Confidence In The Markets

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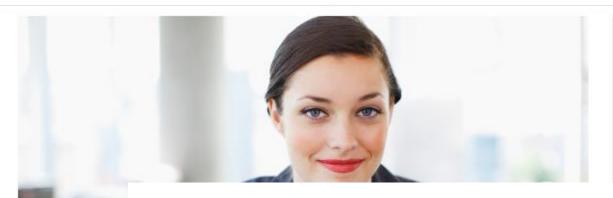


Conventional Thinking

Our Actions Impact Our Confidence Level

10 Ways to Boost Your Confidence

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Kay and Shipman shine a perceptive light on the crucial rule that confidence plays in the ability of women in succeed. They offer women proceed a visice and the vision of a more hopeful future.
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THE SCIENCE AND ART OF SELF-ASSURANCE— WHAT WOMEN SHOULD KNOW

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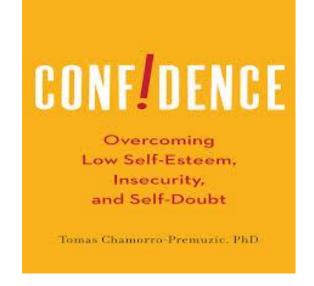
25 Killer Actions to Boost Your Self-Confidence

Amy Cuddy's TED talk



Your body language shapes who you are

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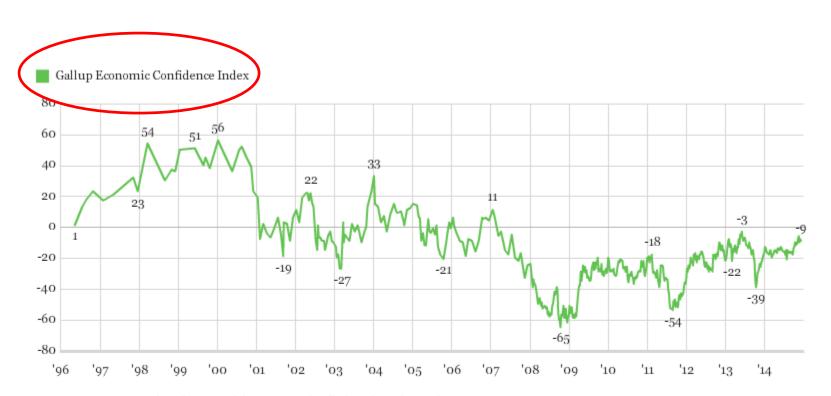
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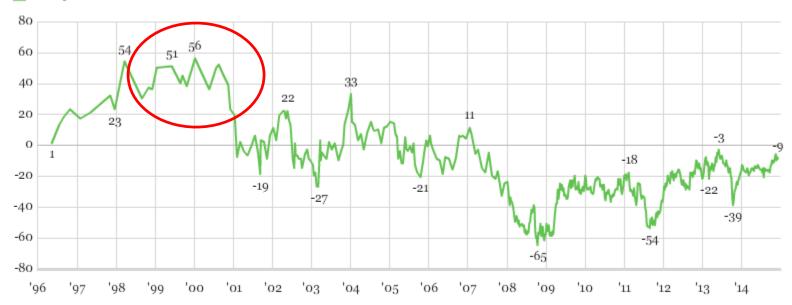
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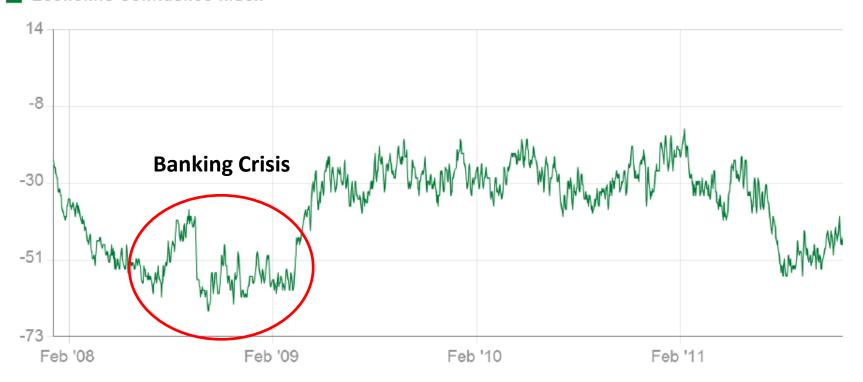
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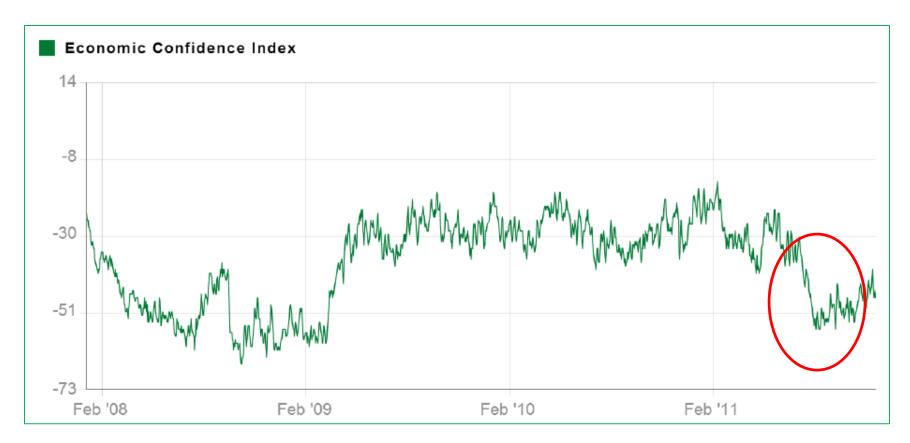


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The banking crisis marked a major bottom in confidence.

Economic Confidence Index









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BY JANET HOOK

What's News

Business & Finance

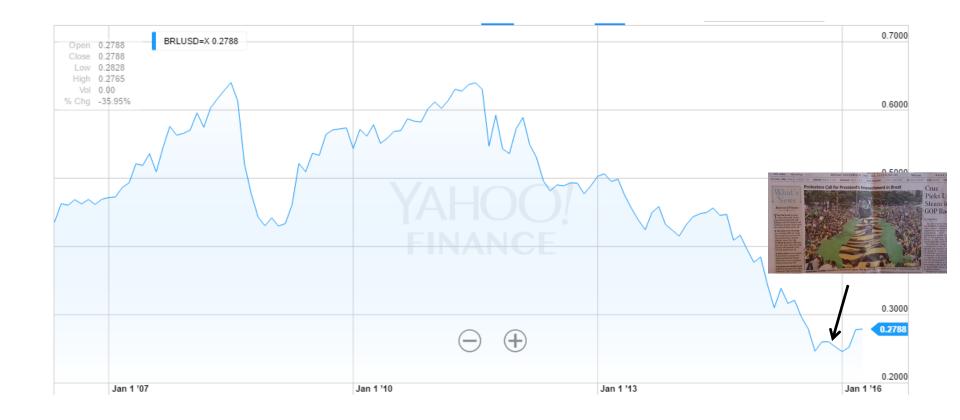
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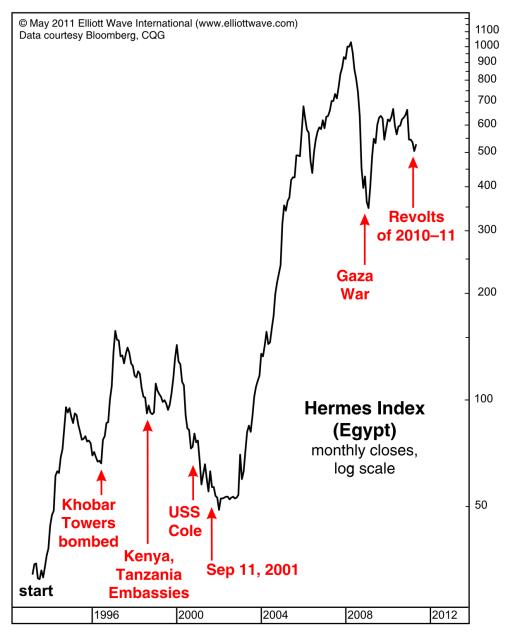
- Investors are bracing for another difficult week after junk-bond prices Friday posted their largest decline since 2011. A1
- ♦ Third Avenue's CEO has left, just days after the firm barred withdrawals from its junk-bond fund. C1
- ◆ Yahoo faces new pressure from investor groups who oppose giving CEO Mayer more time to show progress on her turnaround. B1
- ♦ Activist shareholder Loeb called for the removal of Dow Chemical's CEO over the tim-

Protesters Call for President's Impeachment in Brazil



six weeks earlier. The poll also showed





Credit: Mark Galasiewski, Elliott Wave International

ISIS Confidence Aligns With Crude Prices

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Increases In Home Prices Boost Confidence

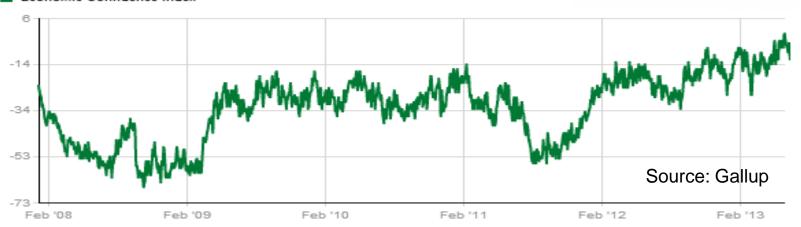
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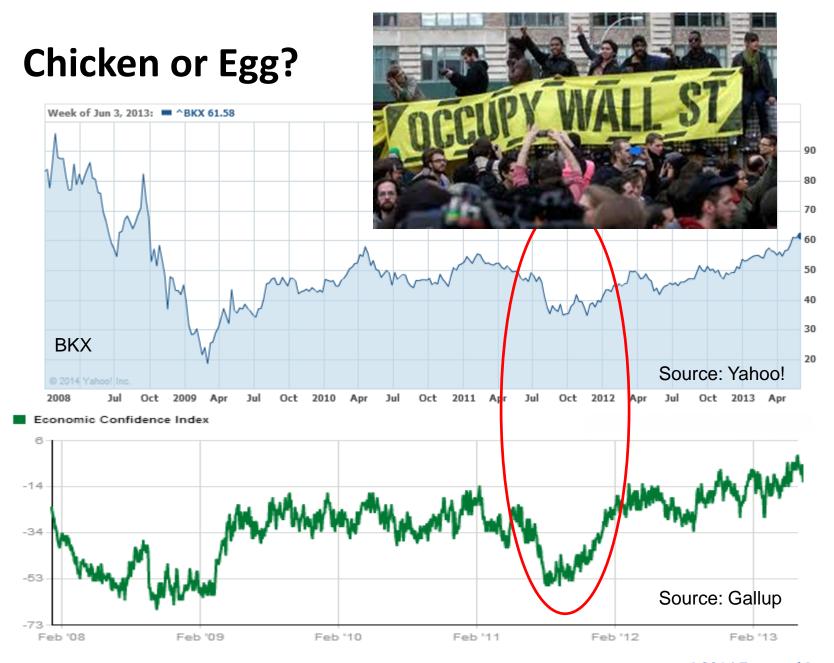




