## War, Debt and Hard Currency

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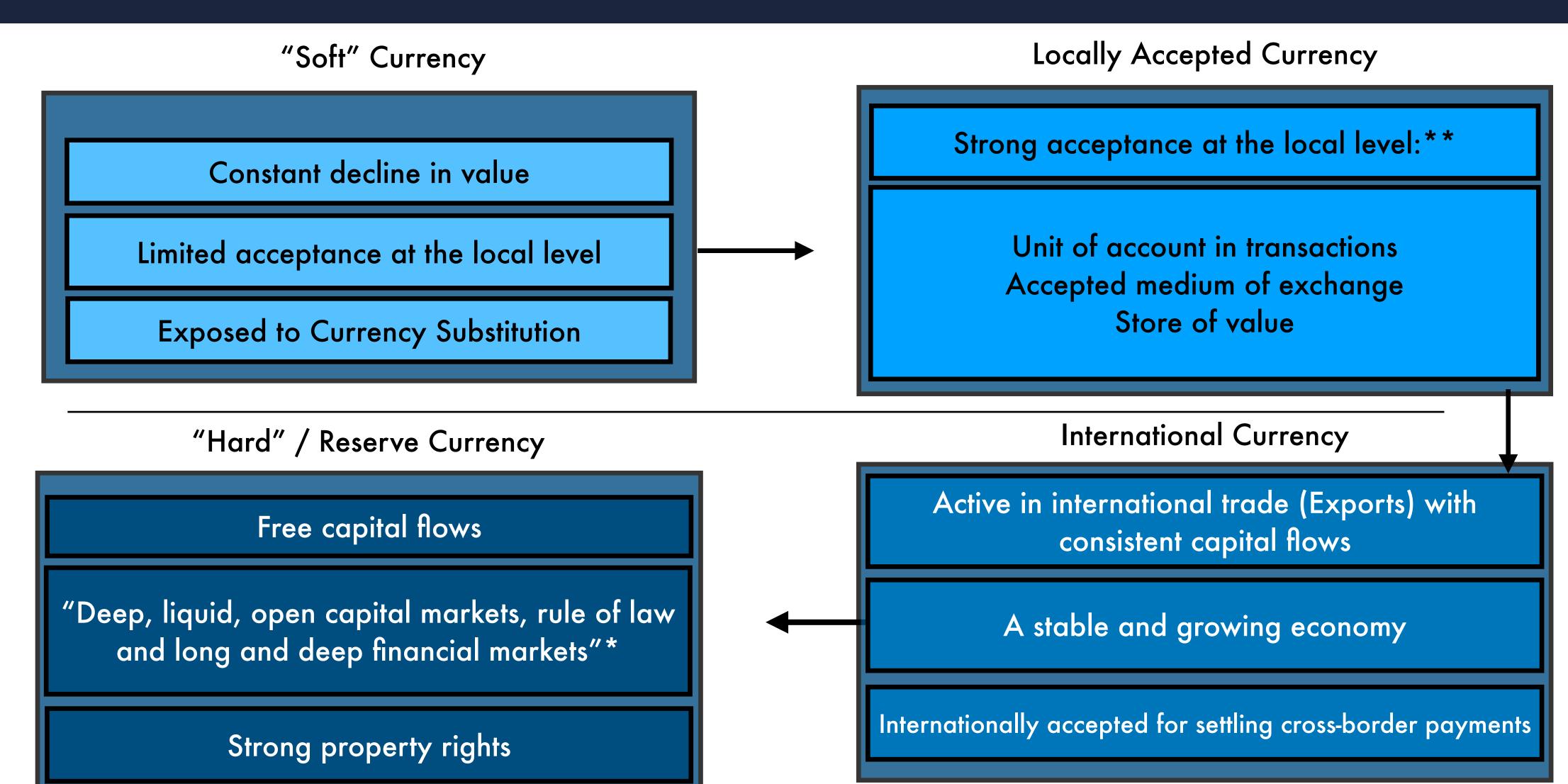




