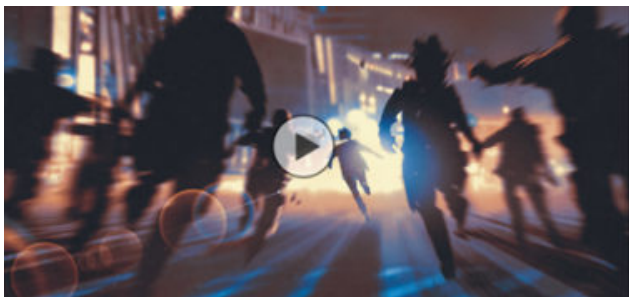


How To Survive The Upcoming Economic Crisis

We definitely live in interesting times, and this may be a curse or a blessing, depending on whom you ask.

For the first time in history, the markets now expect the FED Funds rate to be negative[1]. As in, the markets are actually factoring in negative interest rates for 2021. So, we're not talking about zero interest rate policy, as right now, FED Funds is targeted between 0 and 0.25, but according to forwarding contracts, the implied FED Funds rate in the first quarter of 2021 is a negative number. This has never happened before.



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If you come to think about it, the markets are thinking that the Fed Funds rate is going negative in January or February of 2021, and this means we'll be in an economic recession next year. If the markets anticipated that the US economy was doing well, why would they factor in negative interest rates, right? We know, this may sound a little bit esoteric for some of our readers, but these are the facts.

Speaking of facts and today's topic, which is the incoming economic crisis, back in February, Larry Kudlow, Trump's

economic adviser, claimed[2] that the damage inflicted by the SARS-Covid19 pandemic would be minimal, and obviously he was talking about the impact on the US economy. Based on Kudlow's prediction as well as many others, including so-called virologists like Fauci and/or Bill Gates type "experts", who all projected US deaths from Covid19 to be in the millions, President Trump and his team decided to basically shut down the US economy to fight the pandemic.

Fast forward to today, and we already have some dismal hard data: more than 26 million people were added to unemployment rolls, the GDP is in free fall, millions of small businesses are on the verge of collapse and desperate for the government to bail them out, the supply chain is reaching its breaking point as manufacturing is in freefall, unemployment is officially at 19% soon to reach depression-era levels, and so on and so forth. It would be safe for us to assume that all the experts were amazingly (not surprisingly) wrong, including Kudlow who now sounds like a moron, not to mention the failed[3] computer-models that claimed 2,2 million Americans will die of Covid19.

MANAGE YOUR HOME LOAN DURING FIANCIAL CRISIS

INFORM BANKS ABOUT YOUR SITUATION



During financial crisis, it is better to inform your bank about the ongoing crisis. Talk to senior officials in the bank. If you have a good credit score and your previous EMI's were fulfilled on time, lenders will definitely understand your situation.

PLAN YOUR EXPENSES IN ADVANCE



Buying a home is an expensive investment so you should deal with someone who is a real estate expert. Since EMI is something which you cannot afford to miss, you should keep aside a small amount of money in case of any emergencies.

CONSULT A FINANCIAL EXPERT



If you are seriously in a huge financial crisis and cannot find your way out it is advisable to consult a financial expert. They are highly knowledgeable and can guide you through the crisis.

QUICK REPAYMENTS



In order to secure yourself, it is advisable to return your loan amount as soon as possible. Try to increase your EMI amount and each year or ensure a quick repayment of principal amount. This would lower the interest rate and the burden on the borrower.

If you take a Gestalt look, it becomes obvious that the US economy, which in theory is a free market economy that follows the basic rules of supply and demand, is now interdependent with many nations, including China, to which is tightly connected. This is actually one of the biggest dangers of globalism economically speaking, as it forces once sovereign nations to lose their redundancies which would otherwise protect them from economic collapse. The thing is, since China is America (and Europe's) industrial park if anything goes down in China, or another major economy by that matter, this event will bring down all other economies in a domino effect.

