Outlook for the Economy & Financial Markets

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Keynesian Economics

- Economy is inherently unstable
- Confidence drives spending and markets
- Active government policies can stabilize the economy

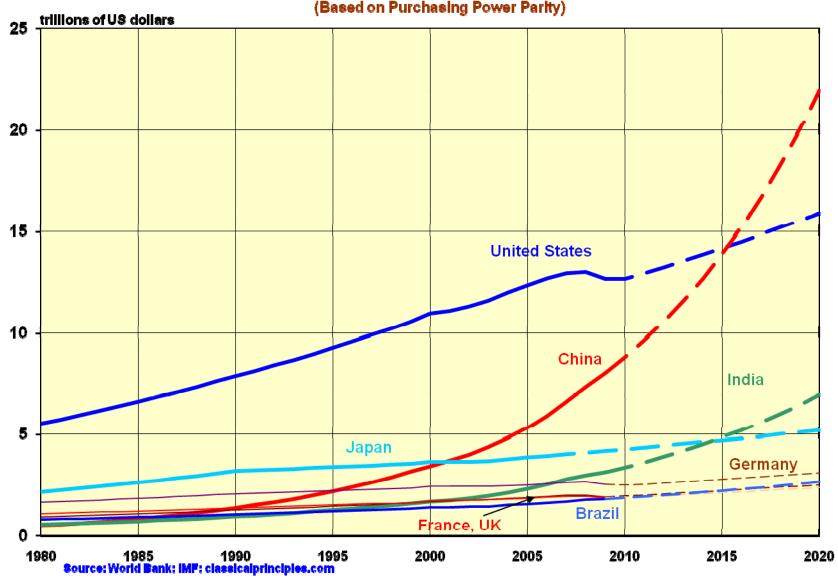
Classical Economics

- Economy is inherently stable
- Government policies produce business cycles and inflation

Classical Principles

- Low tax rates & limited government
- Free Markets
- Protect Individual Property Rights
- Stable Prices

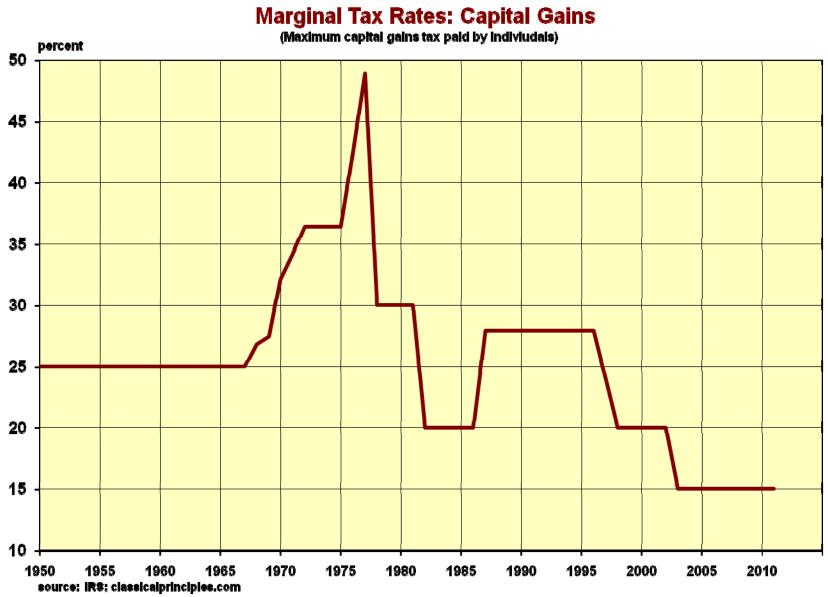
Total Output of Major Countries (Based on Purchasing Power Parity)



Effective Marginal Tax Rates: Individuals

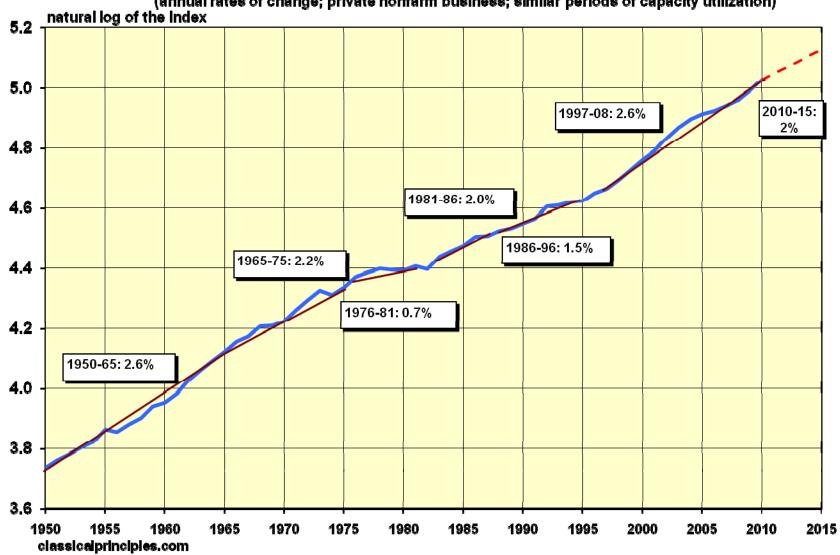
(Data are based on estimates of MTR for Indiv. in 70th-95th percentile)