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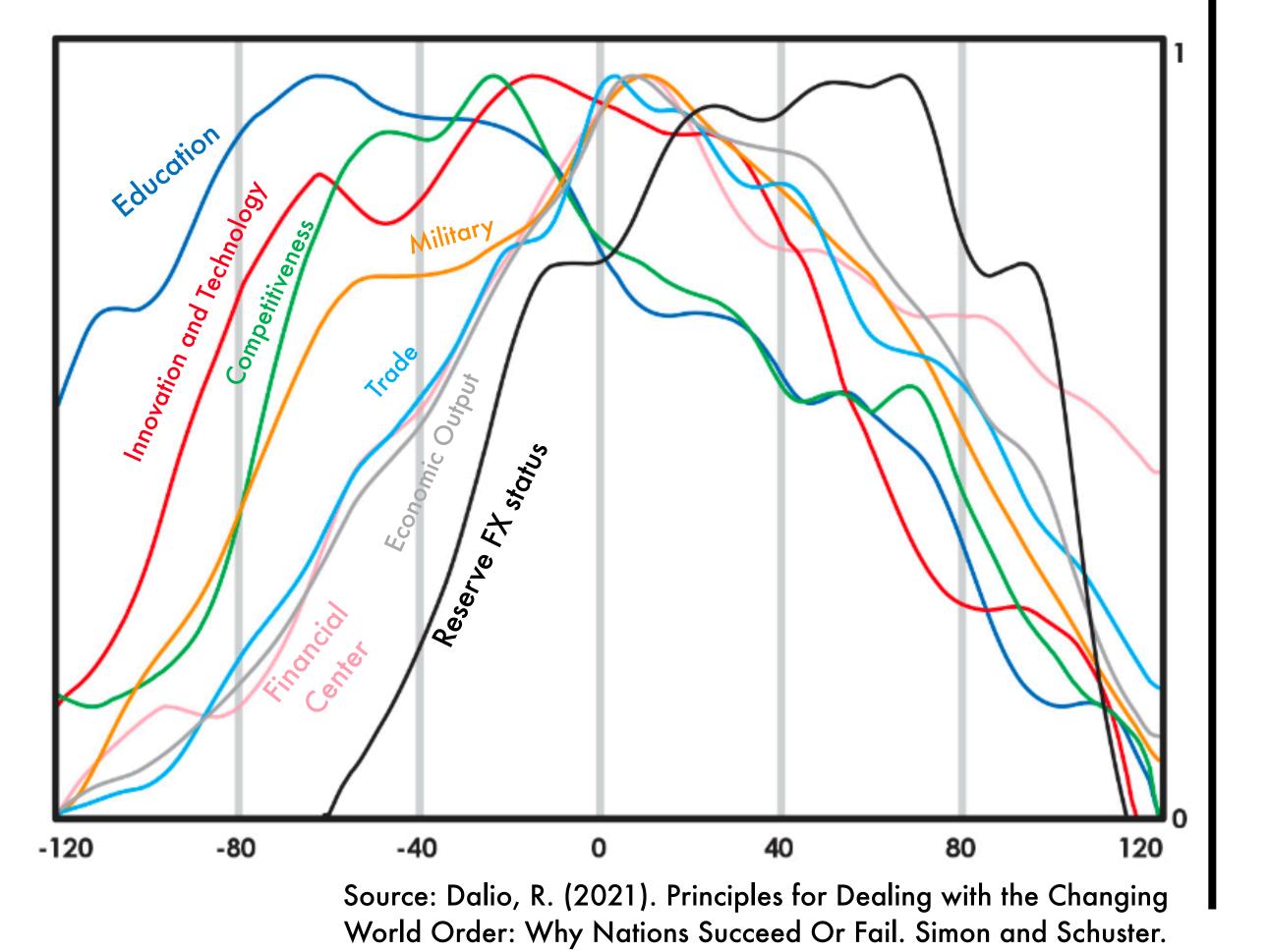
#### Money and its Evolution