Another big problem with the US economy is the Everything Bubble, as our country's financial structure is built on sand, and by that, we mean record levels of personal/corporate/national debt, plus a serious decline in manufacturing and demand. The FED-created the Everything Bubble via 10 years of stimulus measures and fiat money in order to keep the system afloat, yet it's pretty clear now that the bubble is going to collapse sooner rather than later. With FED's repo markets already on the verge of collapse, the Covid19 situation may be the final straw to break the camel's back so to speak. Speaking of which, if you take a look at how "authorities" reacted to something very similar to the regular flu in terms of mortality (for further information on this, watch this video), we can expect further "waves" of infection in the autumn/winter when respiratory illnesses are prone to re-appear as they do every year, followed by wave after wave of "lockdowns", i.e. the US economy is going further and further down the drain.

Why is this happening? Well, it looks like our benevolent "overlords" have already decided that the "new global order" will be led by China, not the US. In my view, the recent situation with oil being traded at a negative dollar price was a monetary event, not a market event, and it signifies the end of the Bretton Woods system, aka the end of the petrodollar.

Whether you acquiesce to this theory or not, you should take the looming economic crisis very seriously, and consider this: unlike the US and Europe, China did not close its economy following the pandemic. They only closed Wuhan down, as in they basically quarantined an entire city, but not the whole country, and there were no lockdown orders in place not even in Wuhan, only social distancing stuff, mask-wearing was made compulsory, sick people were forced to stay indoors and things of that nature. And today, China's economy is up and running, unlike ours.

What does it mean long-term? The worst-case scenario is that we will be faced with an economic crisis or even an economic collapse, and here's what you should prepare for. First, don't expect a global economic collapse, as not all countries are in the same situation. So, yeah, you could consider relocating to another country before SHTF, and by that, I mean places with a sound monetary policy and solid economies. Think along the lines of Switzerland, Japan, South Korea, Denmark, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, to name just a few. If you twist my hand hard enough, I may write an article in the future on this topic.

But what will happen to those of us who choose to face the music at home? The most probable scenario for the US during economic collapse is hyperinflation, which is a completely man-made disaster due to governments/central banks printing money like there's no tomorrow. Hint: FED's QE 1, 2, infinity, plus fractional reserve banking. This money printing creates a chain reaction long-term, and as people lose faith in the US dollar, the currency loses value, people start perceiving money as worthless, and hoarding valuable items begins. Price controls are the next step, as the federal government tries to stop hyperinflation by any means necessary, but the supply/demand rule will cause prices to skyrocket regardless. Soon enough, you will not be able to find anything in stores, and yes, this situation already occurred in countries like

Venezuela (it's in motion right now), Zimbabwe, and Yugoslavia in the 90s' among others.

Without

enough food/essential supplies on the shelves, people get creative or starve.

Those with relatives living in the country may do better than others, but city

dwellers will essentially end up starving, especially if the supply chain

breaks (read my article on that issue).

Looting and fighting for resources may become the new normal in hyper-densely populated cities like LA, New York, etc., while people living in "flyover America" i.e. farmers and country folk capable of self-sustaining via agriculture/barter economy will get over an economic collapse with relative ease. Under hyperinflation, money no longer works[4], so living through an economic collapse means you must be able to survive without money.

As I learned from Venezuela's experience, even if keeping your job short term may be wise, you'd be stupid to go to work as the paycheck becomes virtually worthless. If you're already a homesteader, you know you can make more money without actually working a full-time job. Regular people need money for gas, car maintenance, clothes, and takeout meals, which are all essential if you want to keep a 9 to 5 job. If you cut these work-related expenses, you'll be able to live with less and do things like growing your own food (provided you don't live in the city), engaging in barter with your local community, and so on and so forth.

Preparing for a financial crisis is all about generating options and reducing your vulnerability, and you should start by repositioning your assets/expenses. By that, we don't mean only physical assets, but human ones also. What does it mean? Well, skills are essential for survival, and if your current

job has already disappeared due to the government imposed lockdown, thus your current way of earning an income is going extinct due to pandemics or whatever, start learning new ways to earn a living, and by that we mean “essential” skills. Be flexible and forget about your pride, start downsizing and if possible, try to go debt-free. Move into a smaller house, pay less rent, buy a cheap car to do your thing, have an austerity plan and, if the dollar falls, prepare to live in a barter economy.

What does it mean? If the money loses value, people will live by trading tangible assets, and yes, that includes skills. A lot of modern jobs will disappear, along with paper money, and everything will revolve around the essentials: food, water, and shelter, plus durable goods like knives, axes, cars (as long there’s fuel available), etc.

