

Handout for September 1, 2009: Today's Economy

Data are taken from 2009 Economic Report of the President (ER, Table ...; accessed at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eop/download.html>), 2009 Statistical Abstract (SA, Table #..; accessed at http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/statab2006_2009.html), and from government web sites www.bls.gov, www.bea.gov, and www.federalreserve.gov.

1. Real GDP Growth Rate (ER, Table B4 & bea.gov)

1960s	4.4 %	2000-04	2.4%	2008	0.4%
1970s	3.3 %	2005	2.9 %	2009:I	-6.4%
1980s	3.1 %	2006	2.7 %	2009:II	-1.0%
1990s	3.1 %	2007	2.1 %		

2. Unemployment (ER, Table B42 & bls.gov)

1970s	6.2 %	2005	5.1 %	Jan-Jul 2009	8.8 %
1980s	7.3 %	2006	4.6 %	Jul 2009	9.4 %
1990s	5.8%	2007	4.6 %		
2000-04	5.2%	2008	5.8 %		

3. Inflation & Deflation (ER, Table B63 & bls.gov)

	CPI (Dec to Dec)		CPI (Dec to Dec)
1970s	7.1 %	2006	3.2 %
1980s	5.0 %	2007	2.8 %
1990s	3.0 %	2008	3.8 %
2000-04	2.6 %	2009	-1.9 % (July - July)
2005	3.4 %		

4. Federal Budget Deficit (-) or Surplus (+) (ER, Table B80; cbo.gov; Year ends Sept 30)

2000	+ \$236 billion	2004	- \$413 billion	2008	- \$459 billion
2001	+ \$128 billion	2005	- \$318 billion	2009 ^{est}	- \$1,667 billion
2002	- \$158 billion	2006	- \$248 billion	2010 ^{est}	- \$1,139 billion
2003	- \$378 billion	2007	- \$162 billion	2011 ^{est}	- \$693 billion

Debt **\$11.7 trillion**

5. Nominal U.S. Treasury Interest Rates (ER, Table B73 & federalreserve.gov)

	3-mo	10-yr		3-mo	10-yr
1980s	8.85 %	10.59 %	2006	4.73 %	4.80 %
1990s	4.88 %	6.67 %	2007	4.36 %	4.63 %
2000-04	2.66 %	4.79 %	2008	1.37 %	3.66 %
2005	3.16 %	4.29 %	Jul 2009	0.18 %	3.56 %

6. Personal Saving Rates (ER, Table B30 & bea.gov)

1960s	8.3 %	2000-04	2.1 %	2008	1.8 %
1970s	9.6 %	2005	0.4 %	2009 Jul	4.2 %
1980s	9.1 %	2006	0.7 %		
1990s	5.2 %	2007	0.6 %		

7. Labor Productivity Growth Rate (ER, Table B50 & bls.gov)

	all nonfarm business	manufacturing only		all nonfarm business	manufacturing only
1960s	2.8 %	2.8 %	2005	1.7 %	4.8 %
1970s	1.9 %	2.9 %	2006	0.9 %	1.0 %
1980s	1.0 %	2.8 %	2007	1.8 %	3.2 %
1990s	1.8 %	3.7 %	2008	1.8 %	0.8 %
2000-04	3.5 %	4.2 %	2009:II	1.8 %	-1.3 %

8. Income Inequality (share of total income received by top 20 % of families, and by bottom 20 % and income limit (2007 dollars) of top and bottom 20%, census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc)

	top 20%		bottom 20%	
	Share	Income Above	Share	Income Below
2007	47.3 %	\$112,638	4.1 %	\$27,864
2000	47.7 %	\$110,017	4.3 %	\$28,897
1990	44.3 %	\$94,564	4.6 %	\$25,907
1980	41.1 %	\$83,372	5.3 %	\$24,916

9. Real Median Family Income (2007 \$) (census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc)

2007	\$61,355.	(+0.06% annually since 2000)
2000	\$61,083.	(+1.2 % annually since 1990)
1990	\$54,369.	(+0.8 % annually since 1980)
1980	\$50,366.	(+0.7 % annually since 1970)
1970	\$47,019.	(+3.2 % annually since 1960)

10. Poverty Rates (ER, Table B33)

	Female-headed families	All families	People in poverty
2007	28.3 % (4.1 million)	9.8 % (7.6 million)	12.5 % (37.3 million)
2000	26.4 % (3.5 million)	9.2 % (6.8 million)	11.3 % (31.6 million)
1990	33.4 % (3.8 million)	10.7 % (7.1 million)	13.5 % (33.8 million)
1979	30.4 % (2.6 million)	9.2 % (5.5 million)	11.7 % (26.3 million)

Total U.S. population in 2009 307 million.