#### Determinants of the Rise of Nations

# The archetypal rise and decline of empires by determinant



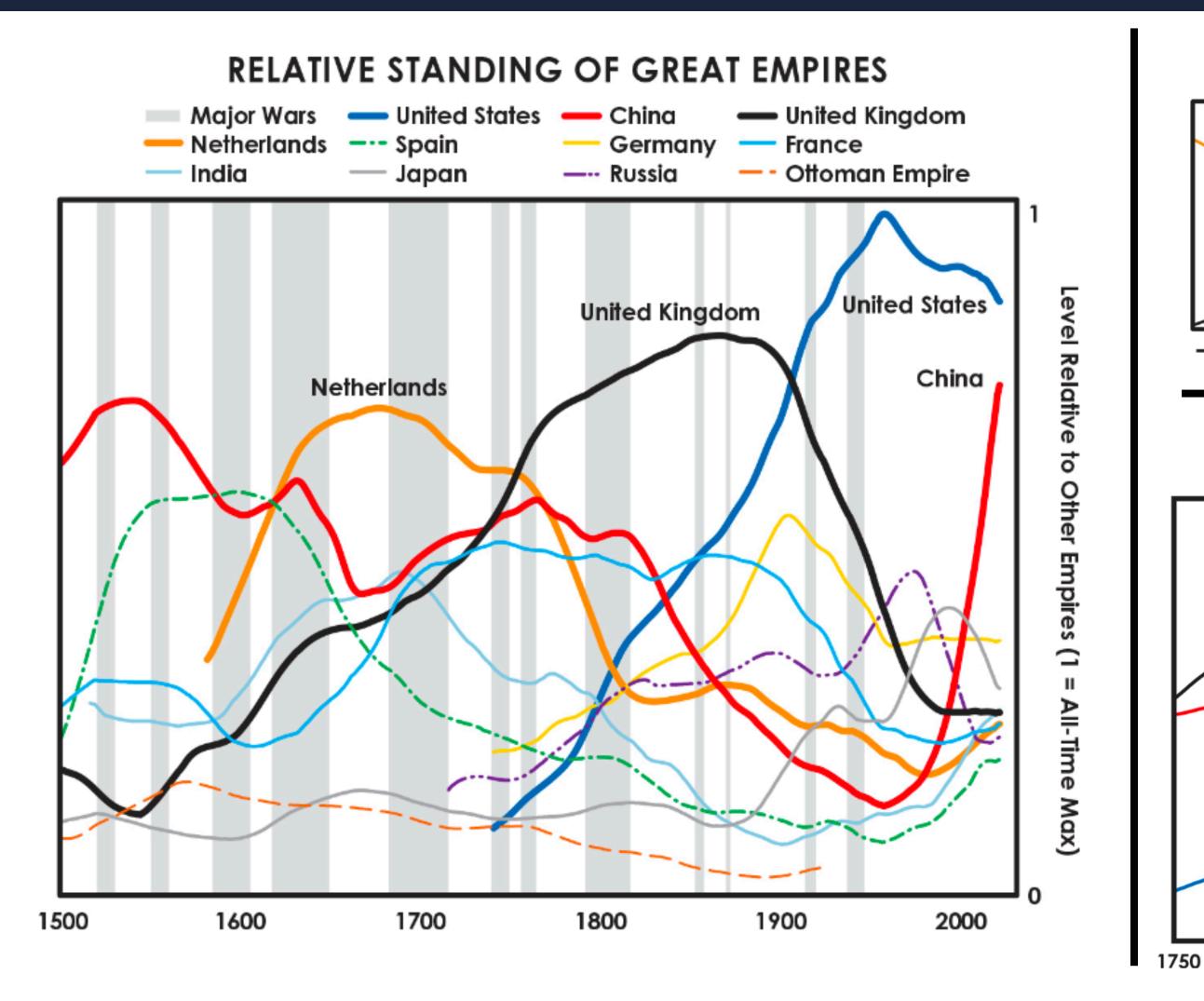
### The Common Factors for High and Sustainable Growth

