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MARKET BIAS MATRIX				
Day over Day & Week over Week Trend				
% Bullish Across All Asset Classes				
(Overall, Short Term, Mid Term, Long Term)				
Date	Overall %	ST %	MT %	LT %
2/6/2026	67%	58%	67%	75%
2/5/2026	67%	58%	67%	75%
2/4/2026	70%	63%	72%	76%
2/3/2026	73%	68%	73%	77%
2/2/2026	76%	75%	75%	78%
1/30/2026	76%	75%	75%	78%
1/29/2026	75%	75%	73%	77%
1/28/2026	76%	77%	75%	77%
1/27/2026	76%	76%	73%	78%
1/26/2026	76%	75%	73%	78%
1/23/2026	74%	70%	75%	78%
1/22/2026	74%	70%	75%	78%
1/21/2026	75%	70%	75%	80%
1/20/2026	73%	70%	75%	80%
1/19/2026	78%	76%	77%	81%
1/18/2026	83%	84%	81%	85%
1/14/2026	84%	84%	81%	86%
1/13/2026	86%	85%	79%	86%
1/12/2026	82%	84%	77%	85%
1/9/2026	82%	84%	77%	86%
1/8/2026	79%	79%	73%	86%
1/7/2026	79%	78%	73%	86%
1/6/2026	78%	77%	70%	86%
1/5/2026	78%	77%	70%	86%
1/2/2026	77%	77%	67%	86%
12/31/2025	75%	73%	64%	88%
12/30/2025	77%	75%	67%	88%
12/29/2025	76%	75%	64%	88%
12/26/2025	75%	75%	63%	86%
12/24/2025	74%	73%	62%	86%
12/23/2025	73%	70%	62%	88%
12/22/2025	71%	63%	63%	88%
12/19/2025	69%	56%	64%	88%
12/18/2025	68%	56%	64%	84%
12/17/2025	68%	56%	64%	84%
12/16/2025	73%	67%	68%	84%
12/15/2025	76%	74%	70%	84%
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12/11/2025	78%	82%	67%	84%
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12/9/2025	77%	82%	67%	82%
12/8/2025	74%	78%	63%	82%
12/5/2025	74%	78%	60%	82%
12/4/2025	71%	73%	59%	82%
12/3/2025	66%	64%	52%	82%
12/2/2025	65%	63%	49%	82%
12/1/2025	62%	60%	45%	81%
11/28/2025	61%	55%	45%	82%
11/26/2025	56%	41%	45%	82%
11/25/2025	58%	33%	45%	84%
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10/21/2025	72%	63%	71%	82%
10/20/2025	70%	58%	70%	82%
10/17/2025	68%	55%	71%	82%



## Economic Calendar for Last Week:

Time	Cur.	Event	Imp.	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Monday, February 2, 2026						
09:45	USD	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	★ ★ ★	52.4	51.9	51.9
10:00	USD	ISM Manufacturing Prices (Jan)	★ ★ ★	59.0	59.3	58.5
10:00	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	★ ★ ★	52.6	48.5	47.9
Wednesday, February 4, 2026						
08:15	USD	ADP Nonfarm Employment Change (Jan)	★ ★ ★	22K	46K	37K
09:45	USD	S&P Global Services PMI (Jan)	★ ★ ★	52.7	52.5	52.5
10:00	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing Prices (Jan)	★ ★ ★	66.6	65.0	65.1
10:00	USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	★ ★ ★	53.8	53.5	53.8
10:30	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	★ ★ ★	-3.455M	-2.000M	-2.295M
Thursday, February 5, 2026						
08:30	USD	Initial Jobless Claims	★ ★ ★	231K	212K	209K
10:00	USD	JOLTS Job Openings (Dec)	★ ★ ★	6.542M	7.200M	6.928M
19:00	USD	U.S. President Trump Speaks	★ ★ ★			

## Economic Calendar for Next Week:

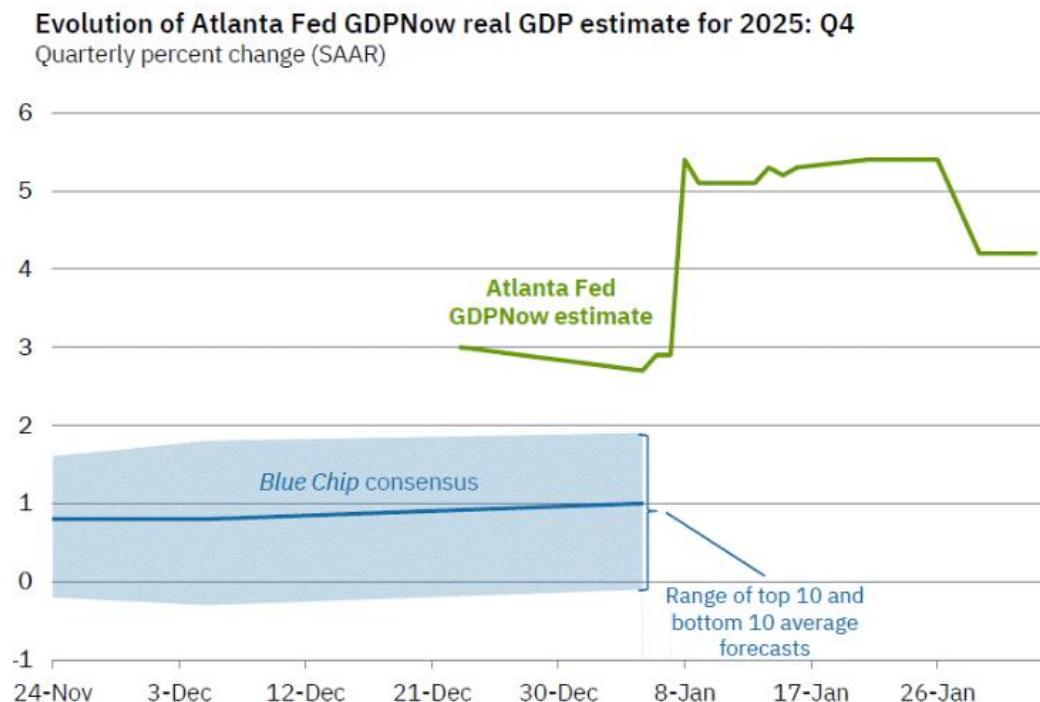
Time	Cur.	Event	Imp.	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Tuesday, February 10, 2026						
08:30	USD	Retail Sales (MoM) (Dec)	★ ★ ★			0.6%
08:30	USD	Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Dec)	★ ★ ★			0.5%
Wednesday, February 11, 2026						
08:30	USD	Average Hourly Earnings (MoM) (Jan)	★ ★ ★		0.3%	0.3%
08:30	USD	Nonfarm Payrolls (Jan)	★ ★ ★		68K	50K
08:30	USD	Unemployment Rate (Jan)	★ ★ ★		4.4%	4.4%
10:30	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	★ ★ ★			-3.455M
13:00	USD	10-Year Note Auction	★ ★ ★			4.173%
Thursday, February 12, 2026						
08:30	USD	Initial Jobless Claims	★ ★ ★			231K
10:00	USD	Existing Home Sales (Jan)	★ ★ ★			4.35M
13:01	USD	30-Year Bond Auction	★ ★ ★			4.825%
Friday, February 13, 2026						
08:30	USD	CPI (MoM) (Jan)	★ ★ ★			0.3%
08:30	USD	CPI (YoY) (Jan)	★ ★ ★			2.7%
08:30	USD	Core CPI (MoM) (Jan)	★ ★ ★			0.2%



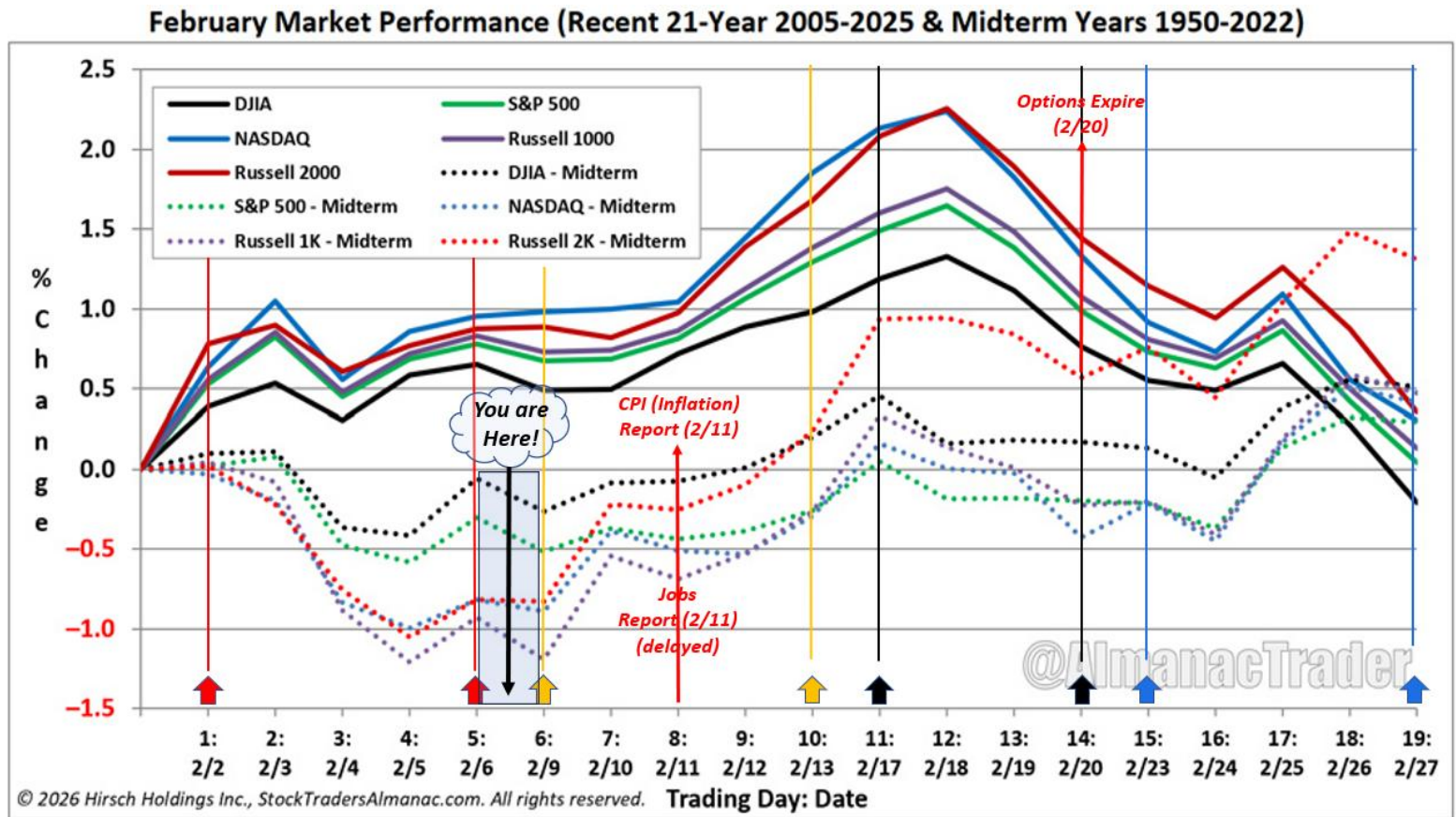
Biggest news last week was the JOLTS number showing a marked decrease in the number of Job Openings. This could be an early warning for the jobs number that is delayed and will be reported next Wednesday, the same day as the inflation (CPI) report. We'll look at both of those below this week.

CME FEDWATCH TOOL - AGGREGATED MEETING PROBABILITIES				
MEETING DATE	275-300	300-325	325-350	350-375
3/18/2026	0.00 %	0.00 %	23.24 %	76.76 %
4/29/2026	0.00 %	0.00 %	46.00 %	54.00 %
6/17/2026	0.00 %	3.79 %	96.21 %	0.00 %
7/29/2026	0.00 %	38.00 %	62.00 %	0.00 %
9/16/2026	0.00 %	83.64 %	16.36 %	0.00 %
10/28/2026	8.00 %	92.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
12/9/2026	28.00 %	72.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
1/27/2027	28.00 %	72.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
3/17/2027	28.43 %	71.57 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
4/28/2027	22.00 %	78.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
6/9/2027	16.86 %	83.14 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
7/28/2027	8.00 %	92.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
9/15/2027	5.19 %	94.81 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
10/27/2027	0.00 %	96.00 %	4.00 %	0.00 %
12/8/2027	17.57 %	82.43 %	0.00 %	0.00 %

Still looking like just 2 cuts this year, with the next one in June.