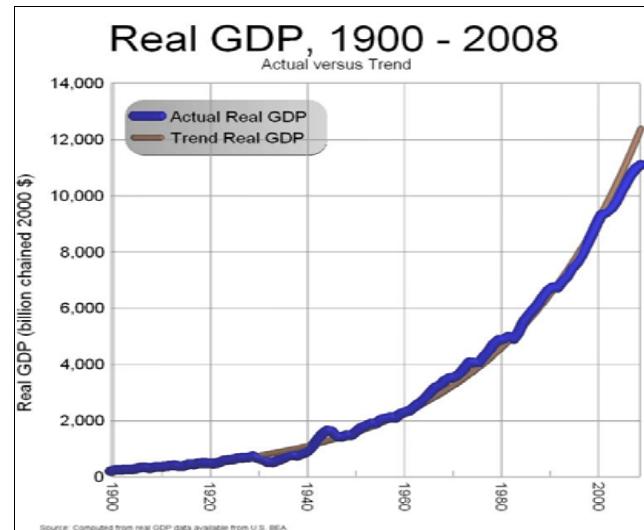


Fig 1: Real GDP & trend lines, 1900-2008

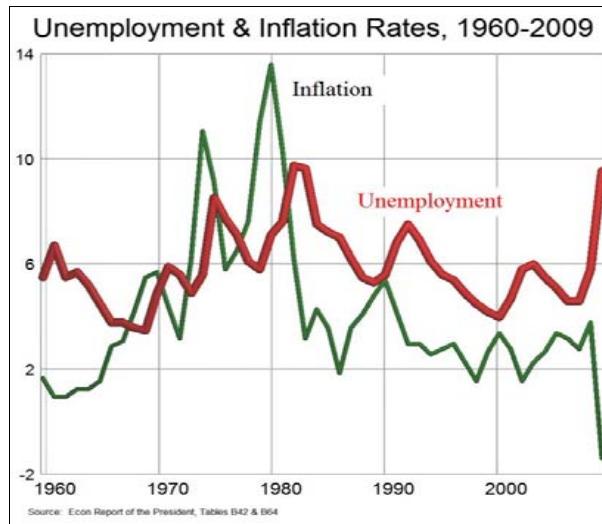


Fig. 2: Unemployment, Inflation 1960-2009

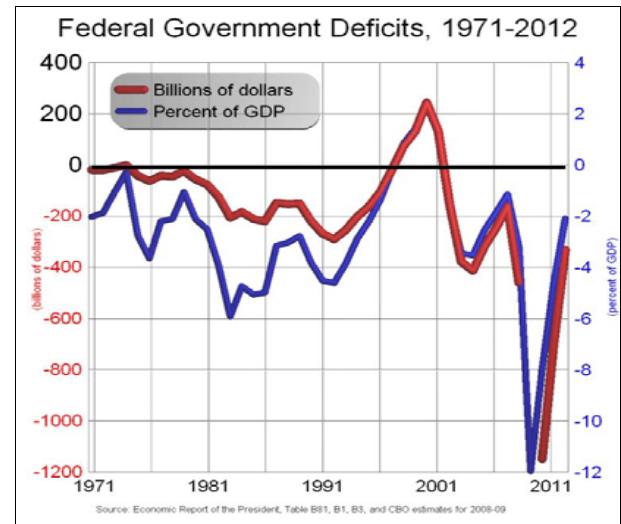


Fig 3: Federal gov't deficits, 1971-2012(est)