Productivity Trends





Total Hours Worked

(private nonfarm economy)



Cost of Government

(trillions of dollars)

	Federal	Compl.	S&L	Share of NI
• 2000:	\$1.9	\$1.0	\$1.3	46%
• 2010:	3.7	1.8	2.1	57%
• 2015:	1.9	2.8	2.7	62%

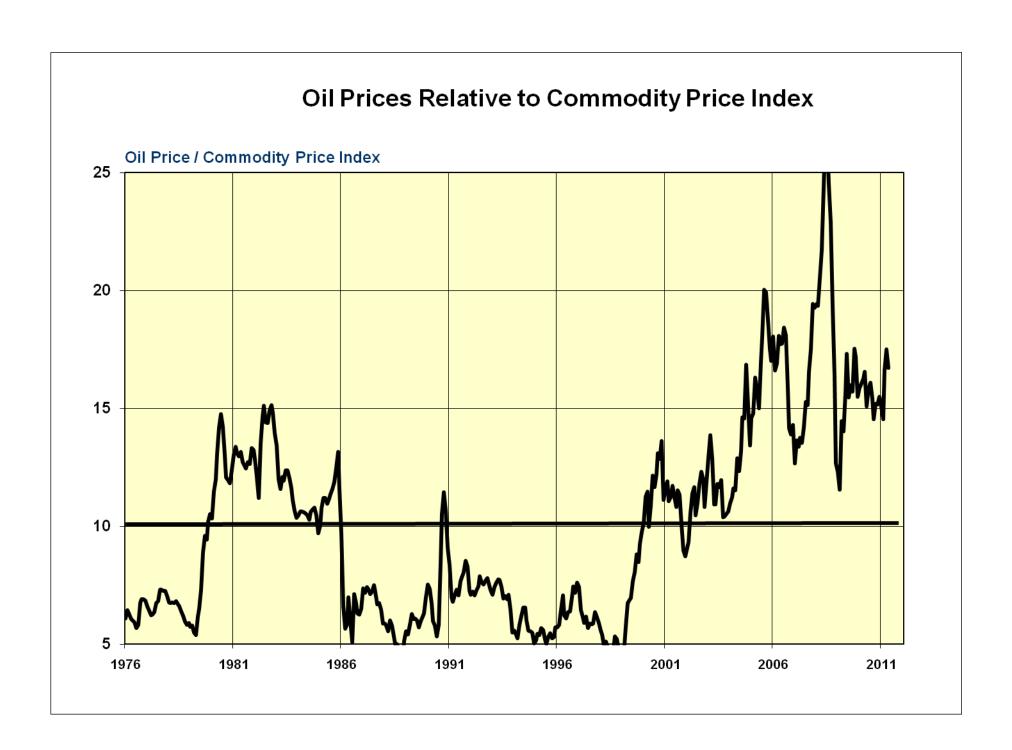
Adjusted Bank Reserves less Excess Reserve