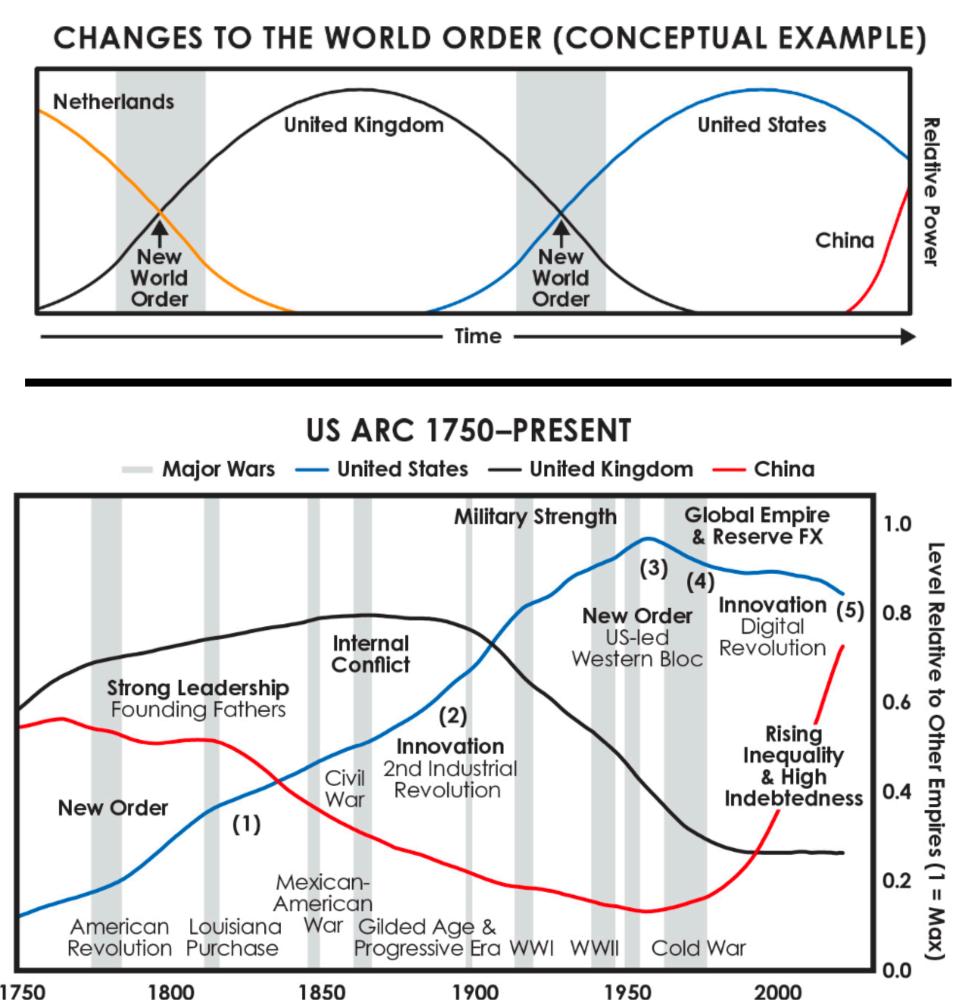


Source: The Commission on Growth and Development - Growth Report (2008)