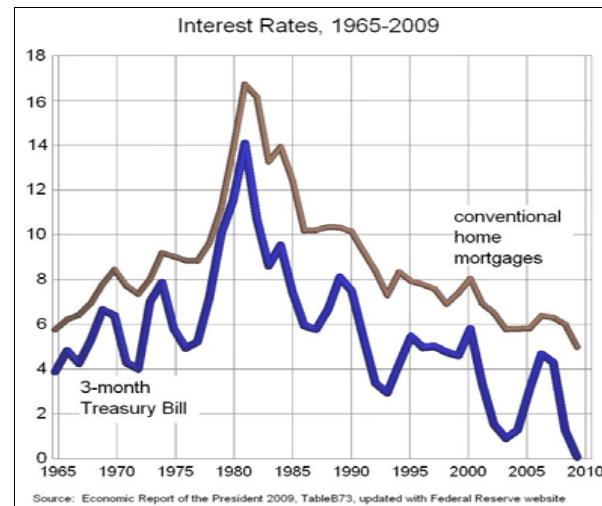


Fig 4: Nominal Interest Rates, 1965-2009

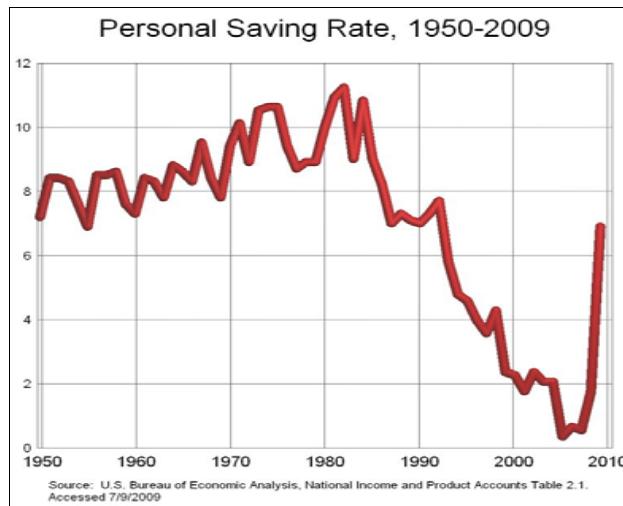


Fig 5: Personal Saving Rate, 1950-2009

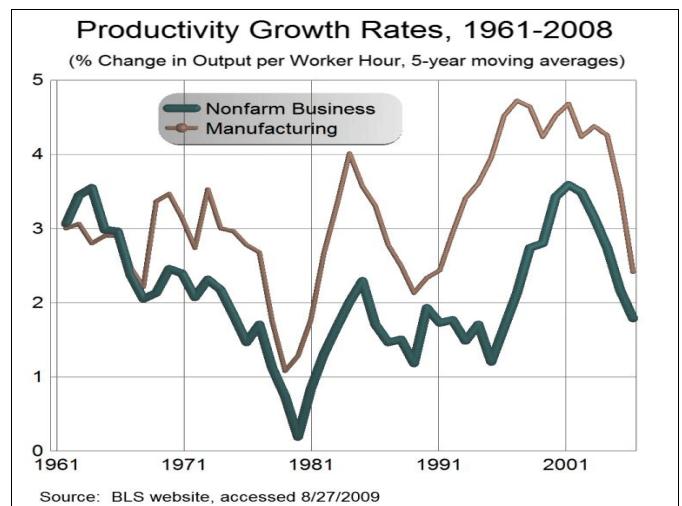


Fig 6: Labor Productivity Growth Rate, 1960-2006

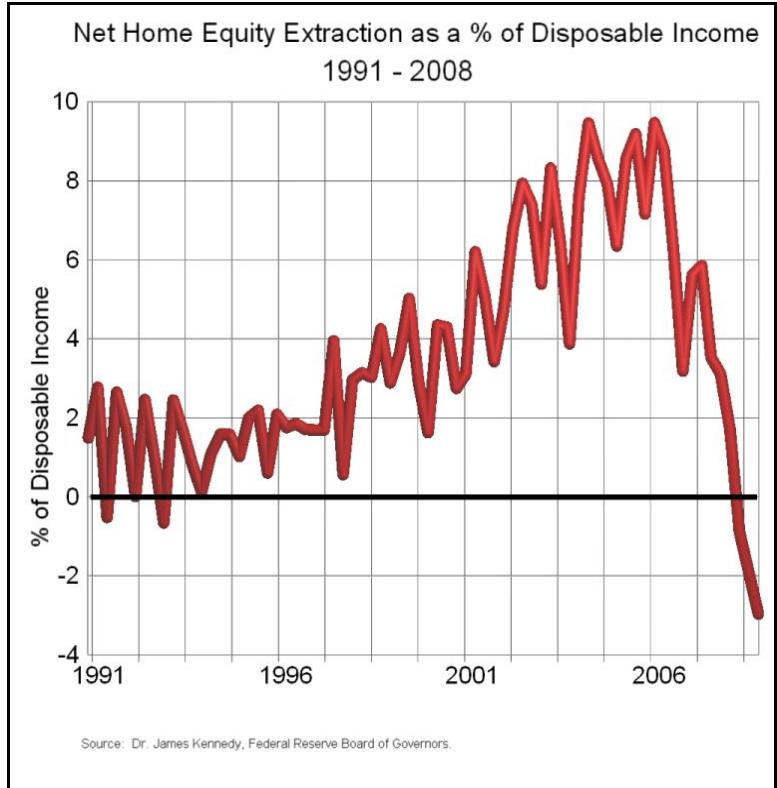


Fig 7: Use of Home Equity (as % of disposable income), 1991-2008