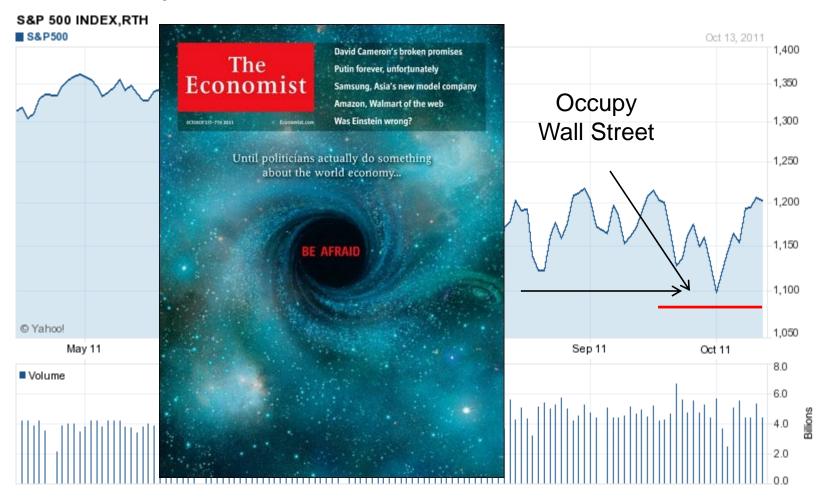


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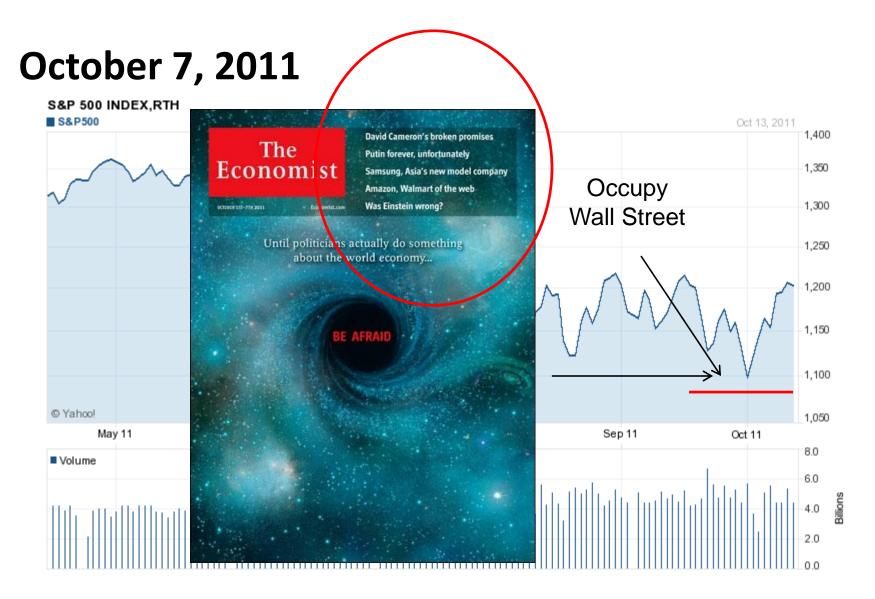
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The Media Follows Mood

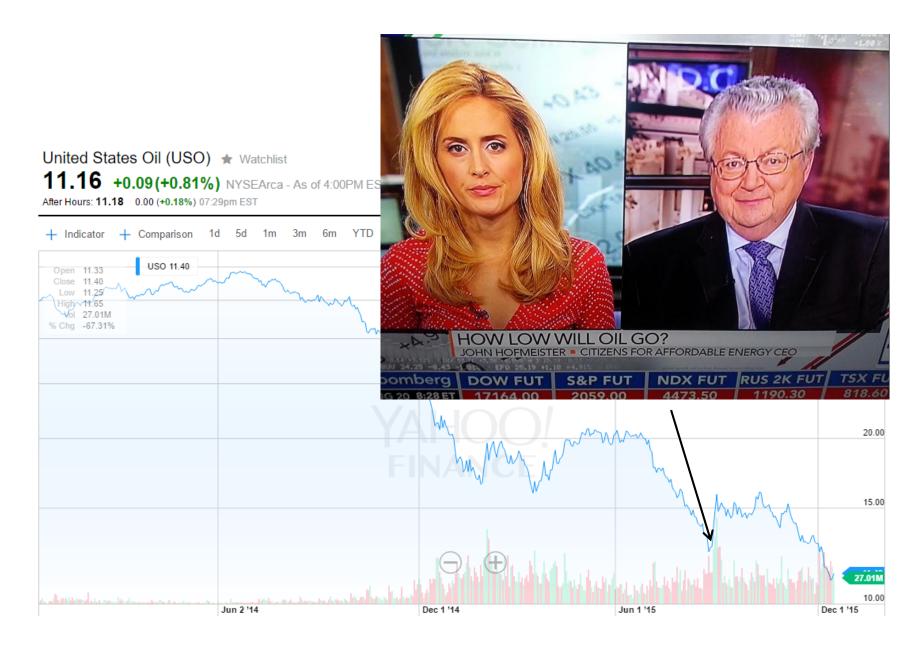


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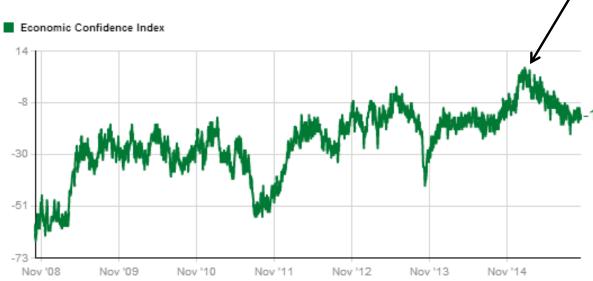
Is Gold Cheap? Who Knows? But Gold-Mining



Market Vectors Gold Miners ETF (GDX)



Picture Perfect!



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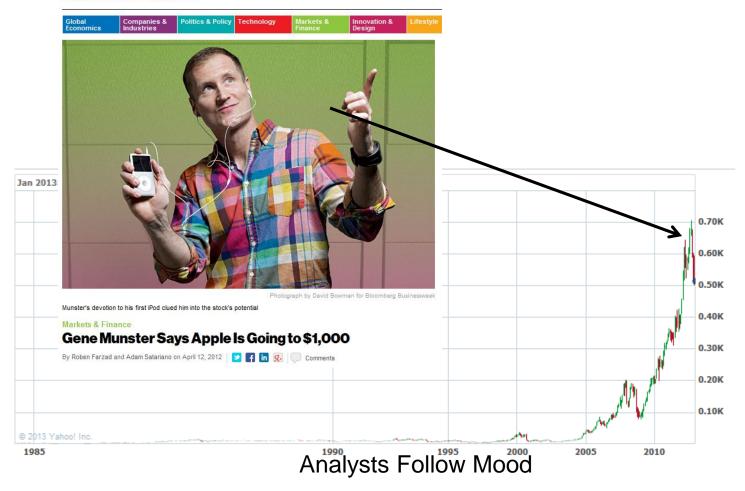
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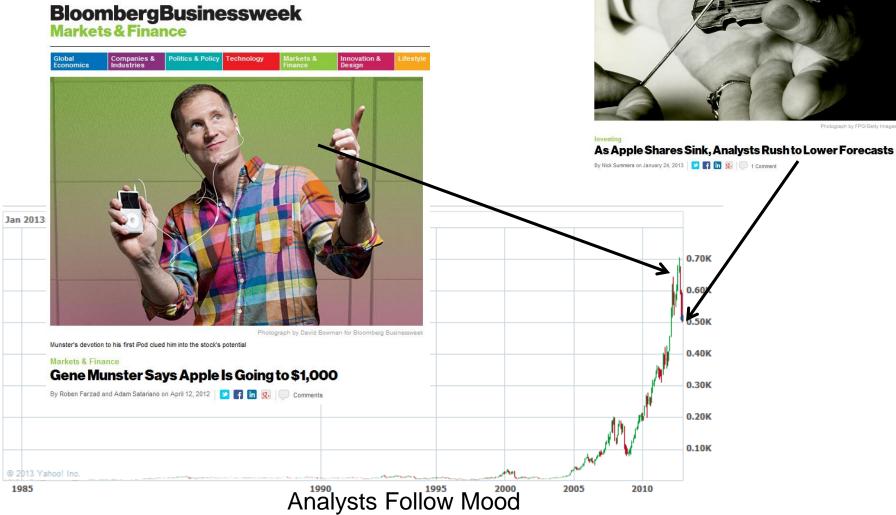
The Analysts Impact Confidence

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BloombergBusinessweek Markets & Finance