#### Historical Patterns: The Rise and Fall of Empires

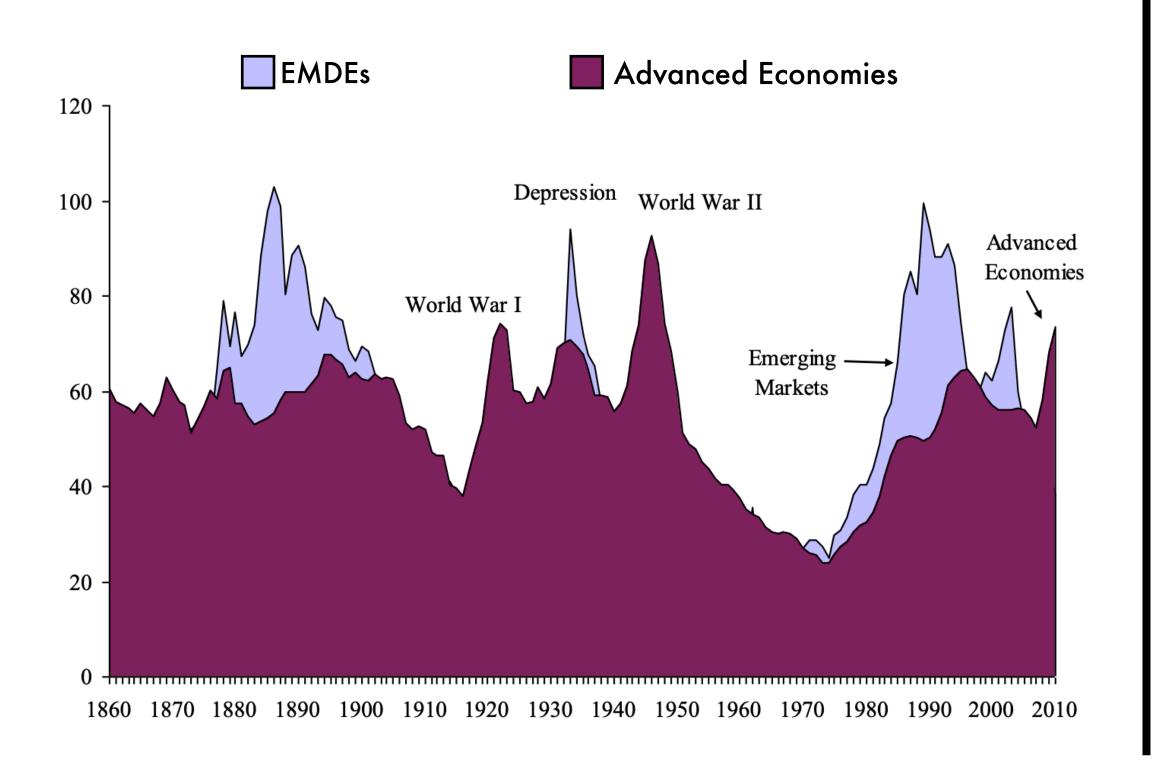


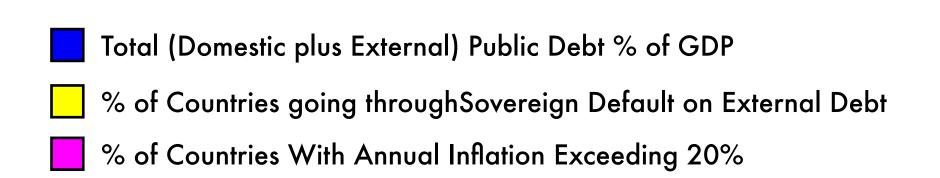


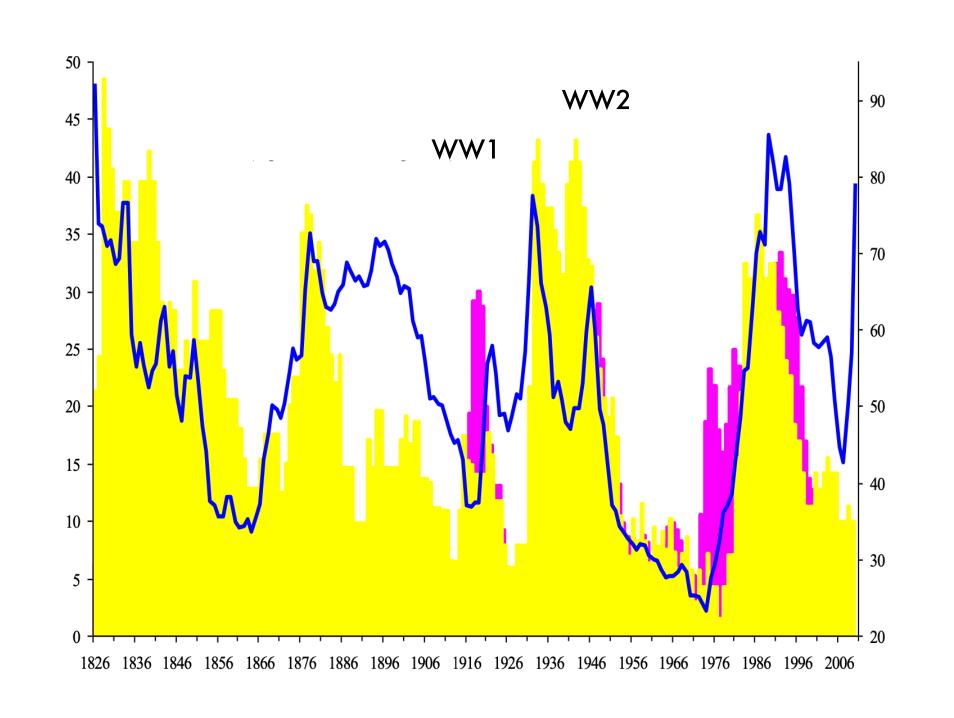


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#### Total Central Government Debt as % of GDP