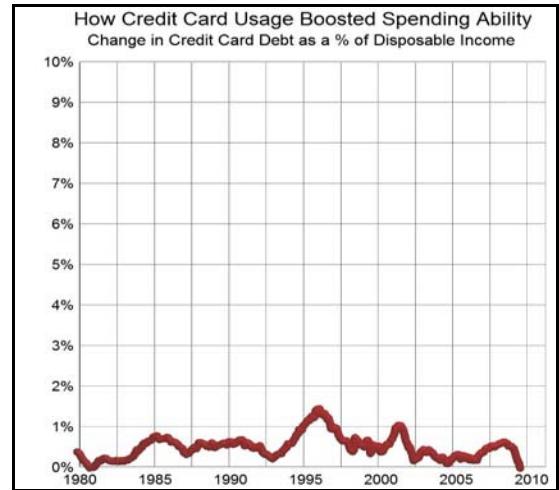


Fig 8B: Fig 8A resized for comparison with Figure 7.

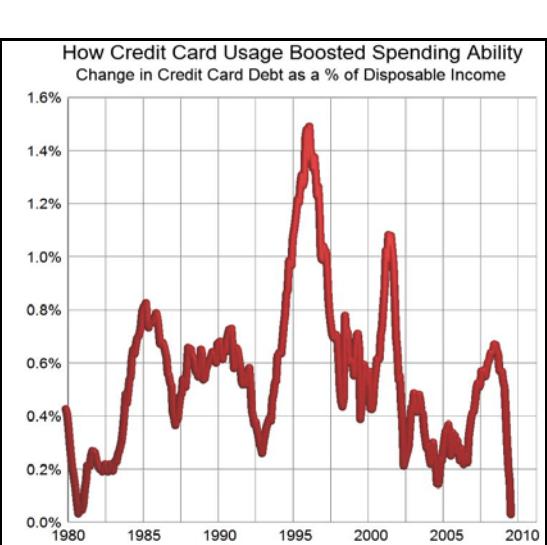


Fig 8A: Use of Credit Cards (as % of disposable income), 1980-2009

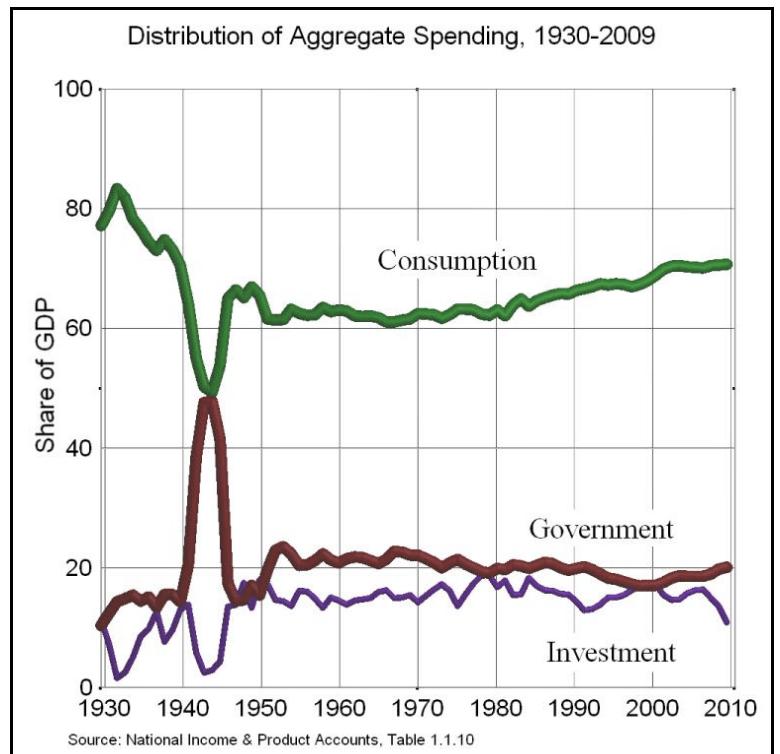


Fig 9: Distribution of Aggregate Spending Among C, I, and G, 1930-2009