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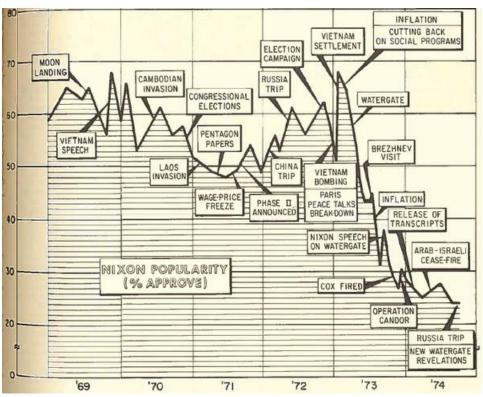
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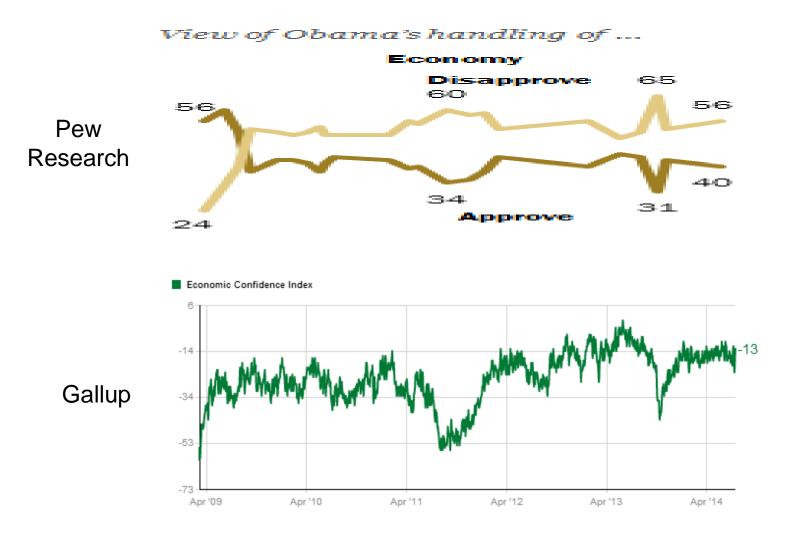
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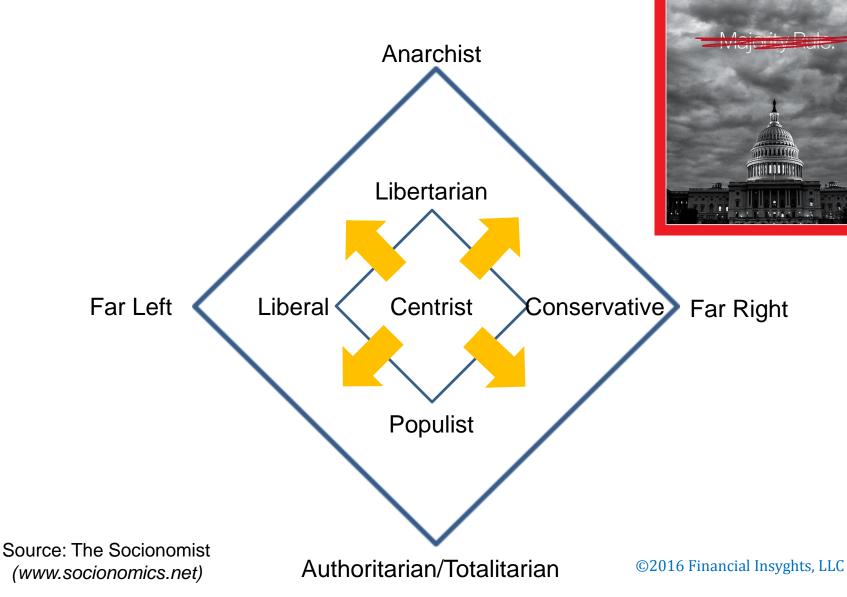


The President is only as good as WE feel



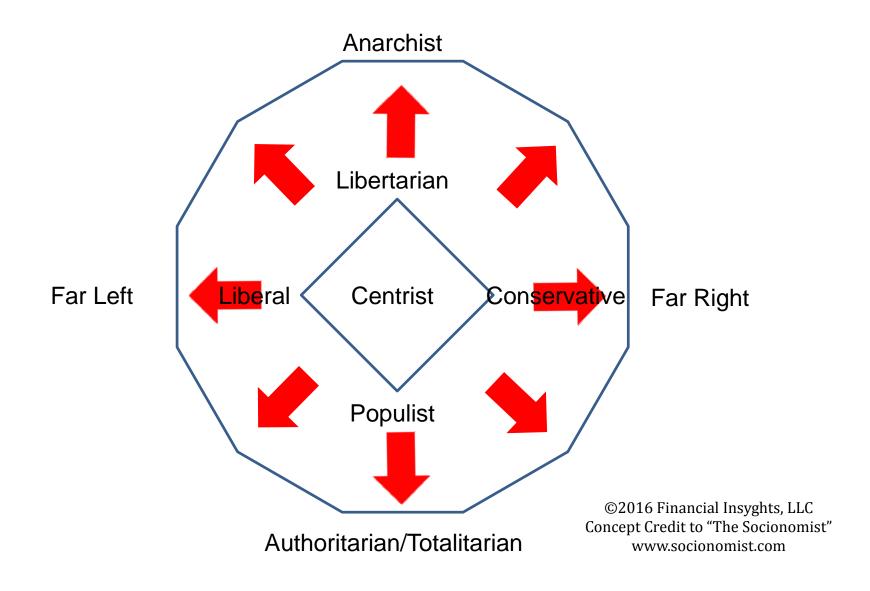
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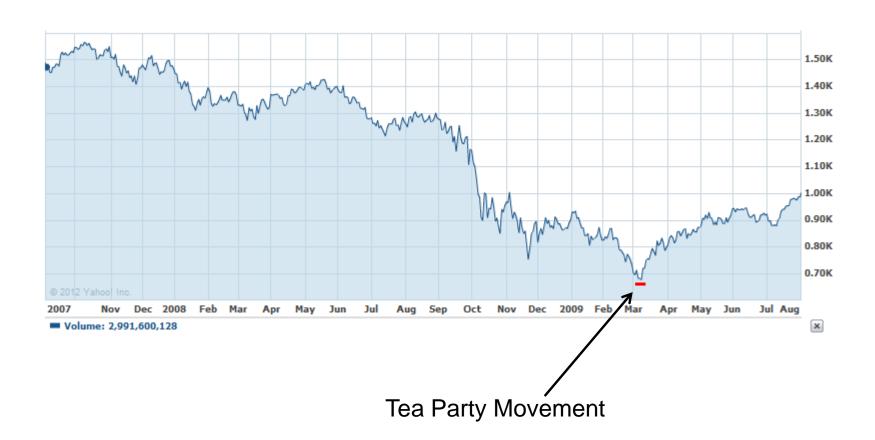


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And Then There Was Greece in 2012...



America in 2009



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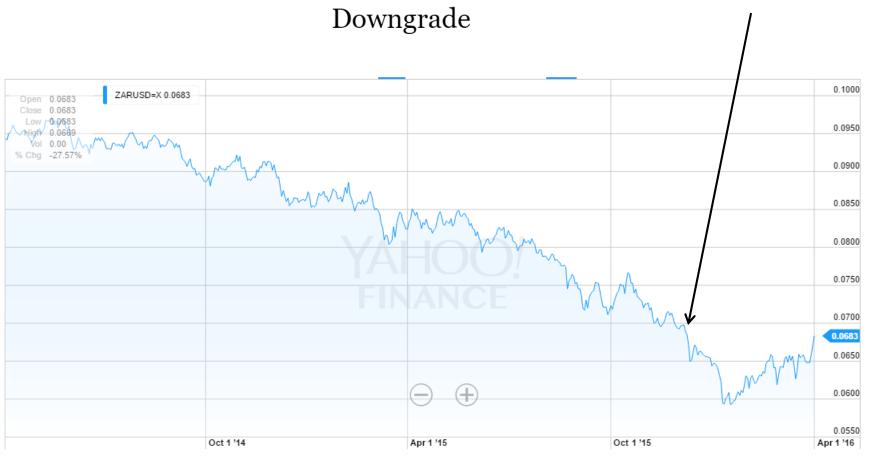
Norway's Sovereign Wealth Fund Ramps Up Investment Plans

Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest, plans to manage its \$884 billion portfolio more aggressively, taking larger stakes in companies and increasing its real estate portfolio.



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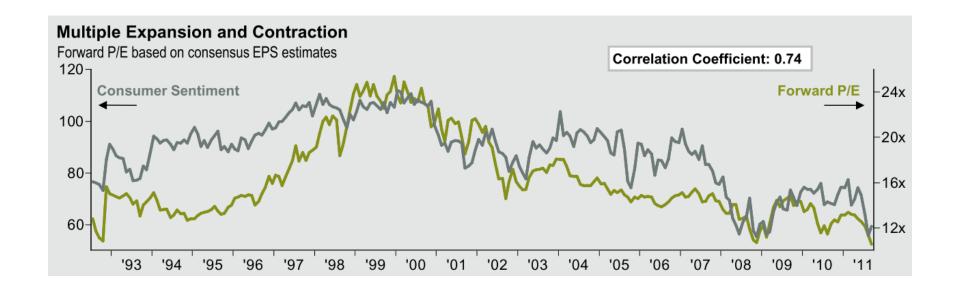
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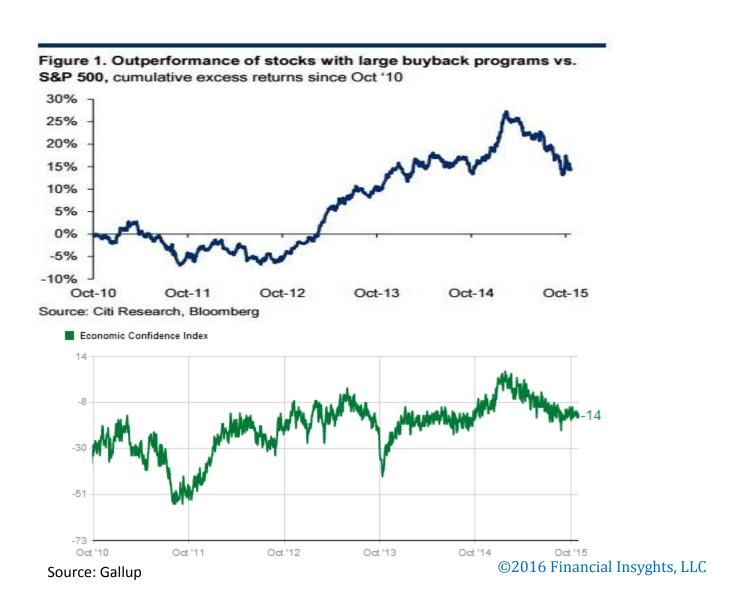
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Markets Measure Mood



Talk About The Market Measuring Mood!