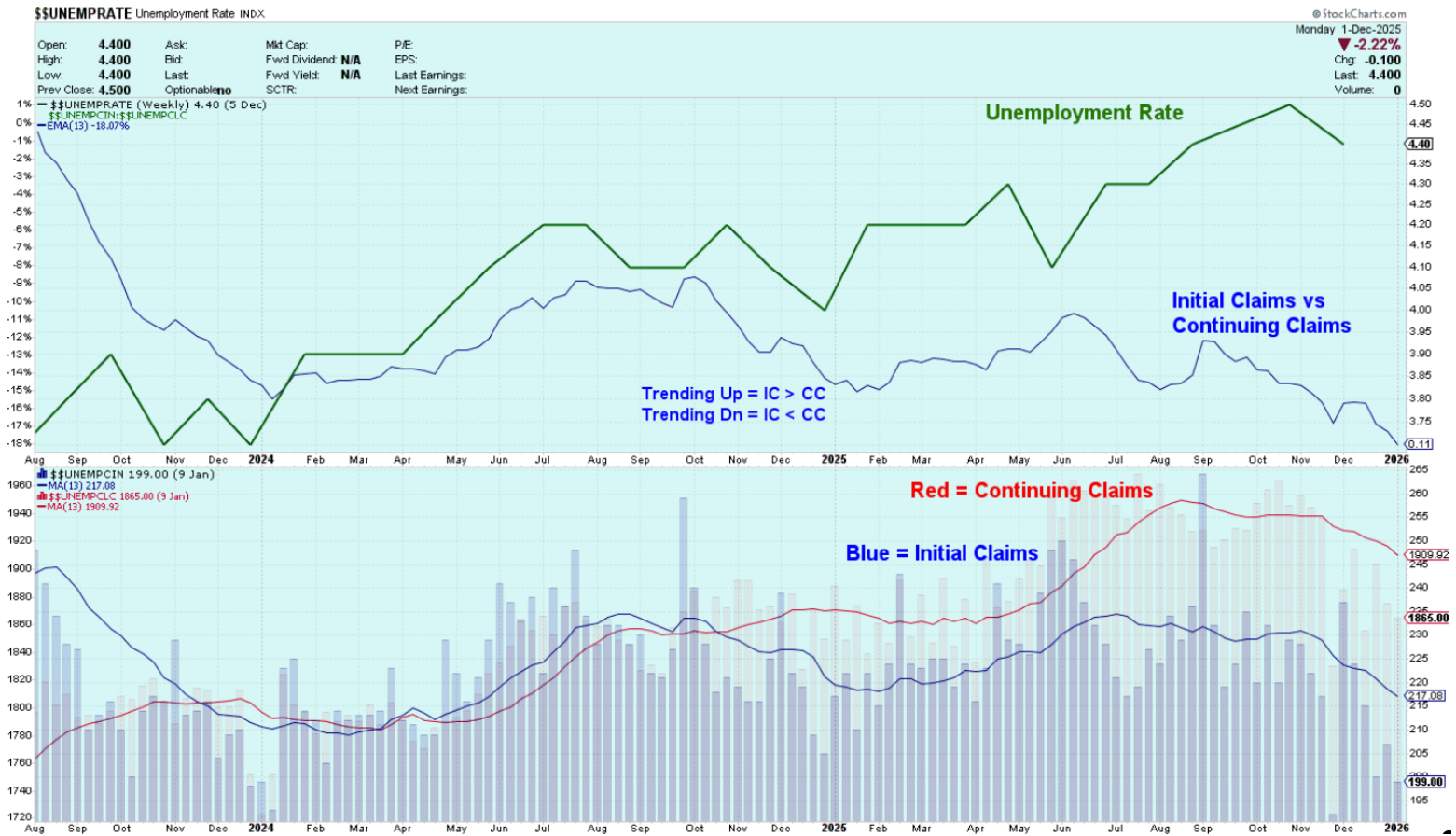
Here is the historical view from Stock Trader's Almanac.



First the jobs report. Here is what the recent jobless claims look like. Rising, but still withing previous levels.

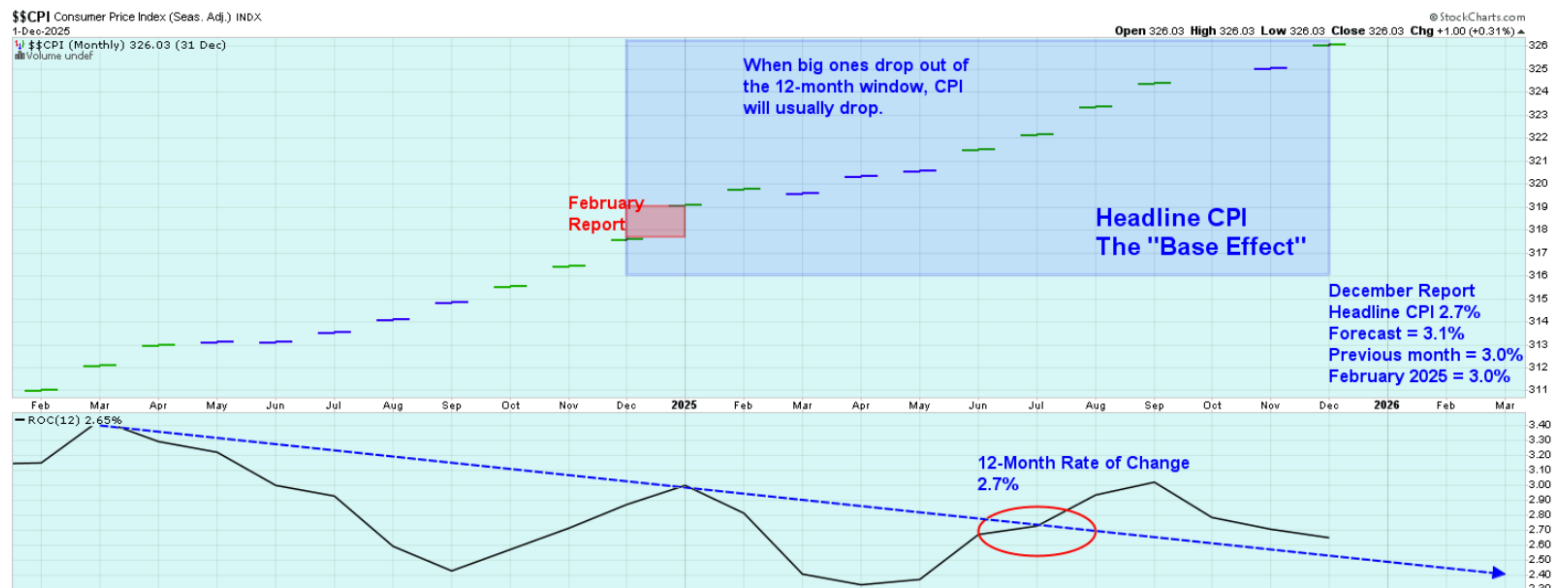


Here are the Continuing and Initial Claims, with Initial Claims falling faster than Continuing Claims. Both are declining:



Based on the above, I expect the Unemployment Rate to be flat or slightly down.

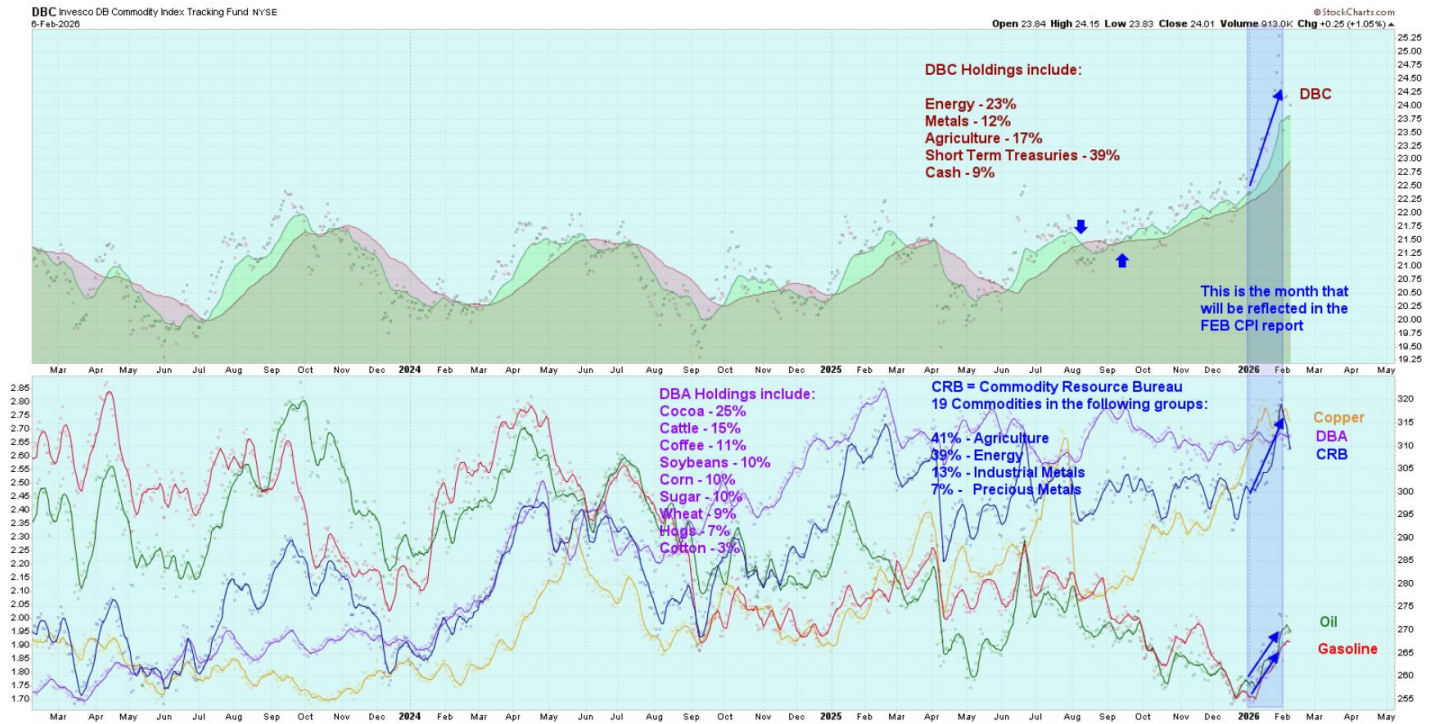
The Base Effect has a large data point dropping out of the 12-month average, which "should" result in CPI dropping, as it did last month. However, commodities may damper that (see next chart). The next 3 months, and especially the April report, may show it rising again.



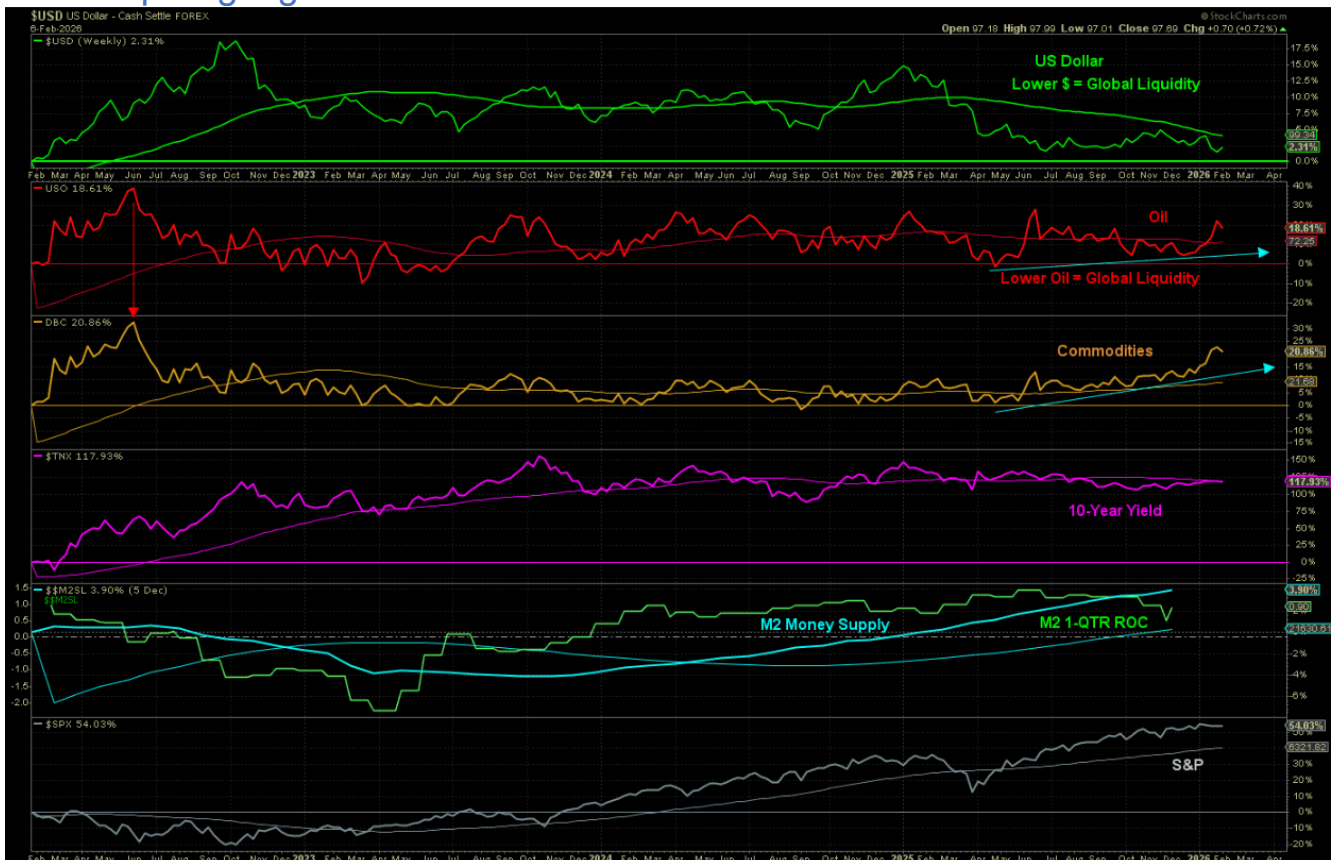


## Commodities:

All higher, especially Oil & Gas in January. This could push the CPI higher, or at least flat for the month.