Not seasonally adjusted



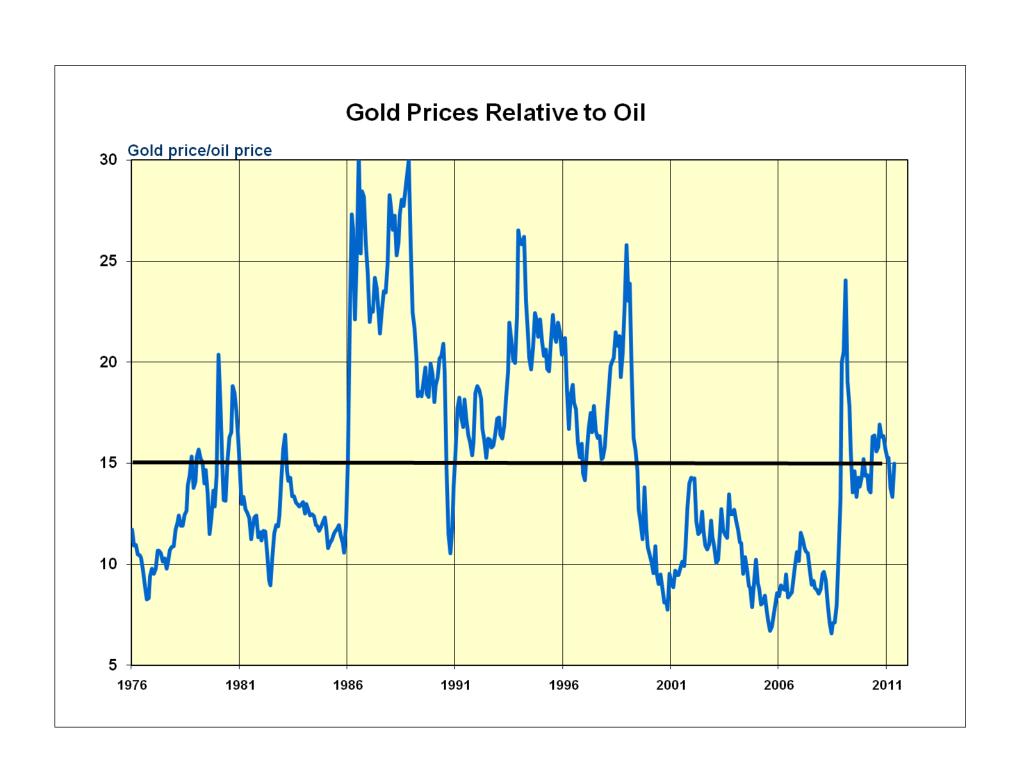
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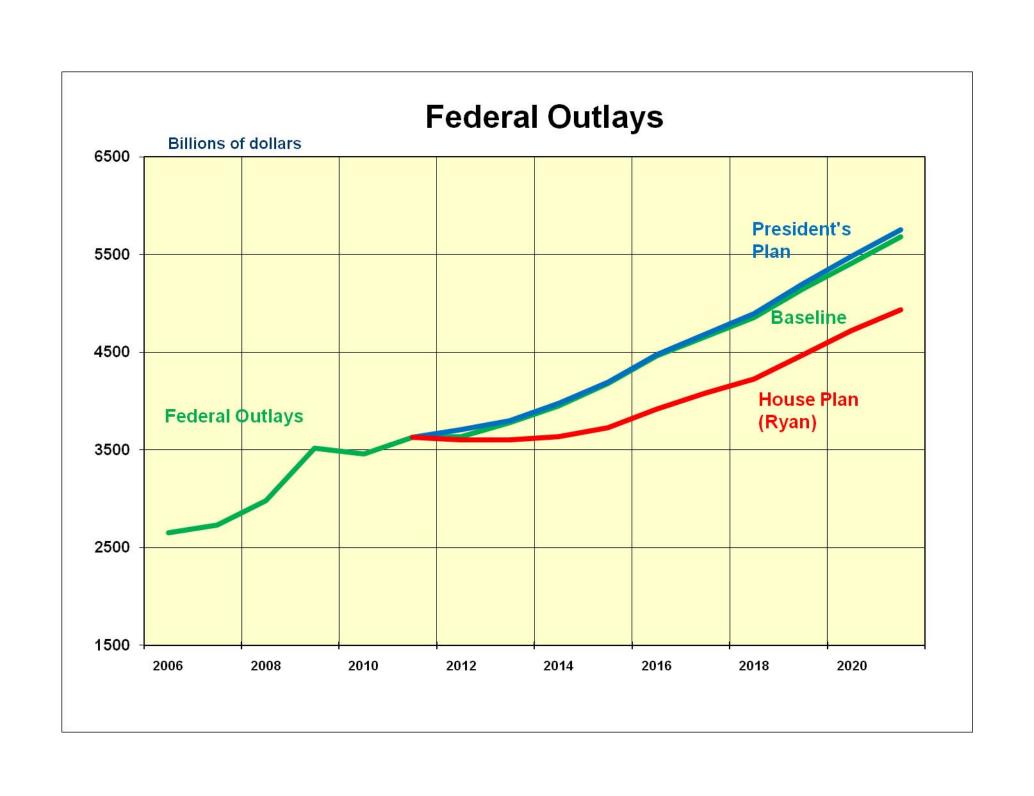