Confidence Transcends All That We Do:

- Investment Decision-making
- Political Decision-making
- Social Decision-making
- Economic Decision-making
- Media Decision-making

Confidence-driven behaviors are simultaneous

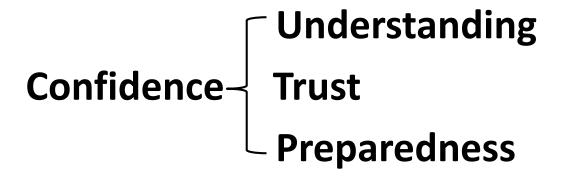
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Confidence Is Not Bravado

Confidence is how we perceive ourselves faring in the future.



Decision Making Characteristics



Low Confidence

High Confidence

Decision Making Characteristics



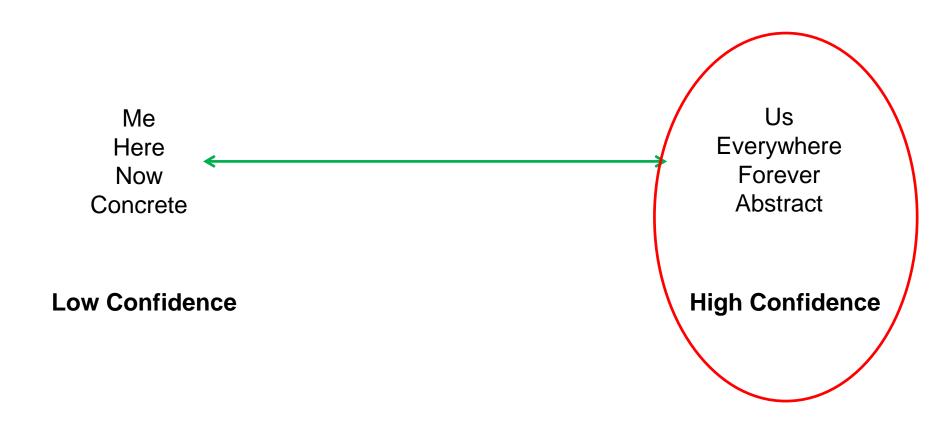
Markets Swing From One Extreme To The Other



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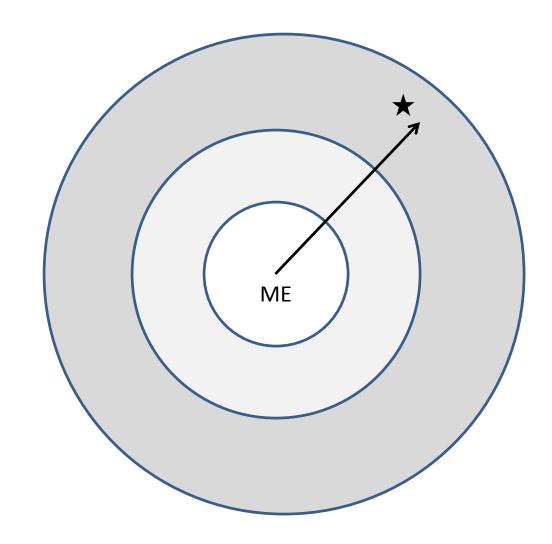
Decision Making Characteristics



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Us Everywhere Forever

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High Confidence

2000 – "Us, Everywhere, Forever"

Permanence

Ownership

Replace

Multinational if not "Transnational"

Compromise

Middle Ground

Interconnected

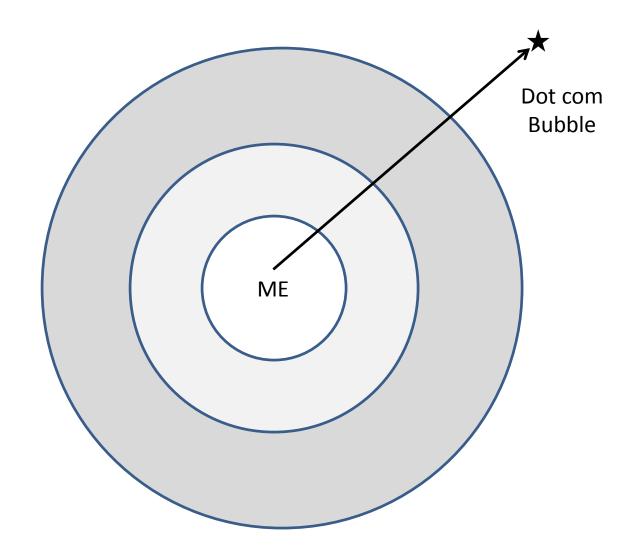
The euro and ECB

Expansionism and Acquisitions

Just in Time Inventory

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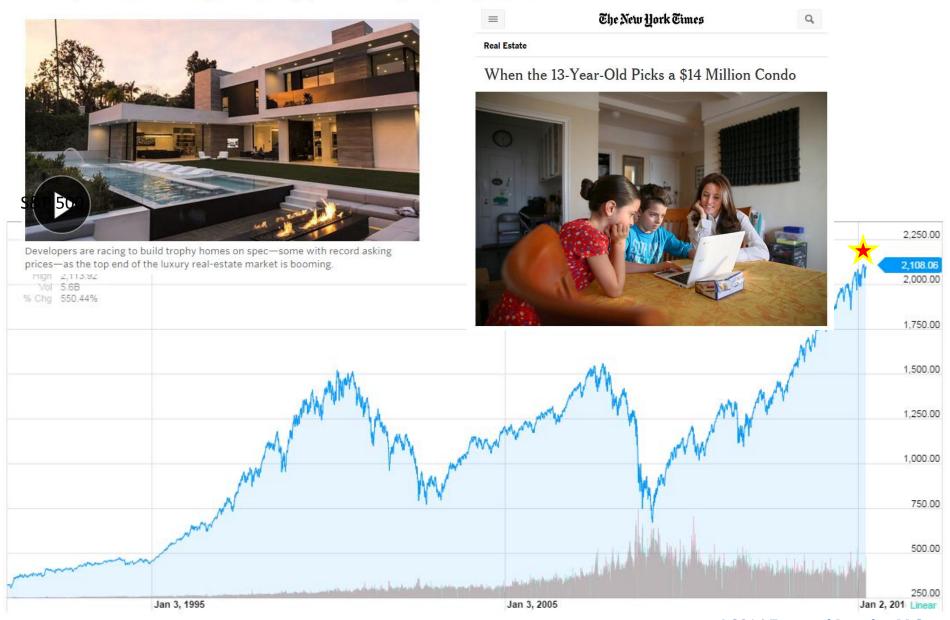
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High Confidence

The Race to the \$100 Million Spec House

Developers aim for new highs—and high prices—for speculatively built homes



California Dreaming: Record \$500 Million Tag on L.A.

Home

Where Prices Start at \$115 Million: Bel Air's **Trophy Home Boom**

In Los Angeles, price tags for ultra high-end homes—many of them speculatively built are topping the \$100 million mark. Is the big ticket just a gimmick?



Elaborate pumpkins for Halloween, weddings and more

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The Beginner's Guide to Chartering a Yacht With a Crew

A rendering of the \$500 million home by developer



A lot goes into choosing the rightboat, crew and destination, so an experienced broker is a must.



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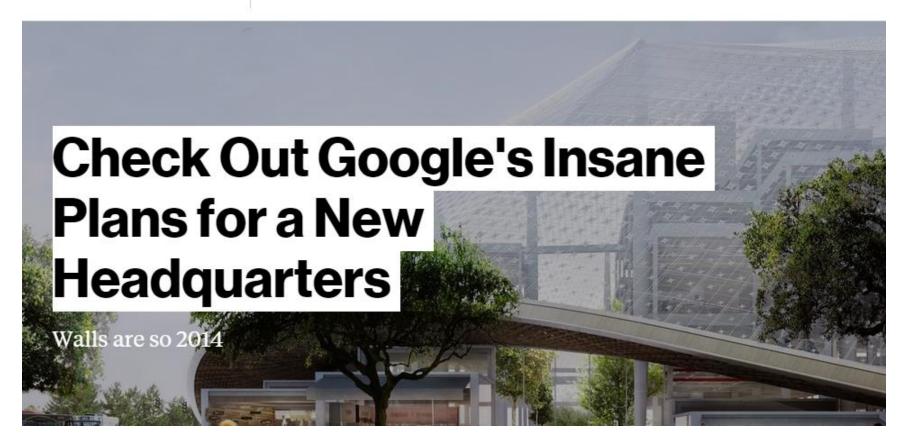
A New York Skinny Skyscraper Will Have Built-In Parks

And you thought bike storage was a decent amenity





Video







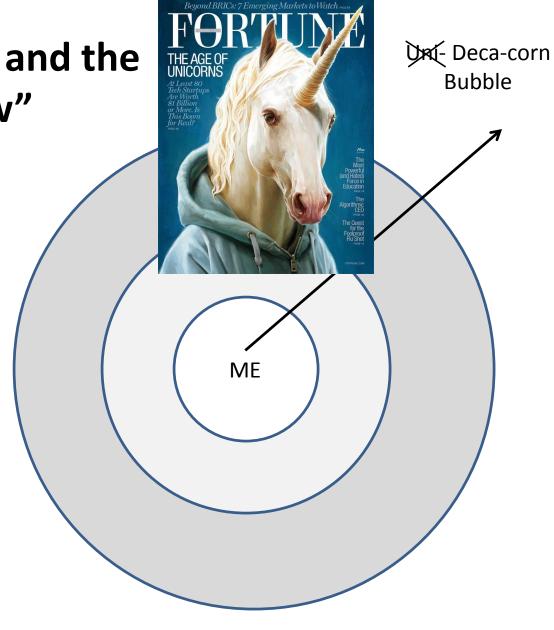




"The Tech Titans and the Financialized Few"

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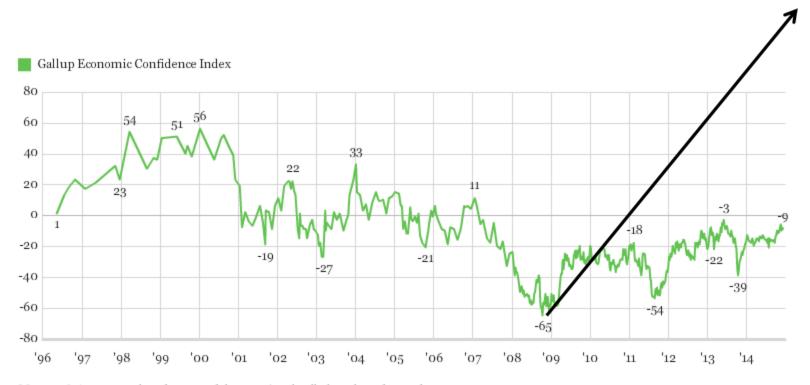
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For Some, Confidence Is Measured By The S&P