Here's what liquidity looks like, with the US Dollar and 10-Year flat to down, but Oil and Commodities spiking higher.



Take a look at this Monthly chart that shows what happens when XLP (Staples Sector) vs SPY (S&P) spikes higher off of a bottom. Notice the S&P in gray in the background.



Here are the 4 major indexes side by side. None are breaking out (yet):





## Weekly Performance:



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	SYMBOL	NAME	% CHG	+/-	DATE
	XLP	XLP - Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund	+5.30%		02-06, 16:00
	XLI	XLI - Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund	+4.68%		02-06, 16:00
	XLB	XLB - Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	+4.55%		02-06, 16:00
	XLE	XLE - Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	+4.31%		02-06, 16:00
	IWM	IWM - iShares Russell 2000 ETF	+2.07%		02-06, 16:00
	XLV	XLV - Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	+1.92%		02-06, 16:00
	\$GOLD	\$GOLD - Gold - Continuous Contract (EOD)	+1.58%		02-06, 14:30
	XLF	XLF - Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	+1.53%		02-06, 16:00
	XLRE	XLRE - Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund	+1.35%		02-06, 16:00
	XLU	XLU - Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund	+0.23%		02-06, 16:00
	\$SPX	\$SPX - S&P 500 Large Cap Index	-0.10%		02-06, 16:00
	\$NDX	\$NDX - Nasdaq 100 Index	-1.87%		02-06, 16:00
	XLK	XLK - Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund	-1.91%		02-06, 16:00
	XLY	XLY - Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund	-2.62%		02-06, 16:00
	XLC	XLC - Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund	-3.60%		02-06, 16:00
	\$BTCUSD	\$BTCUSD - Bitcoin to US Dollar	-13.57%		02-07, 10:57



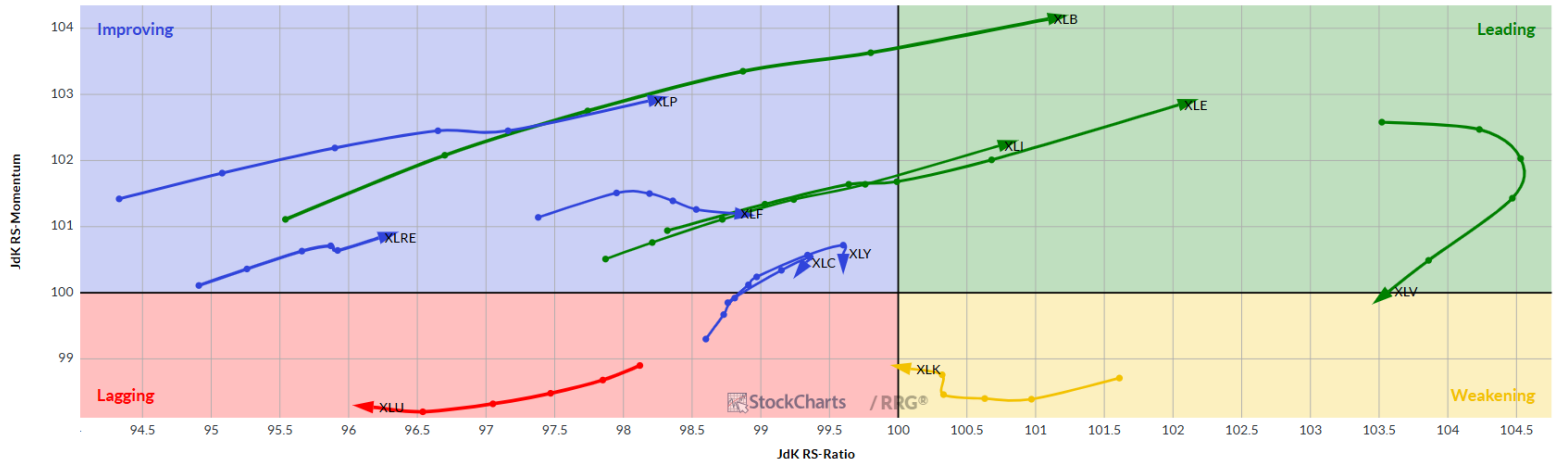


CHART	VISIBLE	TAIL	IF	SYMBOL	NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	PRICE	% CHG
#	✓	■		XLB	Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$51.51	+11.69%
#	✓	■		XLV	Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$157.71	+1.41%
#	✓	■		XLE	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$53.25	+16.65%
#	✓	■		XLI	Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$173.18	+9.62%
#	✓	■		XLK	Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$141.13	-2.20%
#	✓	■		XLU	Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$43.35	+0.39%
#	✓	■		XLRE	Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$41.99	+3.99%
#	✓	■		XLP	Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$87.94	+13.19%
#	✓	■		XLF	Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$54.26	-1.22%
#	✓	■		XLC	Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$115.76	-0.98%
#	✓	■		XLY	Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund			\$117.99	-0.30%
#				SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF			\$690.62	+1.09%

Notice XLK, XLC & XLY (the 3 “aggressive, growth” sectors) are all reversing toward Lagging. Even with the one day huge rally on Friday, there is still a LOT to get back to a bullish trend.

Here is this week’s “Following the Leader’s” view – the charts are on the Website:

As of 2/6/26								As of 1/30/26							
Following the Leaders								Following the Leaders							
For this column only		Jesse Livermore Criteria		Overall % Bullish				For this column only		Jesse Livermore Criteria		Overall % Bullish			
		For these 2 columns, Green < 60% Bearish, Red > 60% Bearish		For ALL columns, Green > 60% Bullish, Red < 60% Bullish						For these 2 columns, Green < 60% Bearish, Red > 60% Bearish		For ALL columns, Green > 60% Bullish, Red < 60% Bullish			
		71%		68%						59%		50%			
Symbol		New Highs?	New Lows?	Beating Peers?	Mvg Avg 21 > 50?	Positive Momentum?	Positive Acc/Dis?	Symbol		New Highs?	New Lows?	Beating Peers?	Mvg Avg 21 > 50?	Positive Momentum?	Positive Acc/Dis?
NVDA	NVDA	N	N	N	Y	N	N	NVDA	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
AAPL	AAPL	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	AAPL	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
MSFT	MSFT	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	MSFT	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
AVGO	AVGO	N	N	N	N	N	N	AVGO	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
AMZN	AMZN	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	AMZN	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
GOOGL	GOOGL	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	GOOGL	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TSLA	TSLA	N	Y	N	N	N	N	TSLA	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
META	META	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	META	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
NFLX	NFLX	N	Y	N	N	N	N	NFLX	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
PLTR	PLTR	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	PLTR	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
COST	COST	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	COST	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
AMD	AMD	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	AMD	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
ANET	ANET	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	ANET	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
ORCL	ORCL	N	Y	N	N	N	N	ORCL	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
LLY	LLY	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	LLY	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
MU	MU	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	MU	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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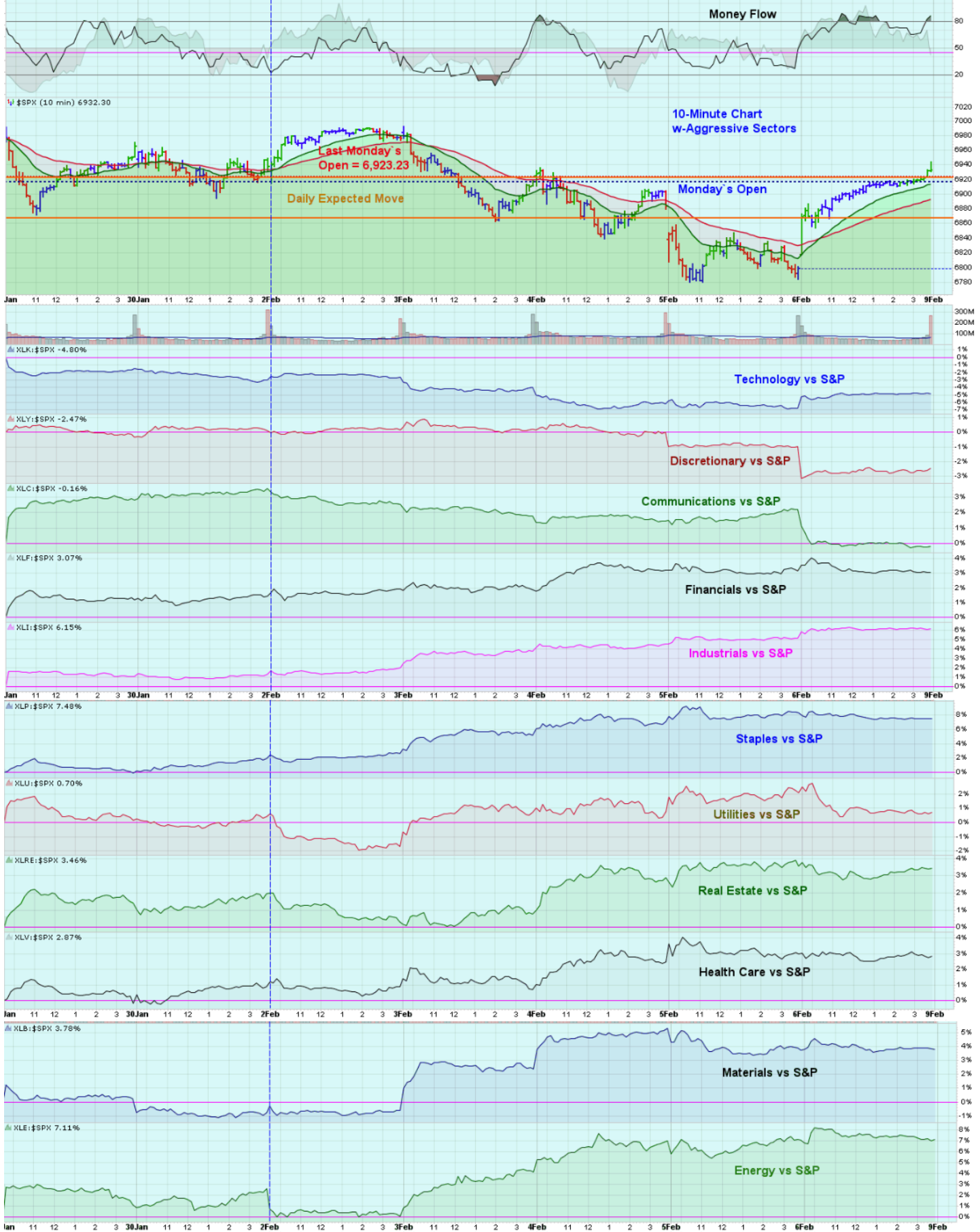
Here are the Sectors with their Bullish Percent Index charts. Basically the % that are in Bullish Configurations. Above 0% (Pink Center Line) is bullish.