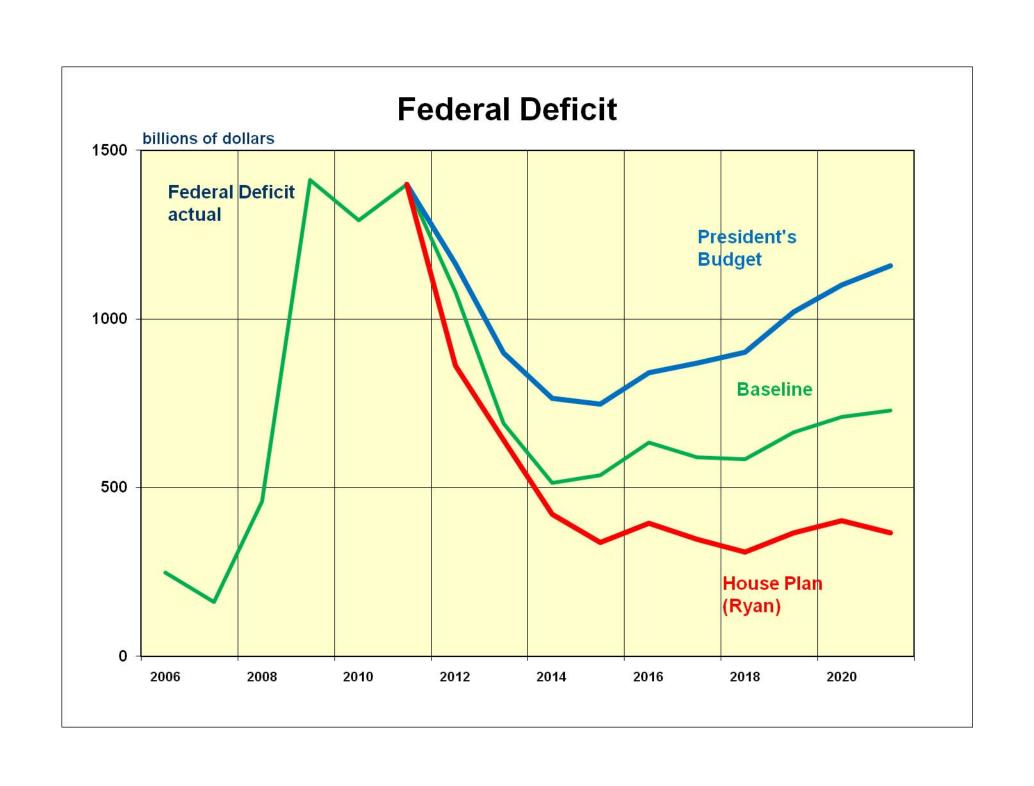






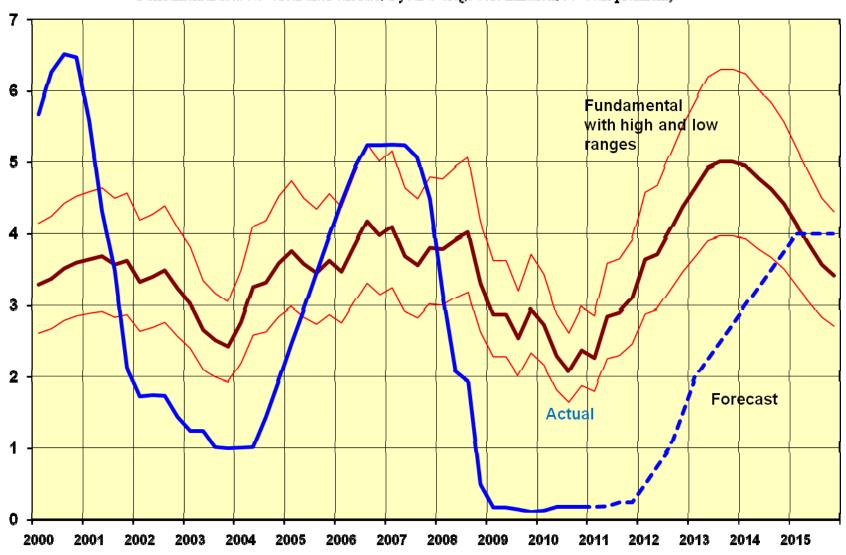






Fed Funds Interest Rate

Fundamental uses 0.5% real after-tax rate; 1 year average core inflation; 30% tax premium)



10-Year Treasury Bond Rates: Actual & Fundamental

(Fundamental is 1.4% real rate; 5-year inflation average cpi, gdp deflator; 25% marginal tax rate)



Stock Prices: S&P 500

(Fundmental value of stocks is based on a regression with S&P average PE, trend 6.5% earnings and AAA corporate interest rates as the explanatory variables)



Opportunities & Strategies

Identify opportunities & threats:

- 1. Avoid long-term bonds
- 2. Avoid buy/hold strategy for stocks pending...
- 3. Problems will be resolved
- 4. Monitor \$ policy, federal budget policy

Wrap Up

1. Monetary policy dominant force

2.Government spending/regs must be cut

3. Keep the Faith

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