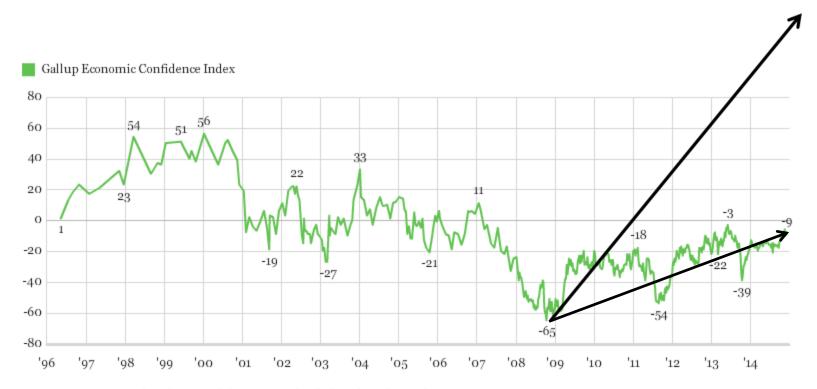
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Tech Titans And The Financialized Few



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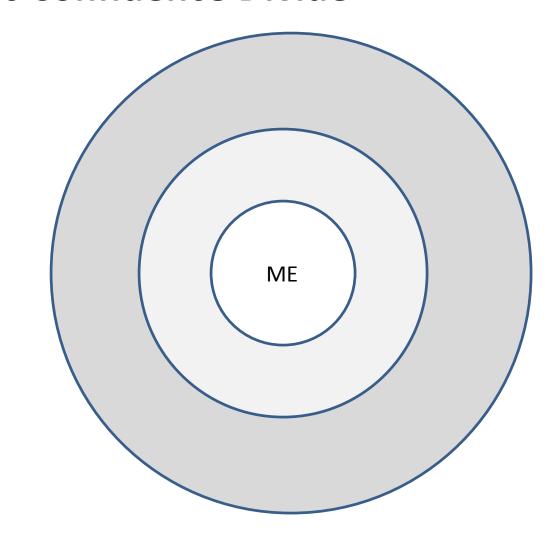
Main Street America

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2016: A Historic Confidence Divide



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2015 - Main Street

"Me, Here, Now"

Rental Housing Boom

Political Extremism

"Selfies", Twitter, Facebook

Protectionism

Immigration as a political "third rail"

Craft brewing, farmers markets, farm-to-table dining

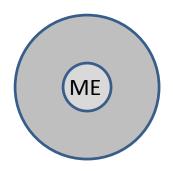
Low approval ratings for Congress, Voting out incumbents

Corporate divestitures/spin-offs

Binge-watching Netflix

Secessionism

Anti-vaccination movements



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Lower Gas Prices Will Be a Huge Boost to Retail Sales

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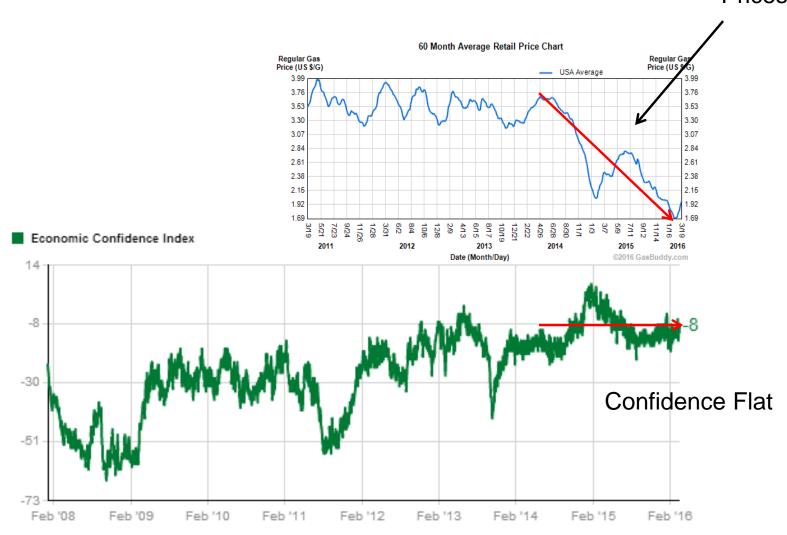
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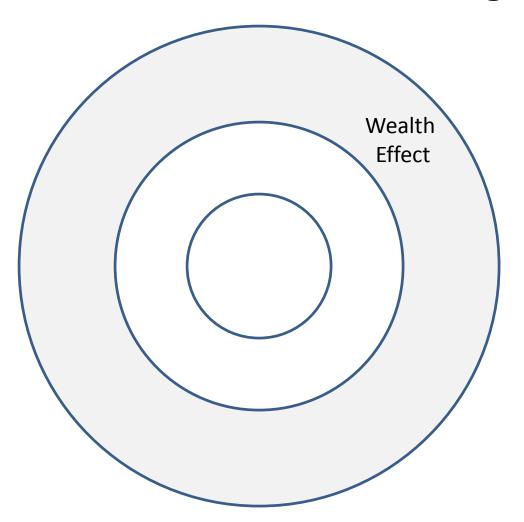
6 years of underconfidence = hoarding

No Bounce In Confidence!!!

