just unbelievable. We had a trade deficit of hundreds of billions of dollars with China."

"No, I'm not saying that," Trump when asked whether Americans can expect to see empty store shelves in the future. "I'm just saying they don't need to have 30 dolls. They can have three. They don't need to have 250 pencils. They can have five."




Federal Reserve On Hold



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors



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The ECB is expected to cut interest rates for the 7th time, and yet, "Too Late" Jerome Powell of the Fed, who is always TOO LATE AND WRONG, yesterday issued a report which was another, and typical, complete "mess!" Oil prices are down, groceries (even eggs!) are down, and the USA is getting RICH ON TARIFFS. Too Late should have lowered Interest Rates, like the ECB, long ago, but he should certainly lower them now. **Powell's termination cannot come fast enough!**

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“Too Late” Jerome Powell is a FOOL, who doesn’t have a clue.

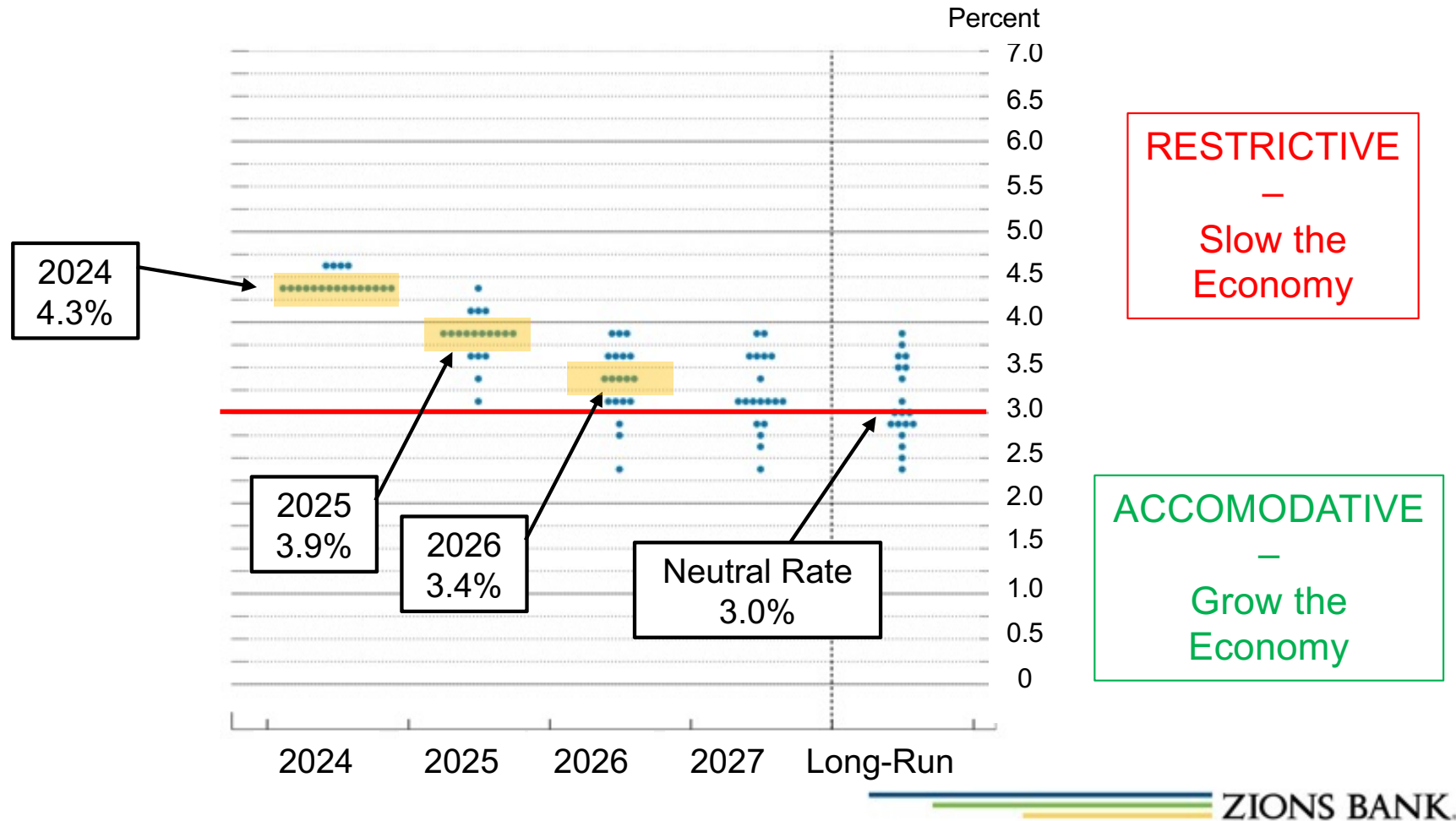
Other than that, I like him very much! Oil and Energy way down, almost all costs (groceries and “eggs”) down, virtually NO INFLATION, Tariff Money Pouring Into the U.S. — THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF “TOO LATE!” ENJOY!

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Fed Funds Rate Still Restrictive



Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



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Source: Truth Social

2025 Economic Outlook

- Trade policy and government cuts leading to uncertainty and risk
- Economic downturn more likely
- Consumer confidence dropping and lower income groups stressed
- Labor market growth *could* slow, but remains solid
- Inflation *could* reaccelerate under tariffs
- Continued focus on trade, immigration, taxes, debt, and deregulation

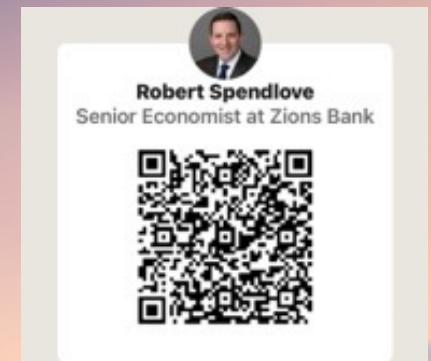
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