Bottom

line: try to reduce your debt. If you’re in debt, as in you have credit card/car/mortgage payments each month, your creditors are in control and if you lose your job you’ll lose everything. If you don’t have debt, you only have to worry about losing your job, i.e. you can weather a financial crisis more easily. Next, learn to live without using credit cards, and if you think that’s impossible, talk to your grandparents, or people who paid cash for everything, including houses and cars.

To achieve that, they made sacrifices, as they didn’t buy a new car every 3 years on credit, they lived in a small house compared to today’s standards, etc. but they also were debt-free. Living credit free is basically simplifying your life, as in living in a smaller house, living without a car, renting instead of owning a house (forget about mortgage payments,

repairs, maintenance, property taxes, etc.), eating at home instead of eating out, less stress, more time to learn new skills, and that translates into less debt to worry about.

While reducing your expenses, you must also start working on Plan B (alternative income sources), and ask yourself what will you do if your hours at work are reduced or you lose your current job? You can consider starting your own home-based business if you have a hobby, and turn it into your second source of income (read my previous article on that issue). Ideally speaking, you should have an emergency fund to last you for at least six months, but that's a very tough proposition in this economy. You can start doing it now and contribute an amount each and every month. If you have money in your bank account, it would be wise to cash out and keep the money at home. Banks always have liquidity problems when SHTF and this may lead to you losing access to your money.

Inflation vs Deflation

#1. Definition

Inflation



The prices of goods and services increase.

Deflation



The prices of goods and services decrease.

#2. Explanation

Inflation



Value of the money decreases in the international market.

Deflation



Value of the money increases in the international market.

#3. Types

Inflation



Demand pull inflation, cost push inflation, and stagflation.

Deflation



Money supply side deflation, credit deflation and debt deflation.

#4. Effect

Inflation



Unequal distribution of income.

Deflation



The unemployment level increases.

#5. Which is worse?

Inflation



A bit of inflation is good for the country/ economy.

Deflation



Deflation is not good for the country/ economy.

#6. Safeguarding

Inflation



Long term investments.

Deflation



Usually the government does not let deflation to prevail.

Speaking of cash, if you have assets like cars or real estate, you should sell them before the crisis hits. Afterward, as the prices have fallen, it will be hard to find buyers easily.

Moreover, stock at least a three months' supply of food. Speaking of our highly industrialized and urbanized American/Western populace, its Achilles' heel in terms of surviving an economic collapse is food. Most people have less than one week's supply of food in their homes, if that much, at any given moment. You should learn that the average person requires between 2000 to 3000 calories each and every day for maintaining enough energy to function properly, and even more in stressful environments. You can start prepping with 2000 calories/day/person and profit while bulk food is still cheap and readily available. For example, nutrient-dense foods with long shelf lives, such as rice or beans can be bought for less than ~\$15 for a bag of 20 pounds. You can supplement with emergency rations, canned meats and veggies, honey, and freeze-dried foods, and you can bet you'll live better than 90% of the population when SHTF.

Just like with the food supply and other utilities (power and gas for example), don't put your faith in the public city water system to remain functional in a social collapse scenario. Utilities will be unreliable and sporadic at best during harsh economic conditions, if not totally wiped out. You'll have to focus on harvesting water from unclean/unreliable sources, you'll have to learn how to collect rainwater, etc. so consider investing in a high-quality water filter. Also, buy a solar kit; if you're asking yourself why just go on and try living for a couple of weeks without electricity and you'll understand what I'm talking about. Life will be dismal without electricity and you'll have to hedge against this probability as well as you can. A small solar kit able to power up your essential appliances consists of 2x 100-watt panels, a charge controller, a power inverter, and 4-6 12 Volt batteries (deep cycle to last longer) and it

will cost you less than one thousand bucks. If you think that's too much, well, don't do it, but you may regret it later.

Finally, get in touch with a friend or a neighbor; the key to long term survival is community. Approach a friend who shares your prepping ideas or a neighbor; lone wolf type operations may be practical now and then, but in the long run, everyone needs somebody to watch his back. Don't fool yourself; you're not capable to take care of everything on your own.

With all these in mind, stay strong, stay safe, pray for the lockdown to end quickly, and don't forget to write us in the comment section.



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