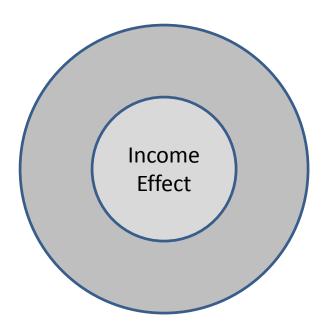
50%+ Drop In Gas Prices



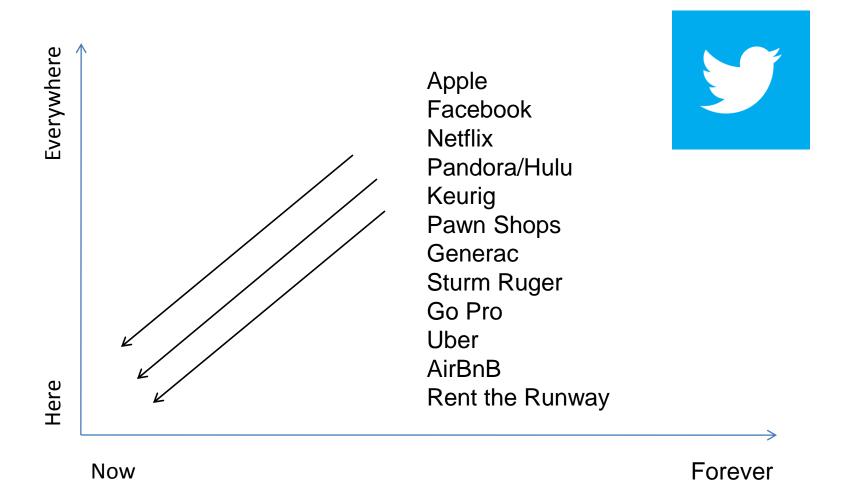
Financial Decision Making

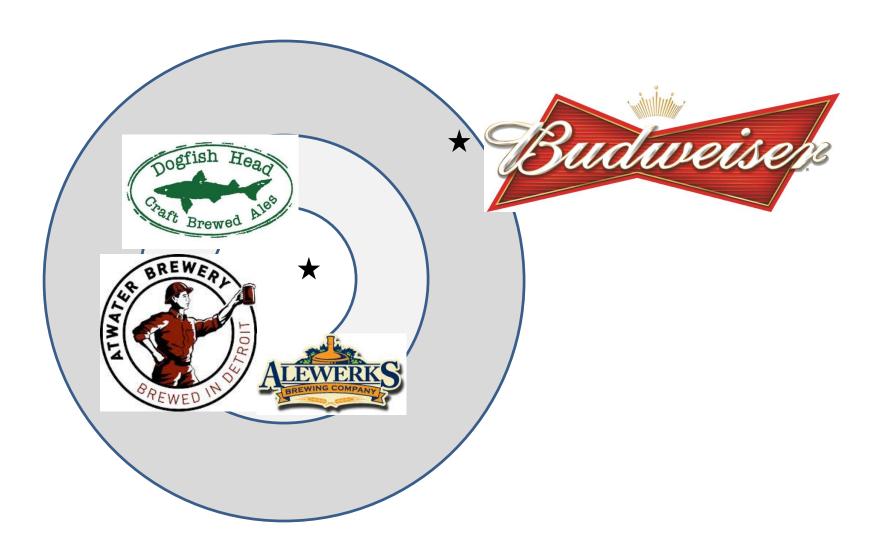


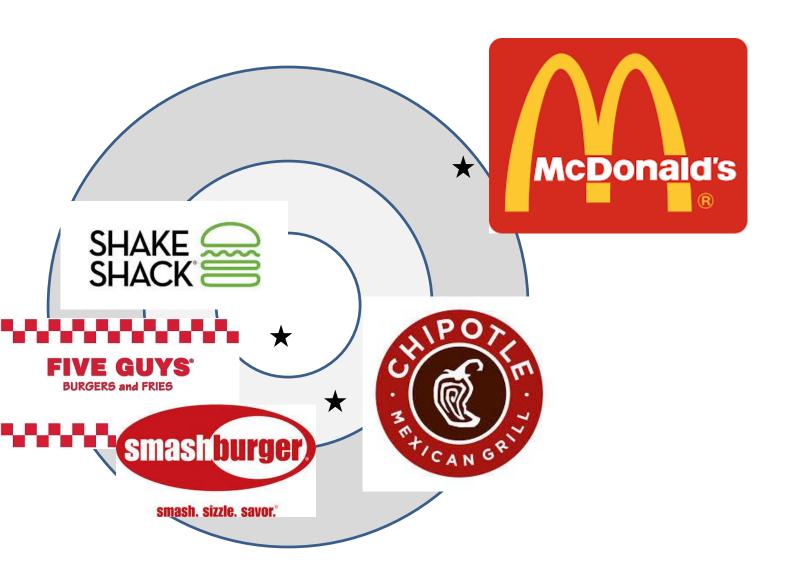
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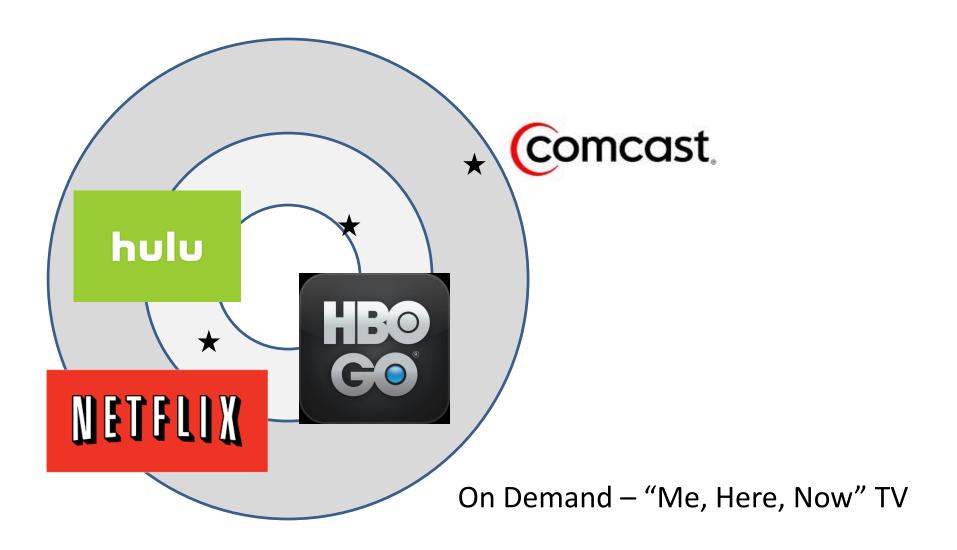
Successful "me, here, now" companies



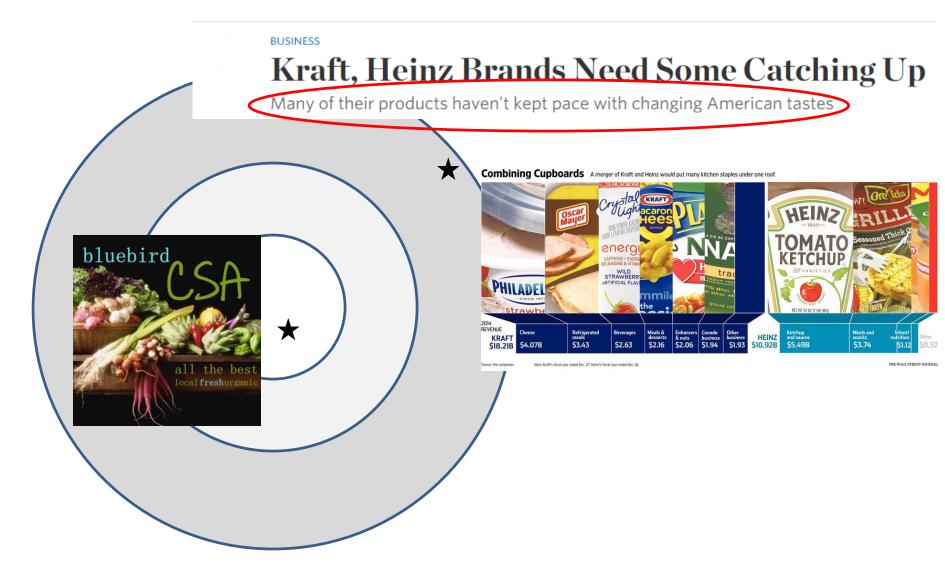


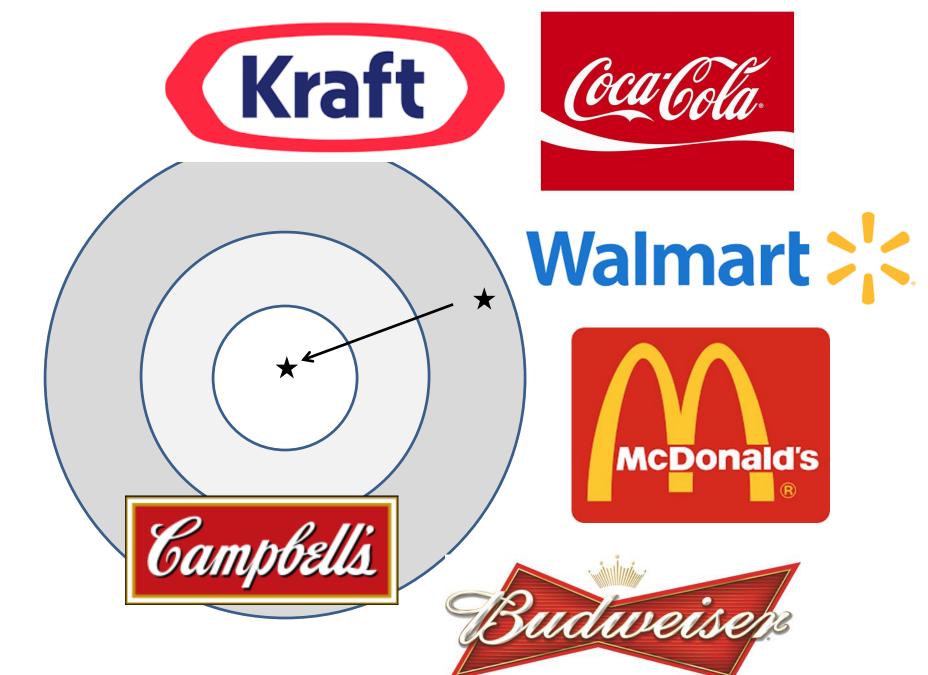






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Velveeta With Herbed Vermont Goat Cheese

Shake N' Bake With Organic Quinoa Crust

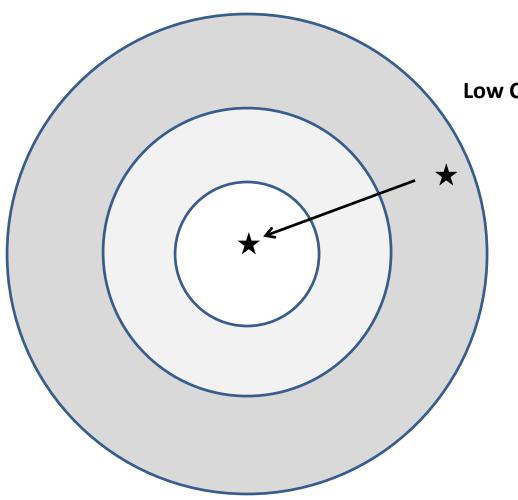
9 Grain Artisan Bread Stove Top Stuffing

Free Range Oscar Mayer Bologna

Micro-brewed Kool Aid

Small batch Cool Whip from non-GMO fed cows milk

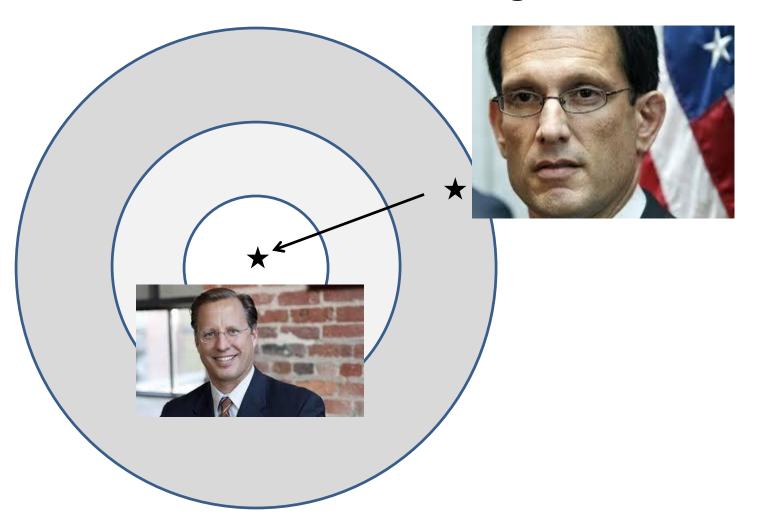
An Insurmountable Challenge?



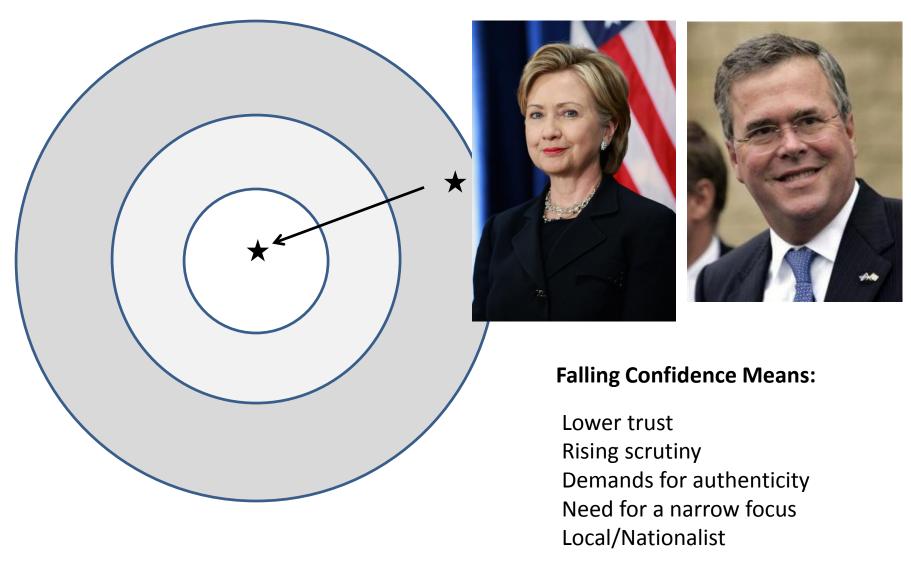
Low Confidence Also Means:

Lower trust
Rising Scrutiny
Demand for authenticity
Need for a narrow focus
Need to be local

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"There is no one I see today who is THE weak social mood Republican candidate. Chris Christie comes closest, but even he may not be extreme enough for what is ahead."