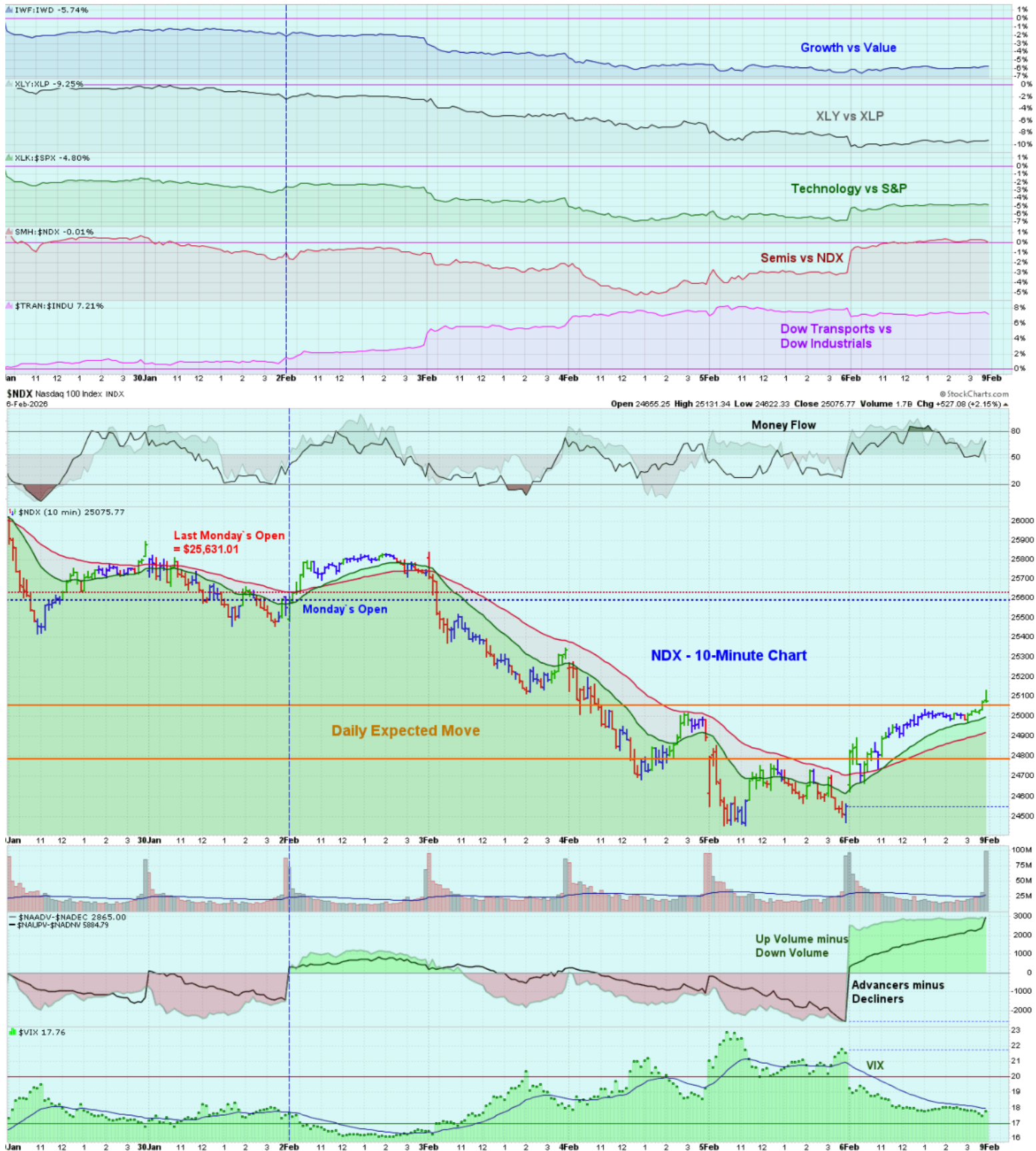
## 10-Minute Charts for the Week:

\$SPX S&P 500 Large Cap Index INDXX  
6-Feb-2026

Open 6816.74 High 6944.69 Low 6816.74 Close 6932.30 Volume 3.9B Chg +133.90 (+1.97%)







IWM iShares Russell 2000 ETF NYSE  
8-Feb-2020

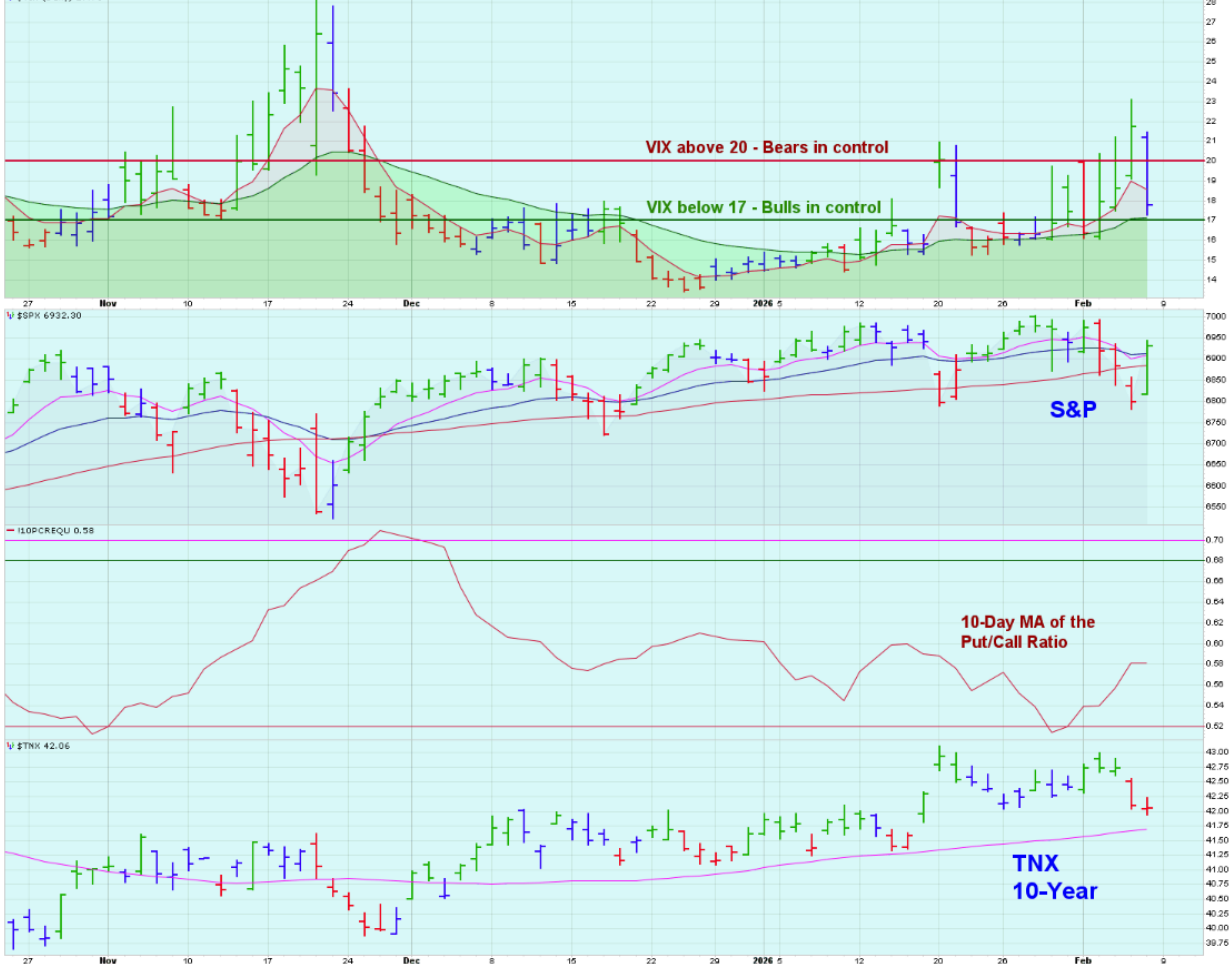
Open 259.74 High 265.72 Low 259.58 Close 265.02 Volume 43.3M Chg +5.19 (+3.55%)



## The VIX:

VIX Volatility Index - New Methodology INDX  
8-Feb-2020

Open 21.24 High 21.40 Low 17.27 Close 17.76 Chg -4.01 (-18.42%)



## Top 10 Best & Worst Large Caps for the Week:

NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	LAST	CHG	% CHG	+/-	SCTR	U
FDX - FedEx Corp.	Industrial	Delivery Services	369.23	+46.98	+14.58%	■	93.9	lrg
MMM - 3M Co.	Industrial	Diversified Industrials	172.65	+19.49	+12.73%	■	55.3	lrg
BMJ - Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	61.99	+6.94	+12.61%	■	85.0	lrg
AMGN - Amgen, Inc.	Health Care	Biotechnology	384.32	+42.44	+12.41%	■	84.0	lrg
CHTR - Charter Communications Inc.	Comm. Services	Entertainment	231.14	+25.02	+12.14%	■	23.2	lrg
PEP - PepsiCo, Inc.	Staples	Soft Drinks	170.49	+16.86	+10.97%	■	74.9	lrg
MRK - Merck & Co., Inc.	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	121.93	+11.66	+10.57%	■	91.2	lrg
CAT - Caterpillar, Inc.	Industrial	Commercial Vehicles	726.20	+68.84	+10.47%	■	94.9	lrg
UPS - United Parcel Service, Inc.	Industrial	Delivery Services	117.34	+11.12	+10.47%	■	81.5	lrg
DE - Deere & Co.	Industrial	Commercial Vehicles	583.11	+55.11	+10.44%	■	72.6	lrg
NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	LAST	CHG	% CHG	+/-	SCTR	U
PYPL - PayPal Holdings, Inc.	Financial	Consumer Finance	40.42	-12.27	-23.29%	■	1.5	lrg
NOW - ServiceNow, Inc.	Technology	Software	100.74	-16.27	-13.90%	■	1.2	lrg
ORCL - Oracle Corp.	Technology	Software	142.82	-21.76	-13.22%	■	2.5	lrg
AMZN - Amazon.com, Inc.	Discretionary	Broadline Retailers	210.32	-28.98	-12.11%	■	14.5	lrg
AMD - Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	208.44	-28.29	-11.95%	■	46.1	lrg
INTU - Intuit, Inc.	Technology	Software	443.77	-55.15	-11.05%	■	2.6	lrg
CRM - Salesforce.com, Inc.	Technology	Software	191.35	-20.94	-9.86%	■	5.9	lrg
QCOM - QUALCOMM Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	137.34	-14.25	-9.40%	■	9.9	lrg
ACN - Accenture Ltd.	Technology	Software	240.62	-23.02	-8.73%	■	16.6	lrg
ADBE - Adobe Systems, Inc.	Technology	Software	268.38	-24.87	-8.48%	■	6.7	lrg

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## Top 10 Best & Worst Small/Mid-Caps for the Week:

NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	LAST	CHG	% CHG	+/-	SCTR	U
SLAB - Silicon Laboratories, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	206.50	+64.05	+44.96%		94.8	mid
LITE - Lumentum Holdings Inc.	Technology	Telecom Equipment	551.99	+160.15	+40.87%		99.7	lrg
XPO - XPO Logistics, Inc.	Industrial	Transportation Services	203.61	+55.50	+37.47%		96.4	lrg
PAHC - Phibro Animal Health Corp.	Materials	Specialty Chemicals	53.07	+12.92	+32.18%		95.8	sml
POWL - Powell Industries, Inc.	Industrial	Industrial Suppliers	584.22	+140.63	+31.70%		98.6	mid
RRX - Regal Rexnord Corporation	Technology	Electrical Components	211.80	+50.30	+31.15%		95.1	lrg
JBLU - JetBlue Airways Corp.	Industrial	Airlines	6.36	+1.49	+30.60%		90.4	sml
ALGT - Allegiant Travel Co.	Industrial	Airlines	114.79	+26.16	+29.52%		97.3	sml
FORM - FormFactor Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	90.29	+19.80	+28.09%		99.1	mid
ADNT - Adient plc	Discretionary	Auto Parts	26.46	+5.66	+27.21%		86.5	sml
NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	LAST	CHG	% CHG	+/-	SCTR	U
CRVL - CorVel Corp.	Health Care	Health Care Providers	48.67	-20.96	-30.10%		0.9	mid
AZTA - Azenta, Inc.	Health Care	Medical Supplies	28.72	-10.16	-26.13%		10.8	mid
DOCS - Doximity Inc.	Technology	Software	27.73	-9.74	-25.99%		0.2	mid
OMCL - Omnicell Inc.	Health Care	Medical Equipment	37.07	-11.43	-23.57%		21.9	mid
BRBR - Bellring Brands Inc	Staples	Food Products	19.52	-5.35	-21.51%		0.7	mid
MMS - Maximus, Inc.	Industrial	Business Support Services	75.08	-19.36	-20.50%		10.9	mid
EXLS - ExlService Holdings Inc.	Industrial	Business Support Services	31.70	-7.45	-19.03%		6.0	mid
THRY - Thryv Holdings Inc.	Comm. Services	Media Agencies	3.90	-0.91	-18.92%		5.6	sml
SHOO - Steven Madden, Ltd.	Discretionary	Footwear	35.71	-8.17	-18.62%		36.7	mid
CERT - Certara Inc.	Health Care	Biotechnology	7.23	-1.56	-17.75%		15.8	sml

### WEEKLY VIEW



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From Real Investment Advice:

## Technology Stocks: Dead Or An Opportunity? - RIA

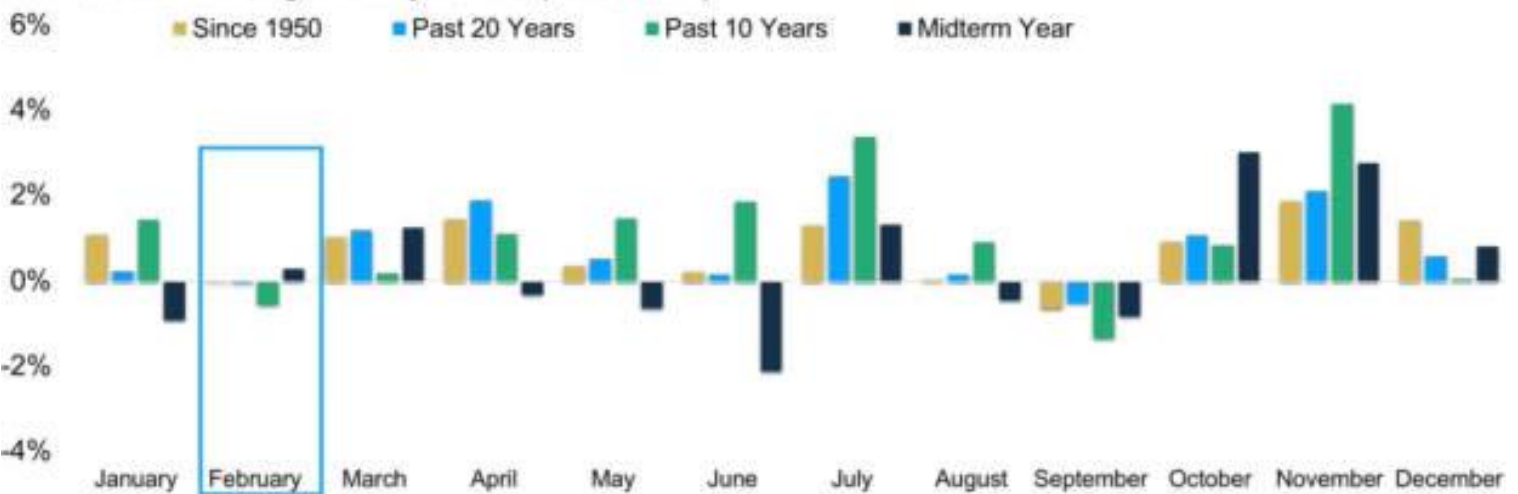
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### **Market Brief – Market Volatility Returns**

Markets stumbled into February, a historically weak month. February tends to deliver modest returns, with average performance trailing the stronger gains typically seen in January and March. Seasonal tailwinds, such as earnings season and new-year fund flows, begin to fade, while macro headwinds, such as tightening liquidity or policy uncertainty, often reemerge. February also lacks the retail-driven momentum of the holiday season, leading to lower volume and more volatile price action. Investors should be cautious, as February has a track record of chopping sideways or pulling back before spring's broader recovery patterns take hold.

### **Historically, February Has Been Weak**

S&P 500 Index Average Monthly Returns (1950 - 2025)

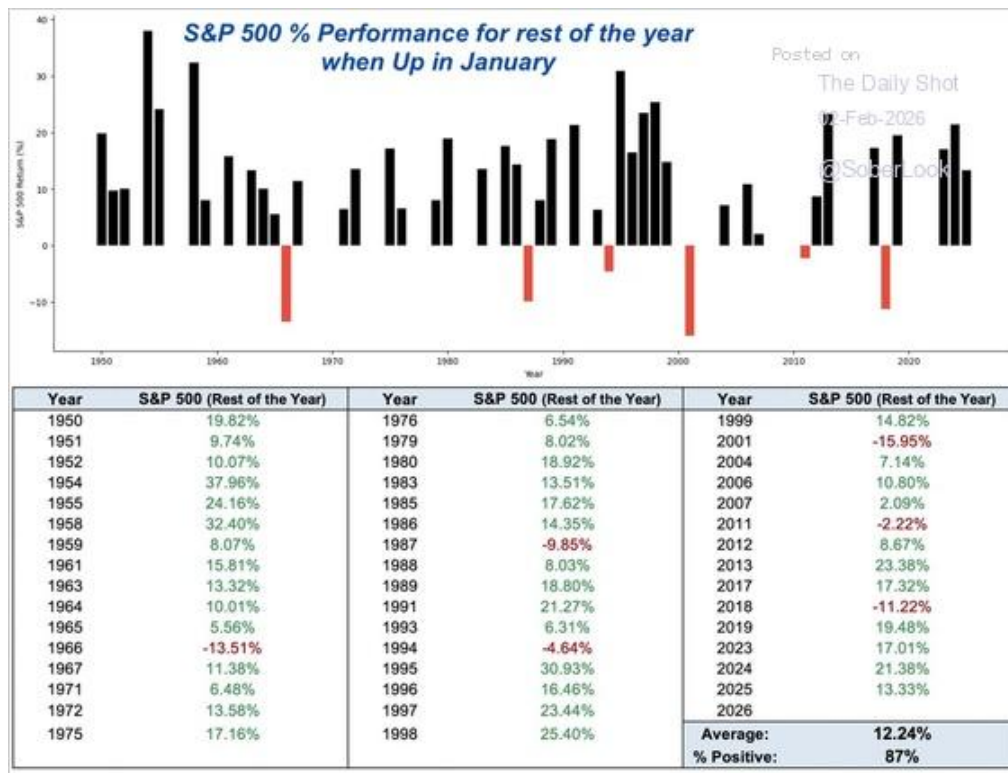


Source: Carson Investment Research, YCharts 01/30/2026 (1950 - 2025)

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The good news is that both the first 5 days and the month of January were positive. As shown, when January's performance is positive, the rest of the year has been positive 87% of the time. However, that does not mean there can't be bumps along the way.



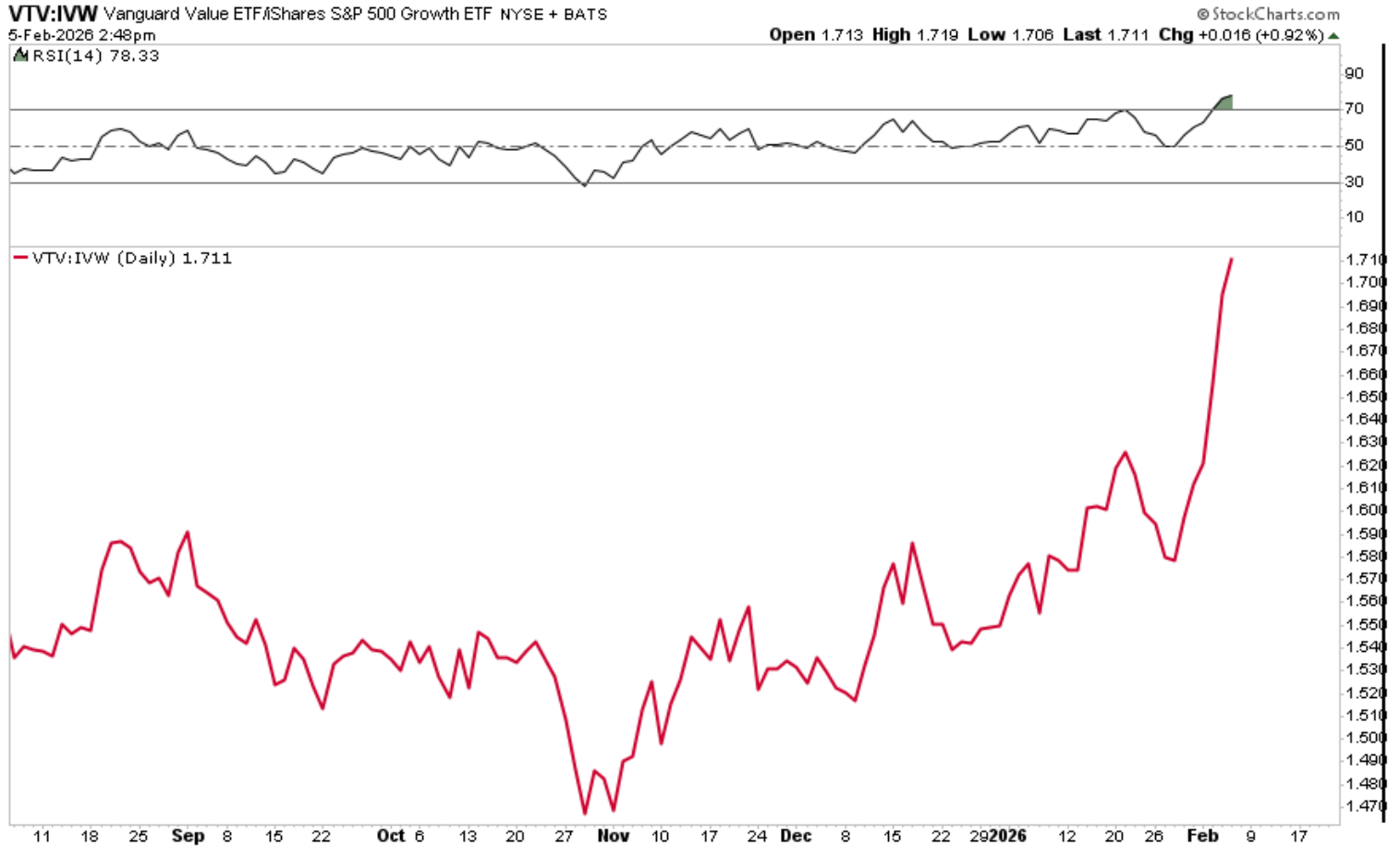
Returning our focus to this past week, it was Technology stocks that led the decline, along with precious metals, particularly silver, and cryptocurrencies. While headlines suggested a combination of earnings guidance and rising capital spending triggered the sharp reversal in sentiment, it was most likely margin calls from leveraged longs in the metals and crypto markets that bled over into the stock market.

While the decline in the technology stocks was notable, the earnings reports were very strong and certainly didn't justify the price declines. For example, **Alphabet** (GOOG) reported solid revenue but shocked investors with a \$50 billion AI capex plan. That raised concerns about future margins and capital discipline, leading the stock to decline by 6%. **Amazon** (AMZN) also exceeded earnings and revenue estimates by a hefty margin, with revenue rising 14%. But as with GOOG, the \$200 billion capex commitment was noted as the reason for the 8% decline.

Another area of significant weakness was in Software, particularly SaaS stocks, which sold off hard. CrowdStrike (CRWD), Salesforce (CRM), and ServiceNow (NOW) were hit as investors trimmed exposure to high-multiple names. The liquidation across the technology sector was brutal and is likely far more extreme than forward expectations for growth and earnings justify, as the subject of today's commentary.

Conversely, while tech stocks stumbled, capital rotated into value. Energy, Financials, and Industrials outperformed on a relative basis, and even small and mid-caps held up better. However, as we noted in our *Daily Market Commentary*, that push into value stocks is now grossly extended. Investors should consider taking profits and rebalancing risk.





The macro backdrop didn't help, with the Fed sidelined for now and markets shifting expectations for rate cuts later into the year. Labor market data was also mixed, with fewer jobless claims and strong job openings, but ADP showed only 22K jobs in January. (*The release of the BLS employment report was delayed due to the Government shutdown.*)

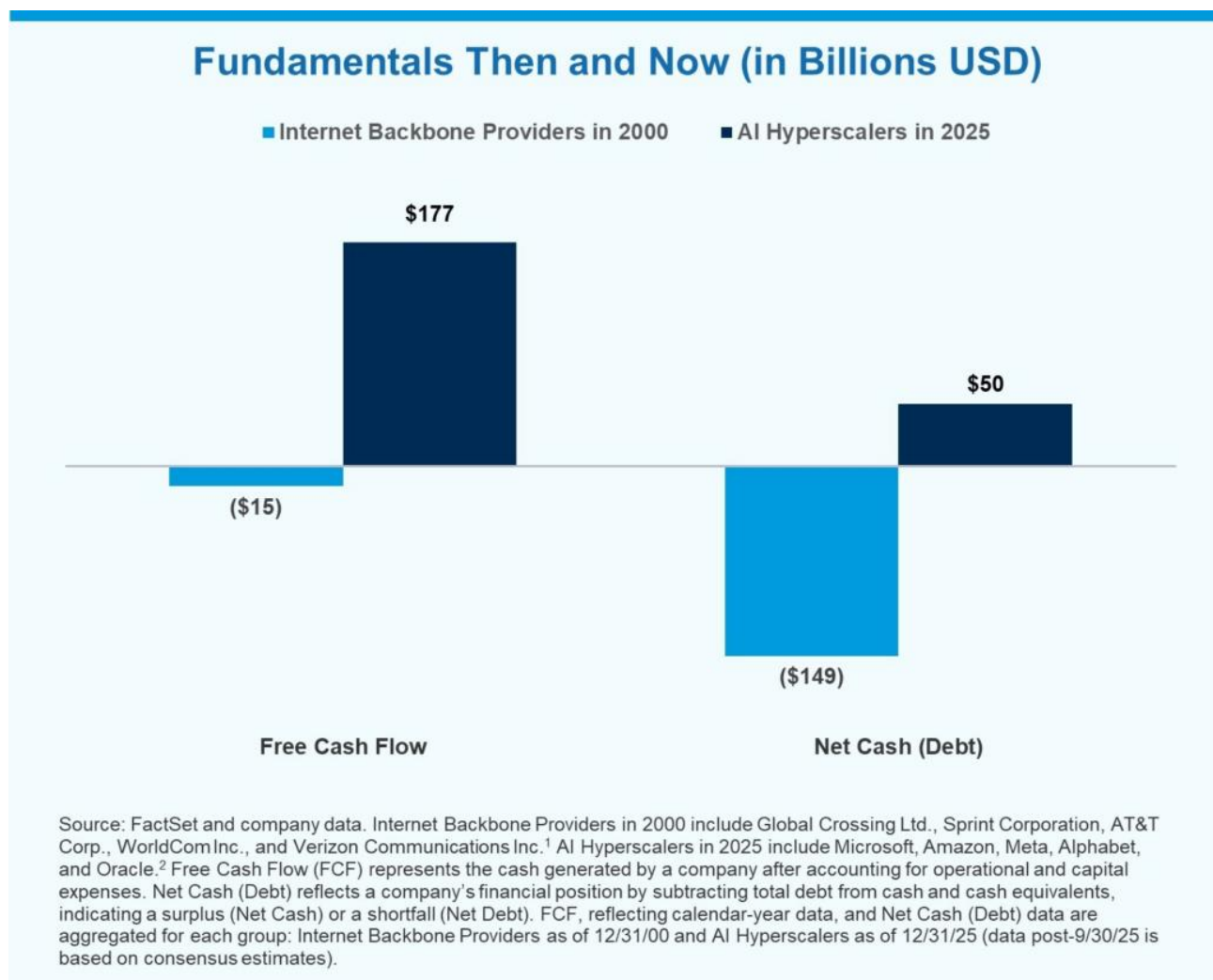
Notably, while technology sentiment broke under the weight of earnings misses and rising macro uncertainty, the long-term backdrop remains unchanged. The recent selloff, like the many others we have seen in the past, is likely a reset, not a crash. Stay disciplined, manage risk, and let price and data lead.