Financial Insyghts – January 2015

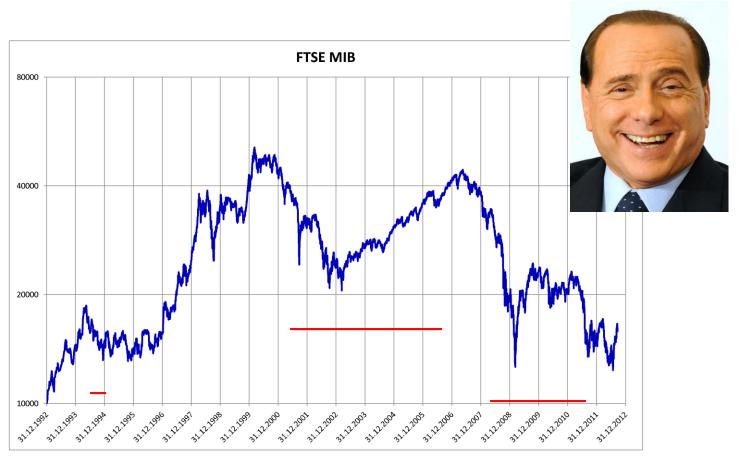
The Connection The Pollsters Are Missing



Trump's Popularity
Among Republicans

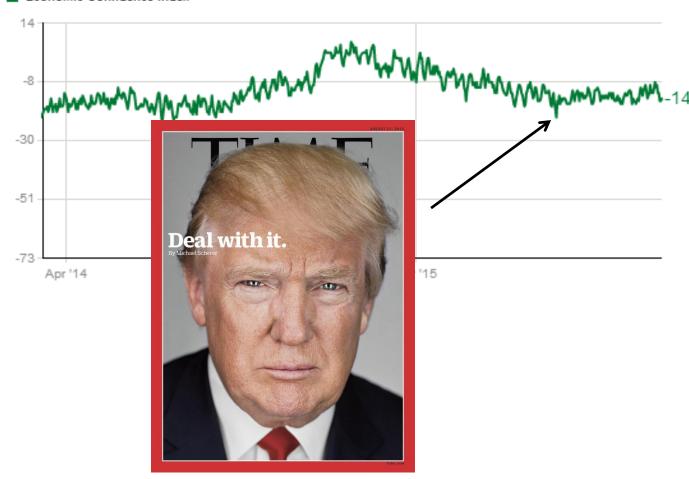


Berlusconi: Big Winner When Social Mood Falls



Period in elected office

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To Know About the 2016 Campaign In One Picture

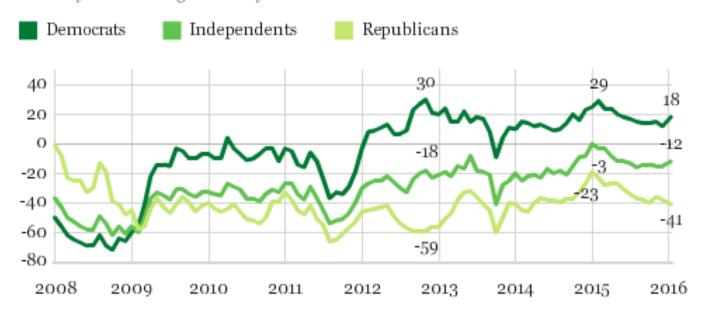






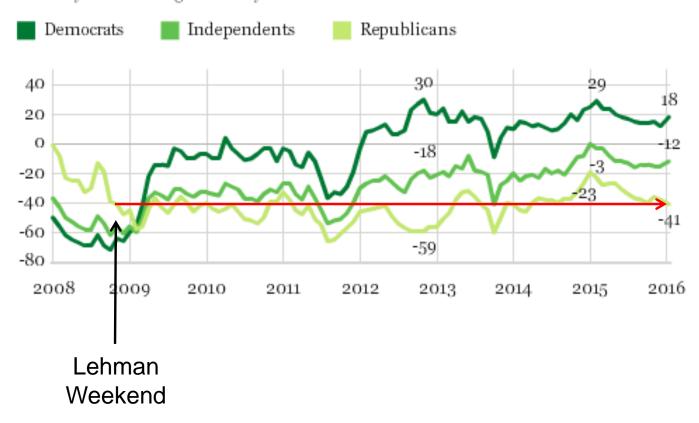


Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index -- Monthly Averages, by Party January 2008 through January 2016

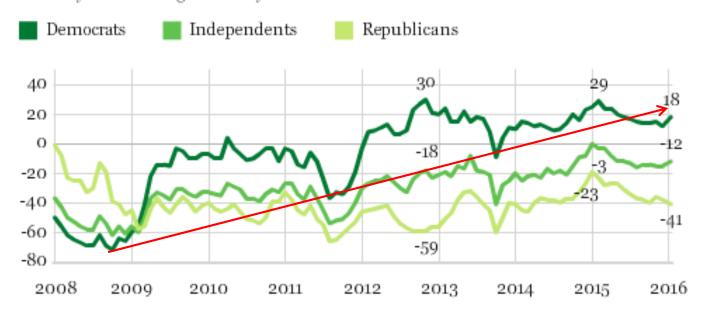


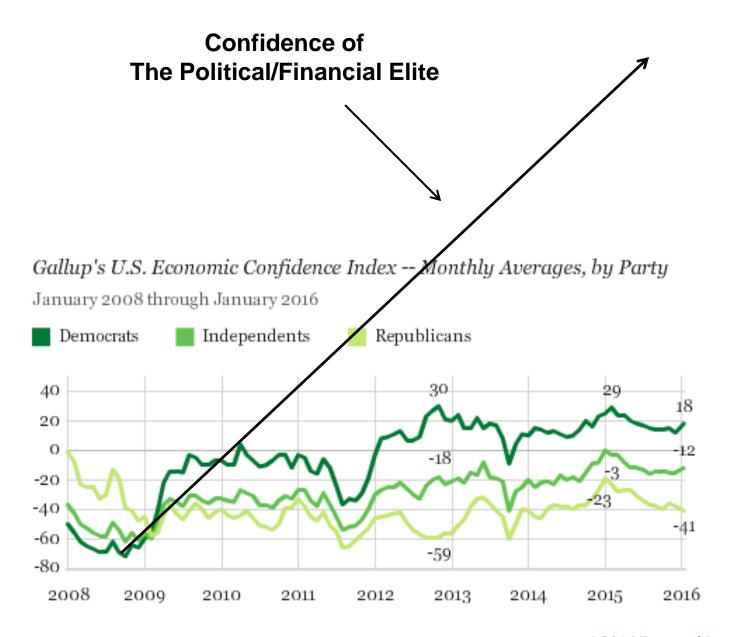
7 Years Of Extreme Underconfidence

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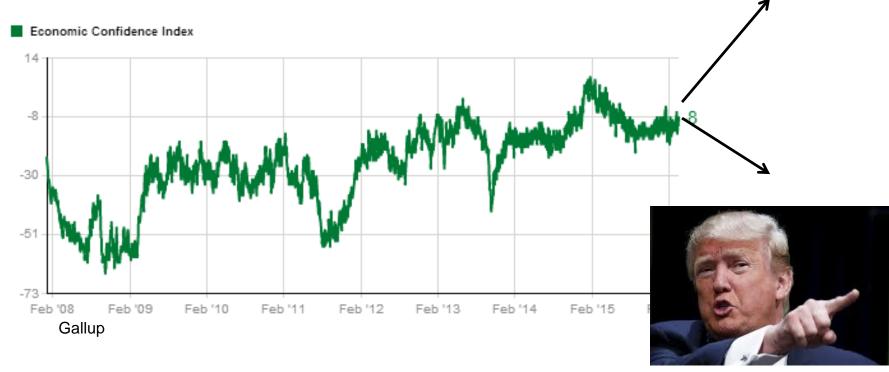
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2016: The Lady Or The Tiger





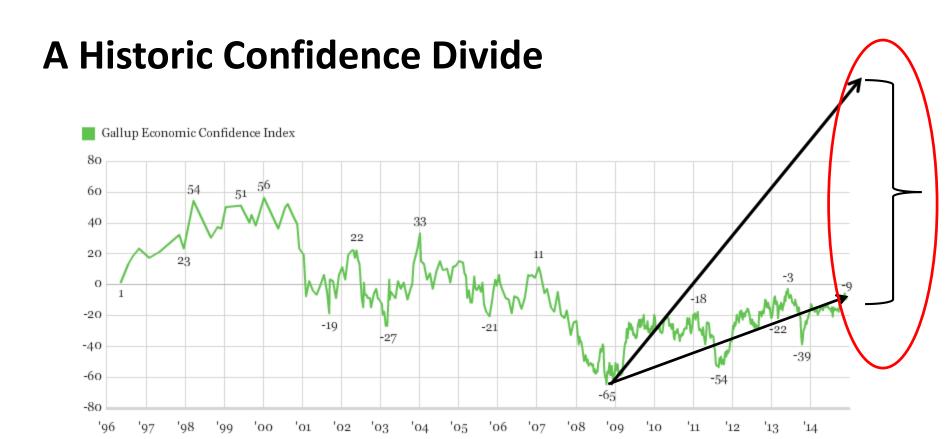
Rising confidence favors Hillary Clinton Falling confidence favors Donald Trump

Tech Titans
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Two Distinct Worlds



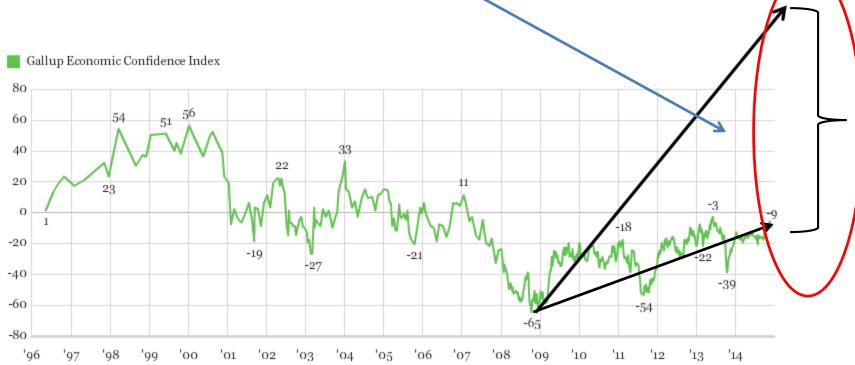
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Panama Papers

A Historic Confidence Divide



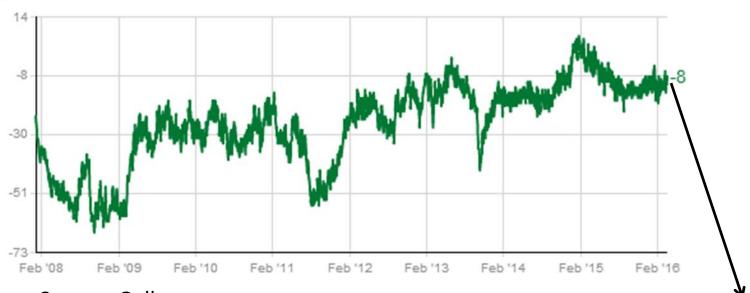
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Best Case Continued Slow Growing Confidence



High Risk of a Sharp Decline in Confidence

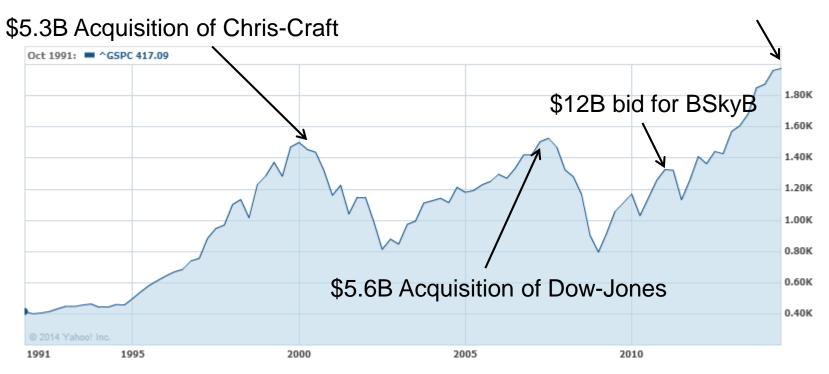
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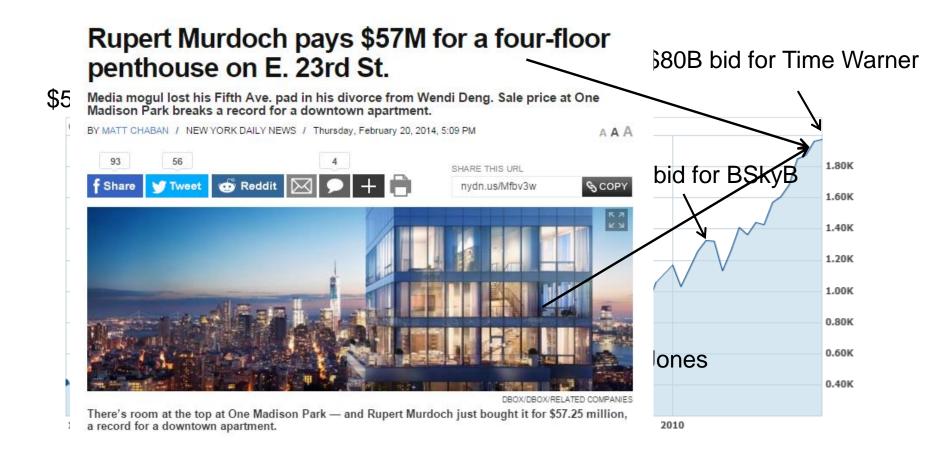
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Is Rupert Murdoch Calling The Top Yet Again?

\$80B bid for Time Warner



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Billionaire Bill Ackman aims to flip \$90M One57 penthouse

Hedge-funder said he and friends bought 13,500 sf duplex last year for "fun" October 28, 2014 01:25PM

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Billionaire hedge-funder Bill Ackman of Pershing Square Capital is looking to flip the One57 penthouse condominium he and a group of investors acquired last year for roughly \$90 million.

Such a turnover could render it the priciest attempted flip of a condo unit ever, according to New York Times. Ackman said he acquired the 13,500-square-foot duplex with his friends for "fun."













One57 in Midtown and Bill Ackman

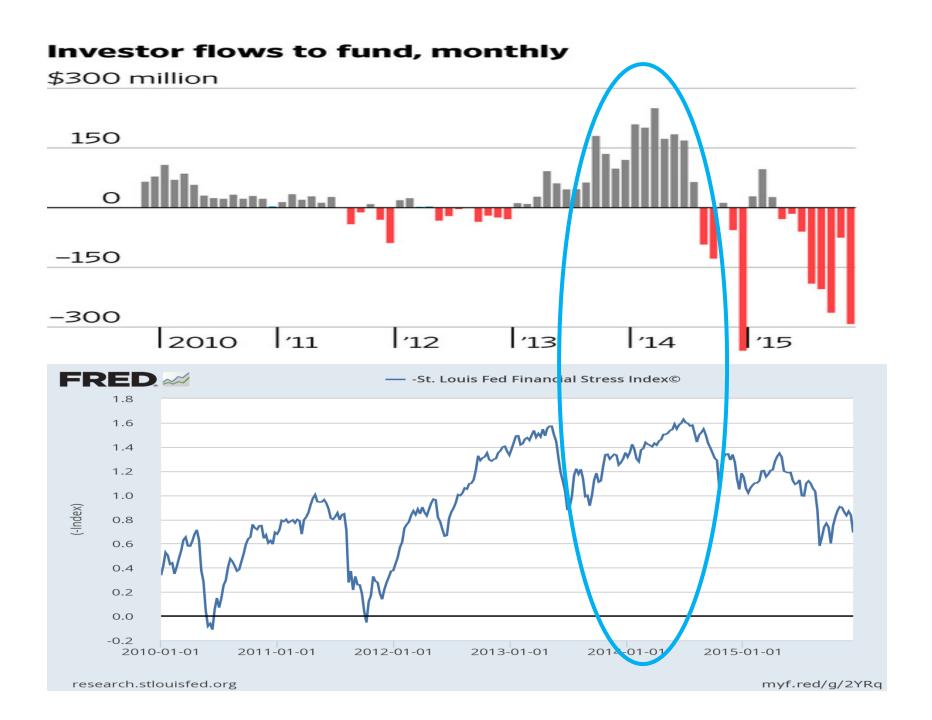
The apartment on the 75th and 76th floors

features a two-story-high, 51-foot-wide glass enclosed "winter garden" with a curved glass roof, as previously reported. Extell Development recently reeled in \$79 million for a pair of One57 units, as *The Real Deal* reported. [NYT] — *Mark Maurer*

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The Peak In Confidence Is In

- The Worst Go First:
 - Unicorn Start Ups
 - Distressed Debt
 - Junk Bonds
 - Valeant
 - Subprime Automobile Loans

NASDAQ 4933.47 ¥ 4.1%

STOXX 600 355.79 ¥ 4.0%

10-YR TREASURY 1 7/32, yield 2.139%

OIL \$35.62 * \$4.35

EURO \$1.0991

What's News

Business & Finance

The Fed is set to raise I rates this week on the expectation that jobs and inflation will hit targets, but inflation remains lower than the central bank wants. A1

- ◆ Investors are bracing for another difficult week after junk-bond prices Friday posted their largest decline since 2011. A1
- ◆ Third Avenue's CEO has left, just days after the firm barred withdrawals from its junk-bond fund. C1
- ◆ Yahoo faces new pressure from investor groups who oppose giving CEO Mayer more time to show progress on her turnaround. B1
- ♦ Activist shareholder Loeb called for the removal of Dow Chemical's CEO over the tim-

Protesters Call for President's Impeachment in Brazil



Cruz Picks U Steam in GOP Rad

BY JANET HOOK

Sen. Ted Cruz has surge the 2016 GOP presidentia mary contest, consolida support from the party's conservative voters emerging as a leading alte tive to businessman Do Trump, a new Wall St Journal/NBC News poll fir

The latest poll, coming a tumultuous month of in national and domestic ter ism, found Mr. Trump to the GOP field, with Mr. Cri second place. The Texas s tor appears to be benefi from the sharp decline in port for Ben Carson, a ret neurosurgeon who led the in Journal/NBC News po six weeks earlier.

The poll also showed

Brazil's Vale Makes Billion Dollar Cuts As Stock Down 93% From 2005

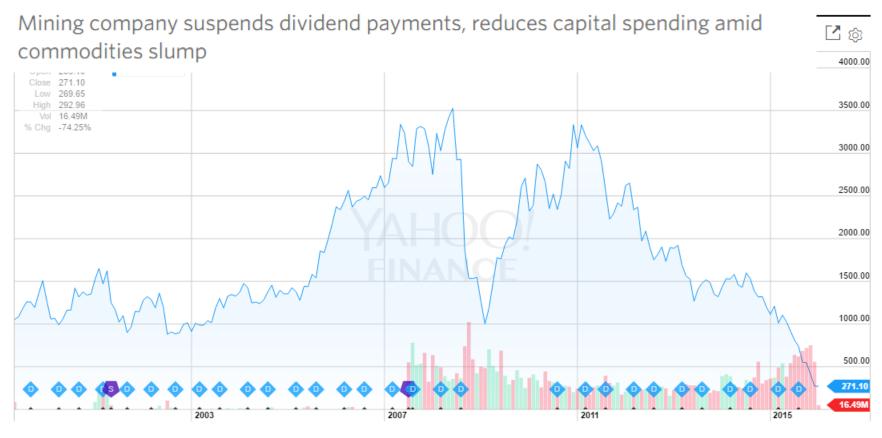
Vale S.A. (VALE) ★ Watchlist

3.33 +0.13(+4.06%) NYSE - As of 4:04PM EST

After Hours: 3.27 4-0.06 (1.80%) 6:52PM EST



Anglo American to Slash Assets, Cut 85,000 Jobs



A Major Low?

SPDR Gold Shares (GLD) * Watchlist

101.52 -0.27(-0.27%) NYSEArca - As of 4:00PM EST

After Hours: 101.58 ++0.06 (0.06%) 6:10PM EST





Gold/GLD



EWZ/Brazil ETF

Final Thoughts

- Confidence → Action
- Non-market indicators of sentiment are incredibly valuable

• Me, Here, Now or Us, Everywhere, Forever?

Final Thoughts

Today:

Peaked(ing) confidence among a very few Chronic underconfidence on Main Street Falling confidence in Europe (again)
Watch for signs of falling confidence

Commodities/EM: a major bounce or more