While the media was full of headlines about why selling was so broad across markets, the more likely explanation was that metals and crypto cracked, and systematic and risk parity strategies reduced exposure. The Nasdaq absorbed most of the damage as high-multiple software and AI-related names led the decline. By Thursday, price action showed signs of forced selling, with intraday ranges widening and volume rising on down moves. **These patterns align with margin-driven liquidation rather than discretionary positioning.**

As noted, the change in tone on Friday was encouraging as the sharp rebound eased automated selling pressure. However, when forced sellers finish, prices often snap back

quickly. Crucially, this does not signal a new uptrend, **just a potential end to the first liquidation wave**. There is now a much higher risk of another leg lower than a move higher. As such, traders should focus on levels, not narratives. **Relief rallies fail often when resistance holds**. Sustained upside requires volatility stabilization and tighter intraday ranges. If support holds early next week, consolidation becomes the base case. Failure at support opens the door for a second leg lower.

One of the rising concerns among investors with a more bearish outlook is the increase in debt taken on by Megacap companies to fund capital expenditures for data center buildout. However, as shown, those debt levels remain exceptionally low and very manageable, along with free cash flow, compared to the Dot.com bubble. At the same time, many are returning capital to shareholders through buybacks and dividends have increased in select names.



## Asset returns when the Dollar Index (DXY) is above or below its 200-day average

When Dollar is...	Gold Annualized Return	% Of Time
> 200-Day Avg	4.5%	49%
< 200-Day Avg	17.7%	51%

When Dollar is...	Commodities Annualized Return	% Of Time
> 200-Day Avg	1.8%	49%
< 200-Day Avg	13.4%	51%

When Dollar is...	Copper Annualized Return	% Of Time
> 200-Day Avg	1.9%	49%
< 200-Day Avg	15.8%	51%

When Dollar is...	S&P 500 Annualized Return	% Of Time
> 200-Day Avg	6.7%	49%
< 200-Day Avg	12.5%	51%

When Dollar is...	Emerging Markets Annualized Return	% Of Time
> 200-Day Avg	1.4%	51%
< 200-Day Avg	17.1%	49%

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# The Sweet Spot?

S&P 500 Returns When January Is Up Between 0-2% (1950 - Current)

S&P 500 Returns		
Year	January Return Between 0-2%	Next 11 Months
1950	1.5%	19.8%
1952	1.6%	10.1%
1955	1.8%	24.2%
1959	0.4%	8.1%
1966	0.5%	-13.5%
1972	2.0%	13.6%
1986	0.2%	14.3%
1993	0.7%	6.3%
1998	1.0%	25.4%
2004	1.7%	7.1%
2007	1.4%	2.1%
2017	1.8%	17.3%
2024	1.6%	21.4%
2026	1.5%*	?
Average		12.0%
Median		13.6%
Higher		12
Count		13
% Higher		92.3%

Average Year (1950 - 2025)

Average	8.2%
Median	9.9%
% Higher	76.3%

Source: Carson Investment Research, FactSet 01/30/2026

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\* Return with 5 hours to go

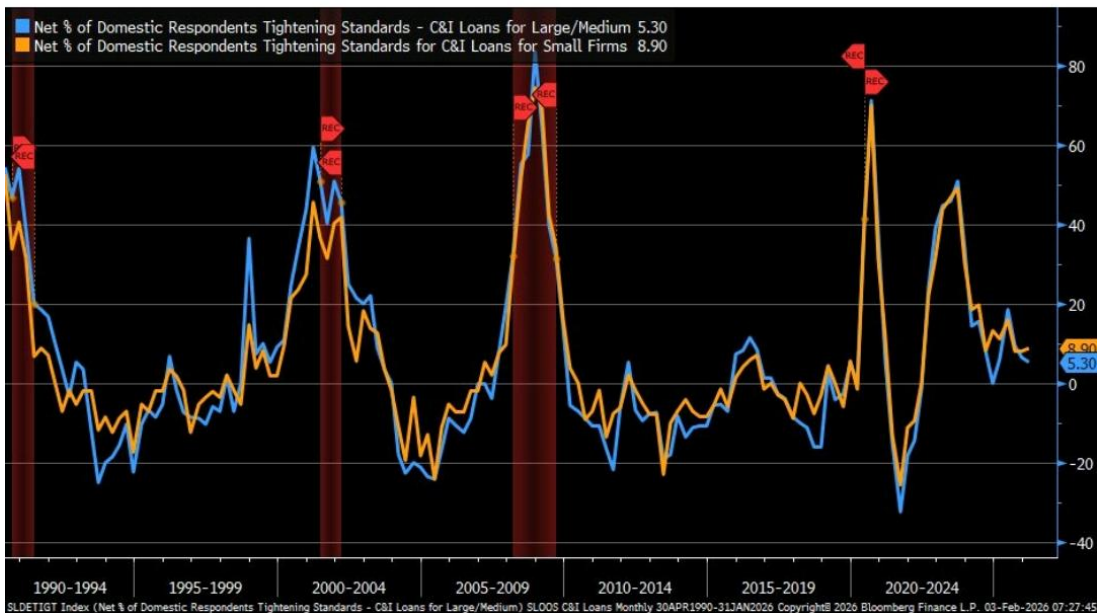
The January Barometer Looks At S&P 500 Returns Based On January Returns



**New orders component (blue) of ISM Manufacturing PMI rose sharply in January, but prices paid (orange) has continued to creep higher over past few months as inflation pressure remains sticky**



**Latest Fed senior loan officer opinion survey showed that lending standards continued to ease for large/medium firms (blue) but tightened gradually for small firms (orange)**



**Trading places lately for ISM Manufacturing (blue) and Services (orange) when it comes to new orders ... former saw strong jump in January while latter moved lower**



**As job openings (blue) fell to new cycle low in December, so did number of openings per unemployed individuals (orange)**





# Adjusting for ISM methodology, out of all regions, Philly Fed's manufacturing gauge (blue) ended up being closest to where ISM Manufacturing PMI (green) landed for January



**Equal-weighted S&P 500 forward 12m EPS continues to trek higher and make new highs ... growth has accelerated in past six months**



**Year/year growth in Johnson Redbook Same Store Sales Index continues to look healthy, coming in at +6.7% in most recent week**



**Relative to S&P 500, Tech sector has wiped out all gains since last June**  
**[Past performance is no guarantee of future results]**



**Large speculators continue to extend their stretch of remaining net short S&P 500 futures thru end of January**





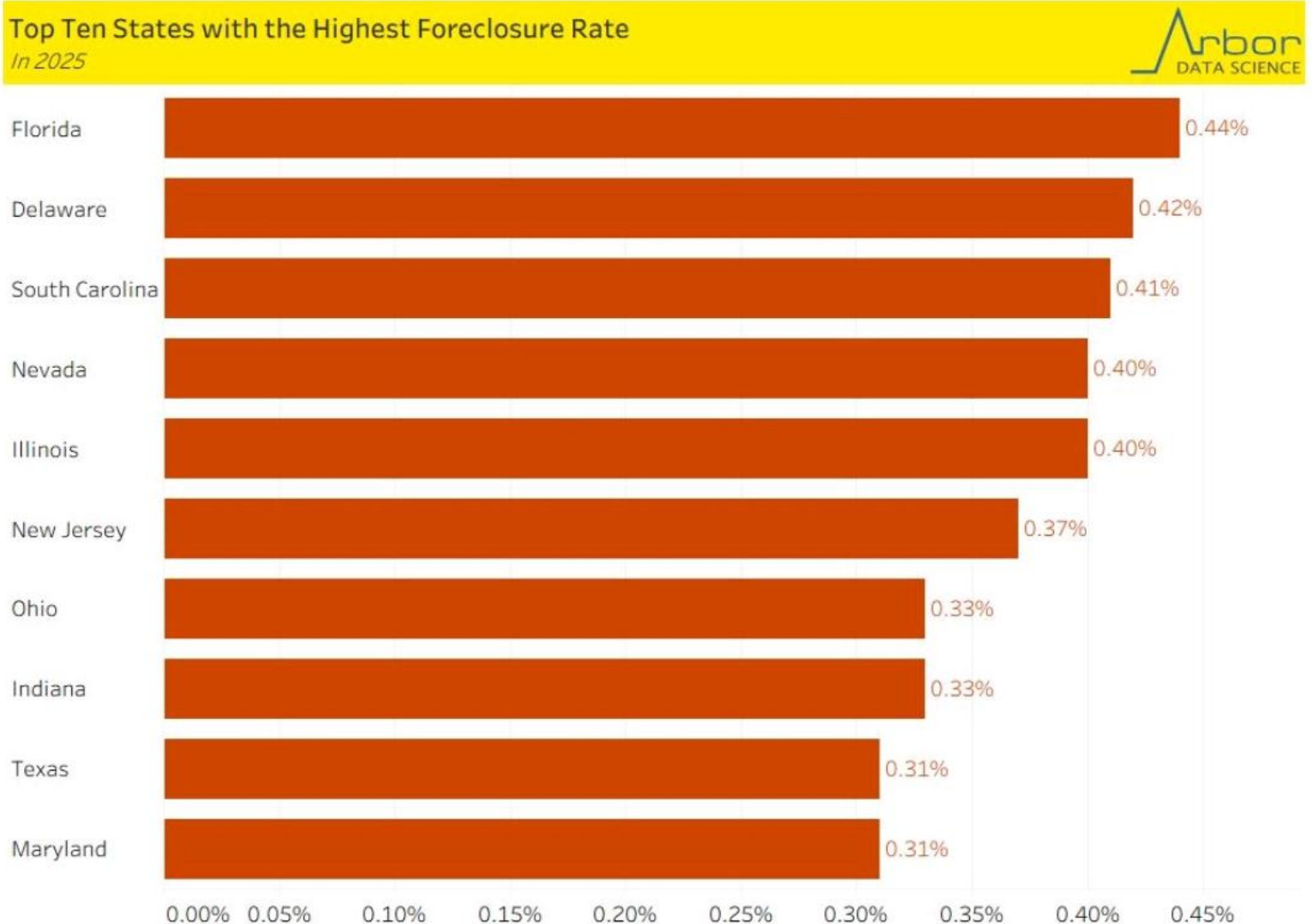
## Small businesses remain under pressure ... per ADP data, payrolls for companies with 20-49 employees fell in January for fifth consecutive month



Early days but if Russell 2000 outperforms  
S&P 500 in February it will be second  
consecutive month, which hasn't happened  
since early 2024  
[Past performance is no guarantee of future  
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**Per data from ATTOM, Florida had highest foreclosure rate out of any state in 2025 ... reasons cited included affordability issues due to insurance premiums, property taxes, and general ownership costs**



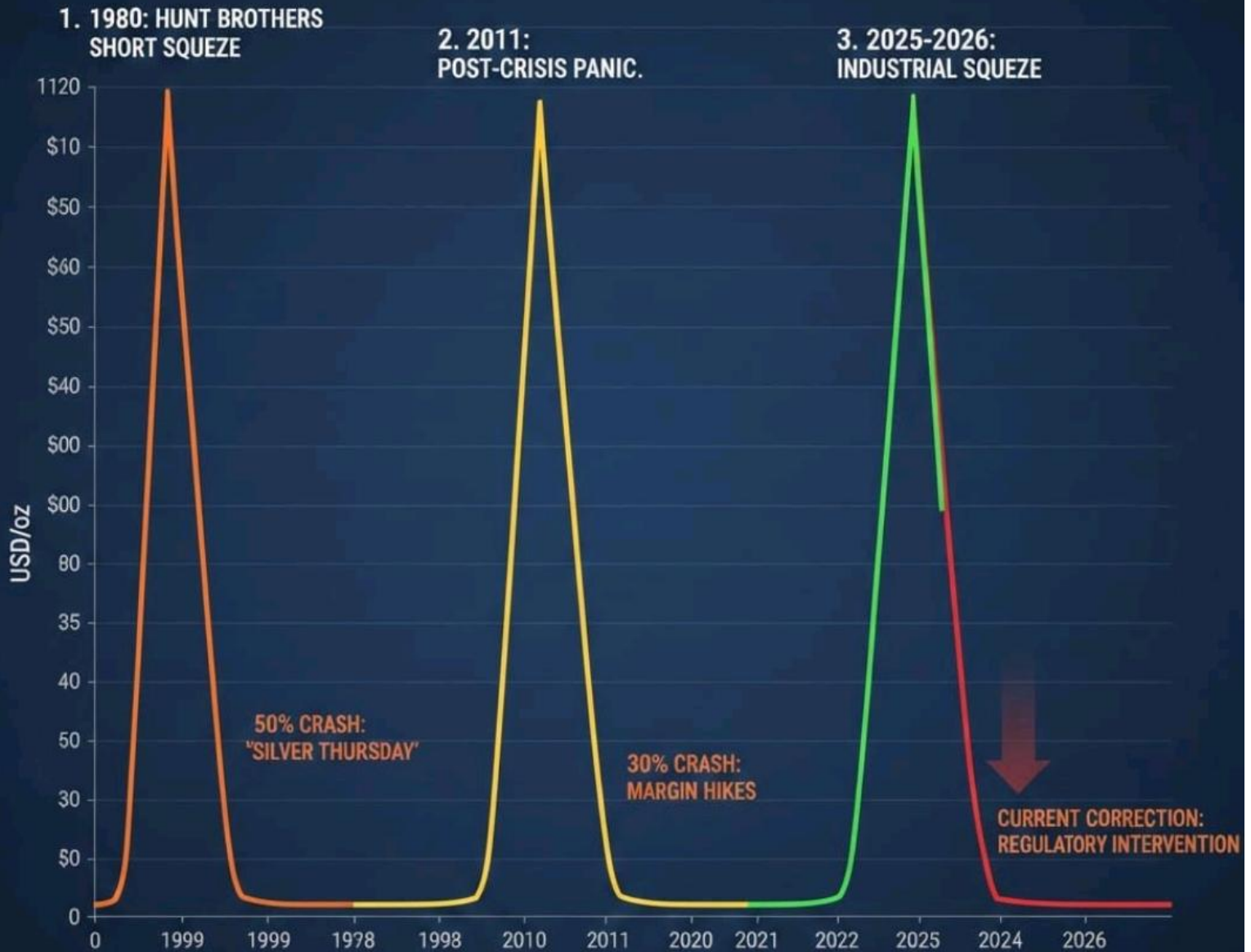
Data Source: ATTOM, Realtor.com

Note: Share of residential properties with a foreclosure filing in 2025 including default notices, scheduled auctions, and bank repossessions

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# THE WILD WEST OF METAL: SILVER'S HISTORIC SPIKES SPIKES & CRASHES



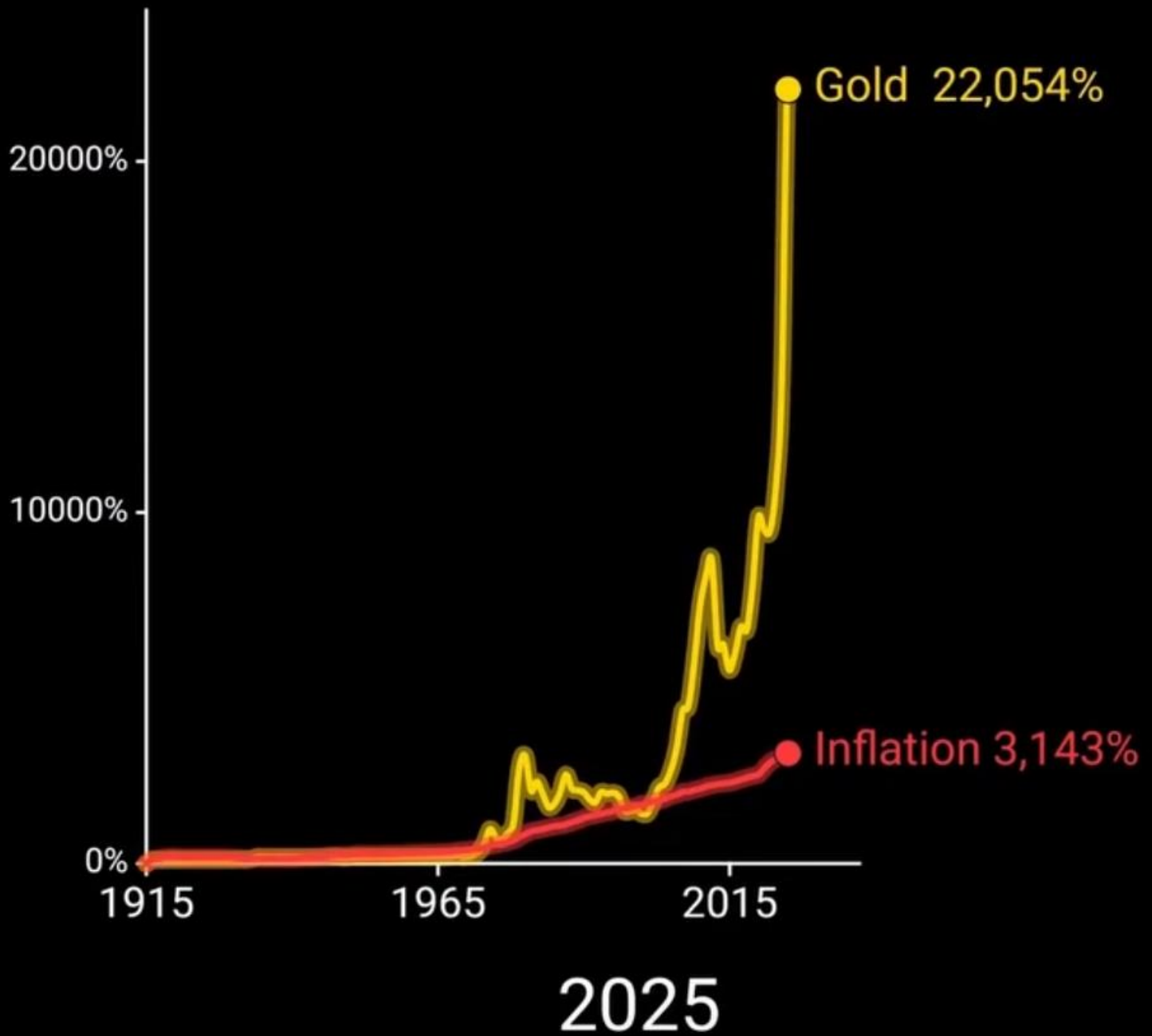
The Lesson: Volatility Requires Strategy.

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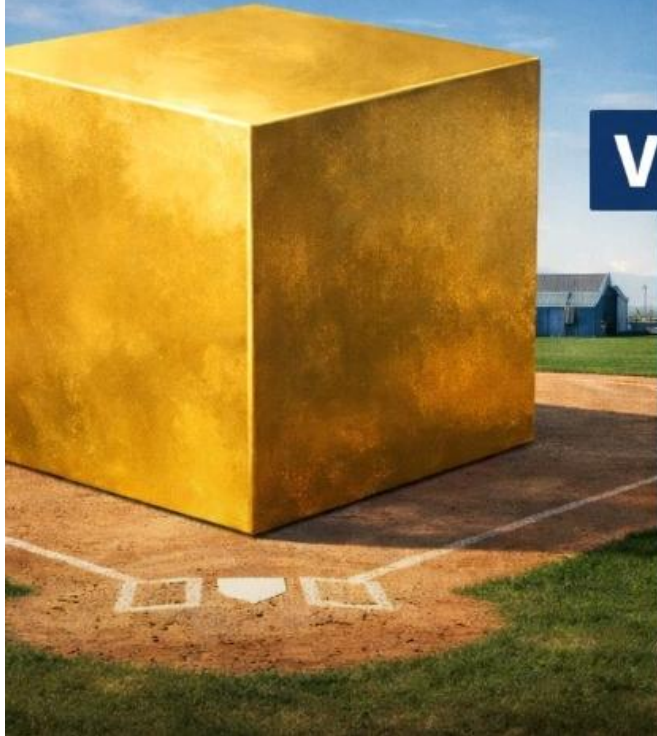


# Gold vs. Inflation



## PILE A

\$9.6 Trillion in Gold



VS.

## PILE B

\$9.6 Trillion in Productive Assets



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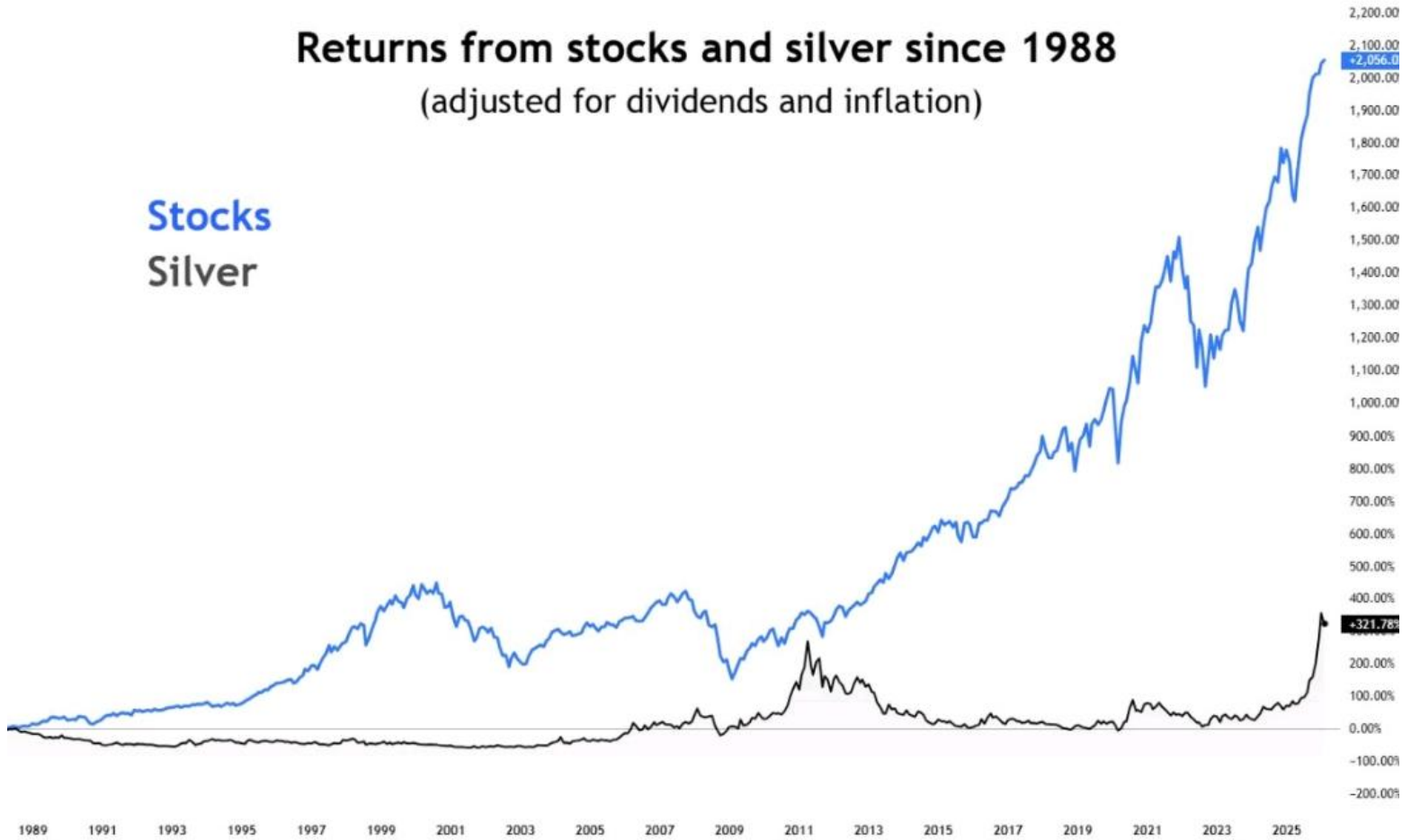


\$1 Trillion in Cash

## Returns from stocks and silver since 1988

(adjusted for dividends and inflation)

Stocks  
Silver





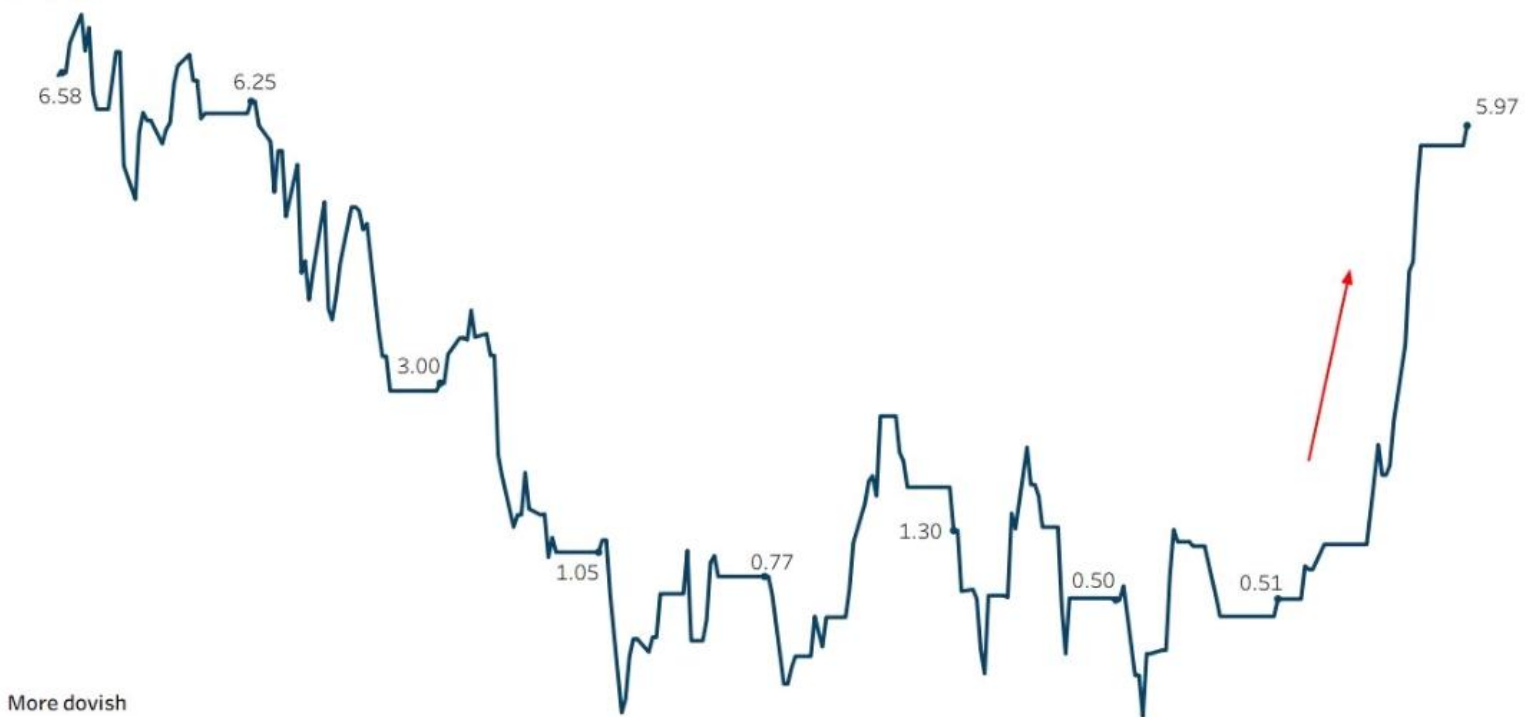
# Bloomberg Economics' natural language processing model tracking FOMC shows that members have increasingly sounded hawkish over past couple months (back to March/April 2025 levels)

## Bloomberg Economics' NLP Fed Sentiment Model Tilts Hawkish to Start 2026

NLP algorithm trained on Bloomberg News headlines from 1/28/2025 to 1/28/2026 with labels for each FOMC meeting date



More hawkish



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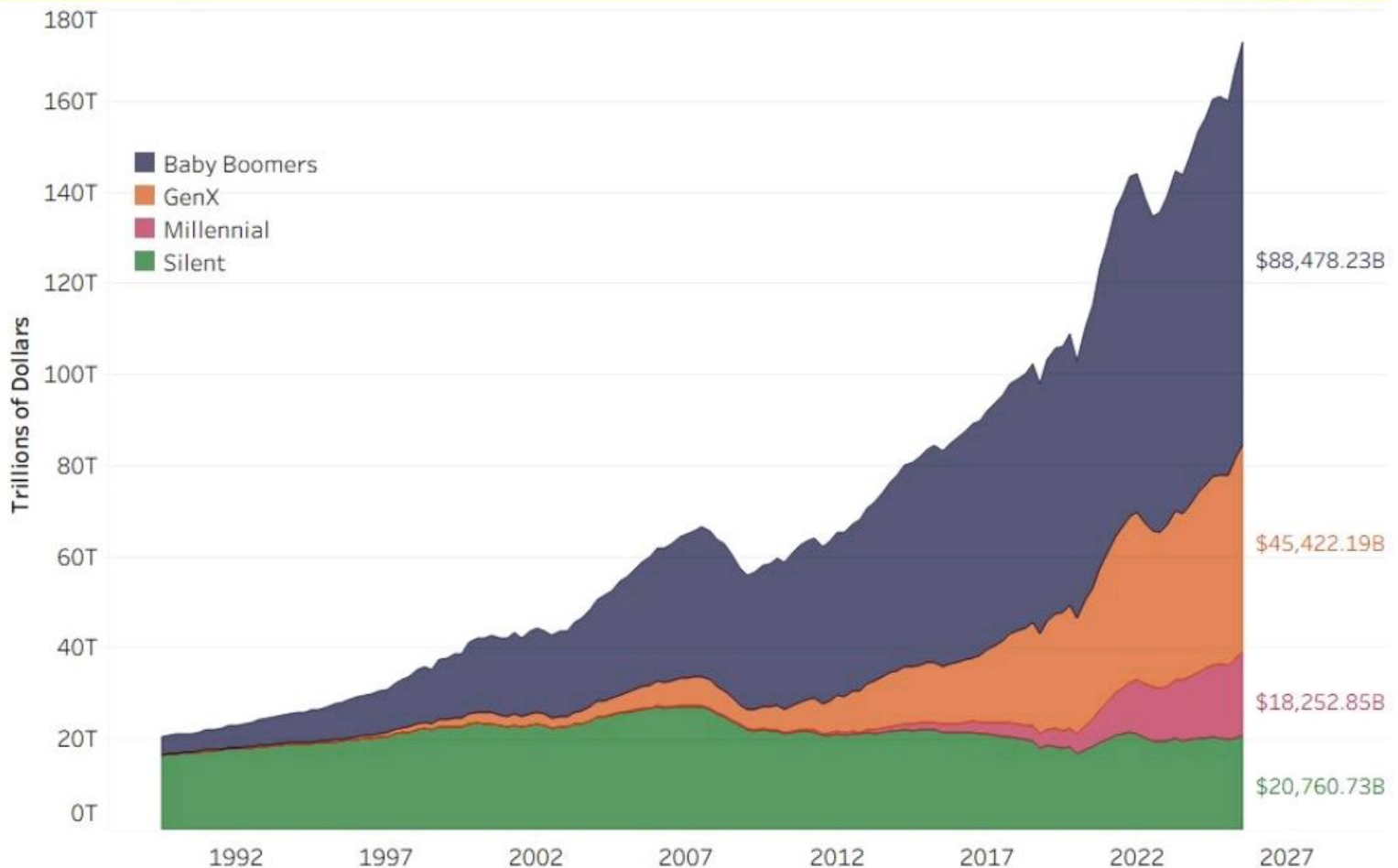
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# As of 3Q2025, Baby Boomers' household wealth swelled to \$88.5 trillion

## U.S. Distribution of Household Wealth by Generation

From Q2 1989 to Q3 2025



Data Source: Survey of Consumer Finances and Financial Accounts of the United States

Note: Distributions by generation are defined by birth year as follows: Silent and Earlier=born before 1946, Baby Boomer=born 1946-1964, Gen X=born 1965-1980, and Millennial=born 1981 or later.

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## U.S. retailers with the most openings and closures in 2025

CLOSURES	
Rite Aid	1,292
Joann	815
Party City	738
Big Lots	682
GameStop	671
Claire's	485
Walgreens	479
7-Eleven	426
Forever 21	375
CVS	271
OPENINGS	
Dollar General	611
Dollar Tree	442
Alimentation Couche-Tard <i>Circle K</i>	342
Aldi	225
7-Eleven	198
Five Below	146
Casey's	145
Burlington	141
Ace Hardware	132
TJX*	93

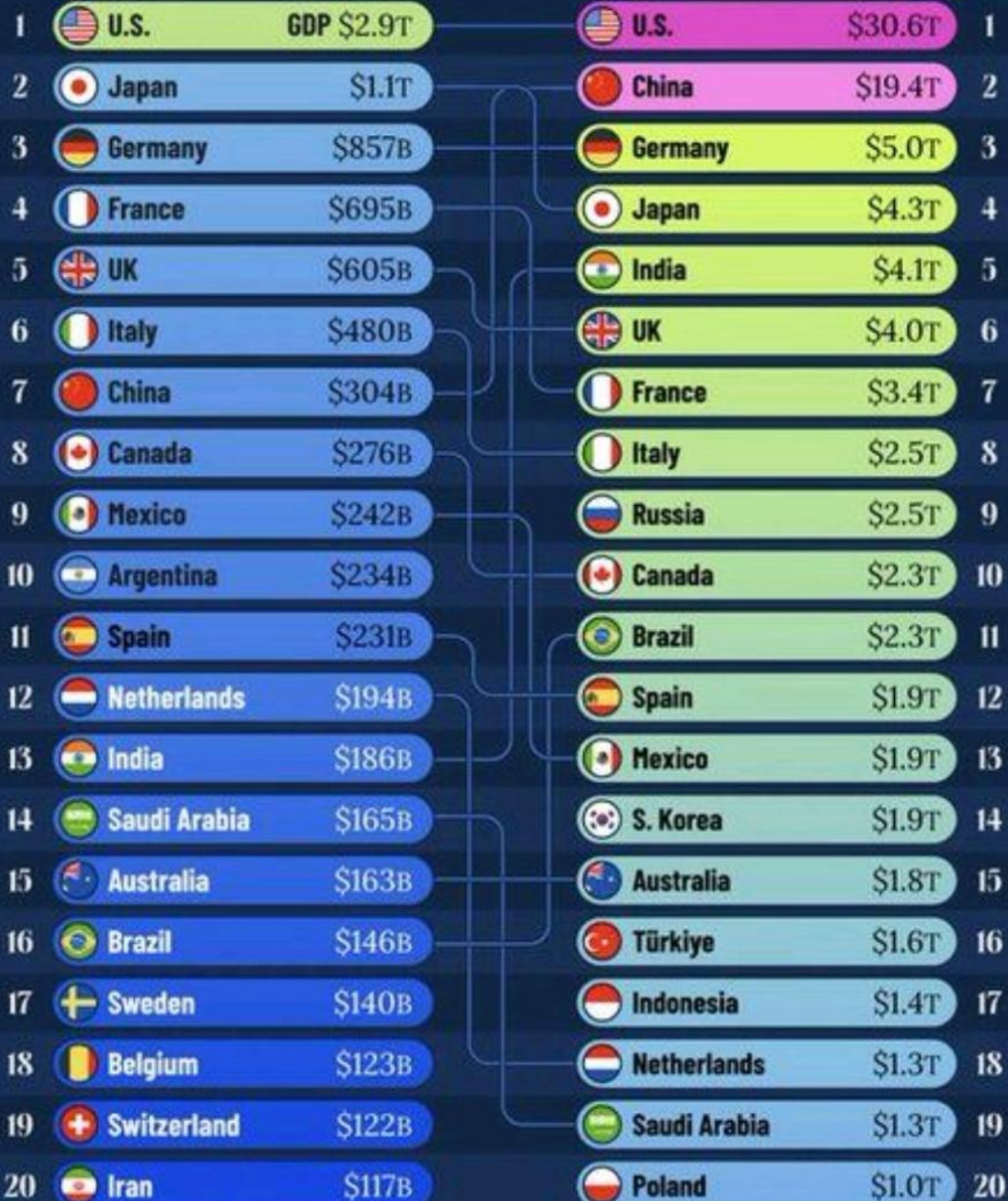


# TOP 20 ECONOMIES

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1980 ————— 2025



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook October 2025  
GDP figures are in current U.S. dollars (not adjusted for inflation).

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