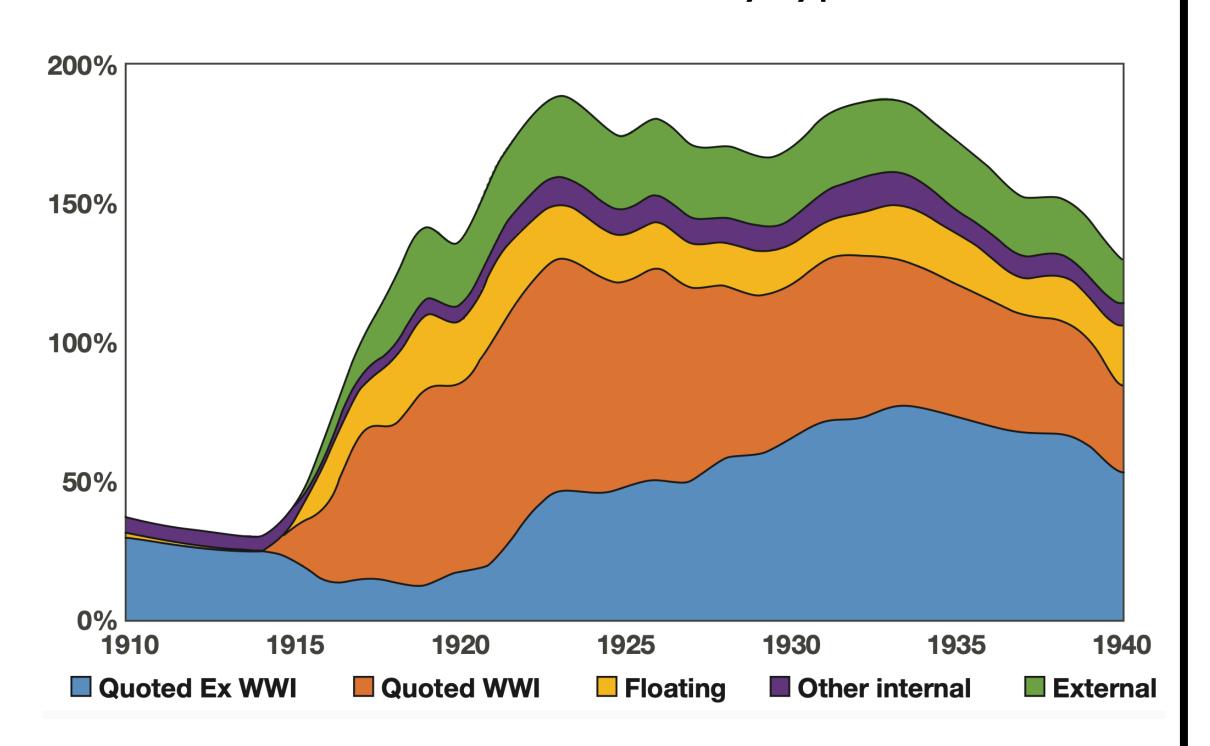






#### Wars and Economic Repercussions: WW1 and the Decline of the British Empire

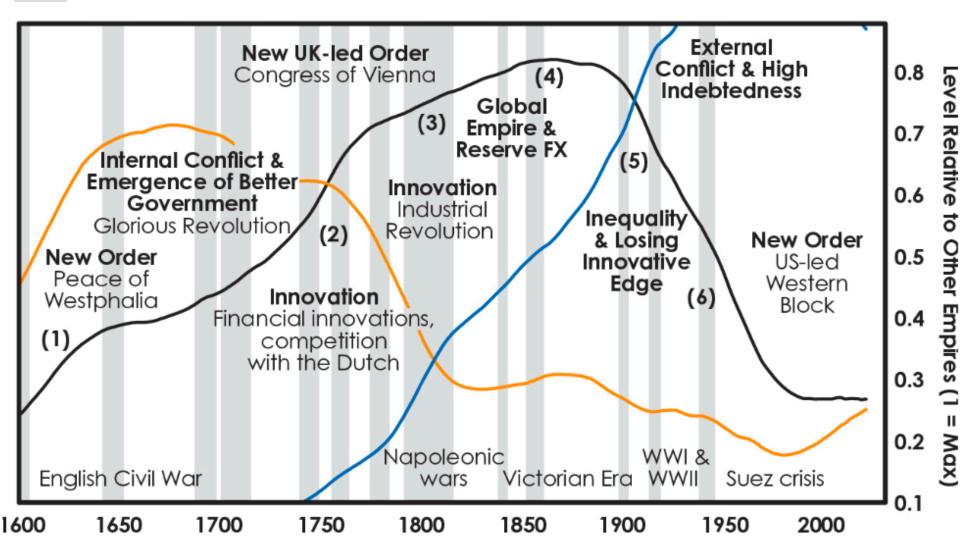
#### Face Value of UK Government Debt by Type (1910 - 1940)



Source: Ellison, M., Sargent, T. J., & Scott, A. (2019). Funding the Great War and the beginning of the end for British hegemony. Debt and Entanglements Between the Wars, 59.

### Britain's Relative Strength Compared to the United States and the Netherlands

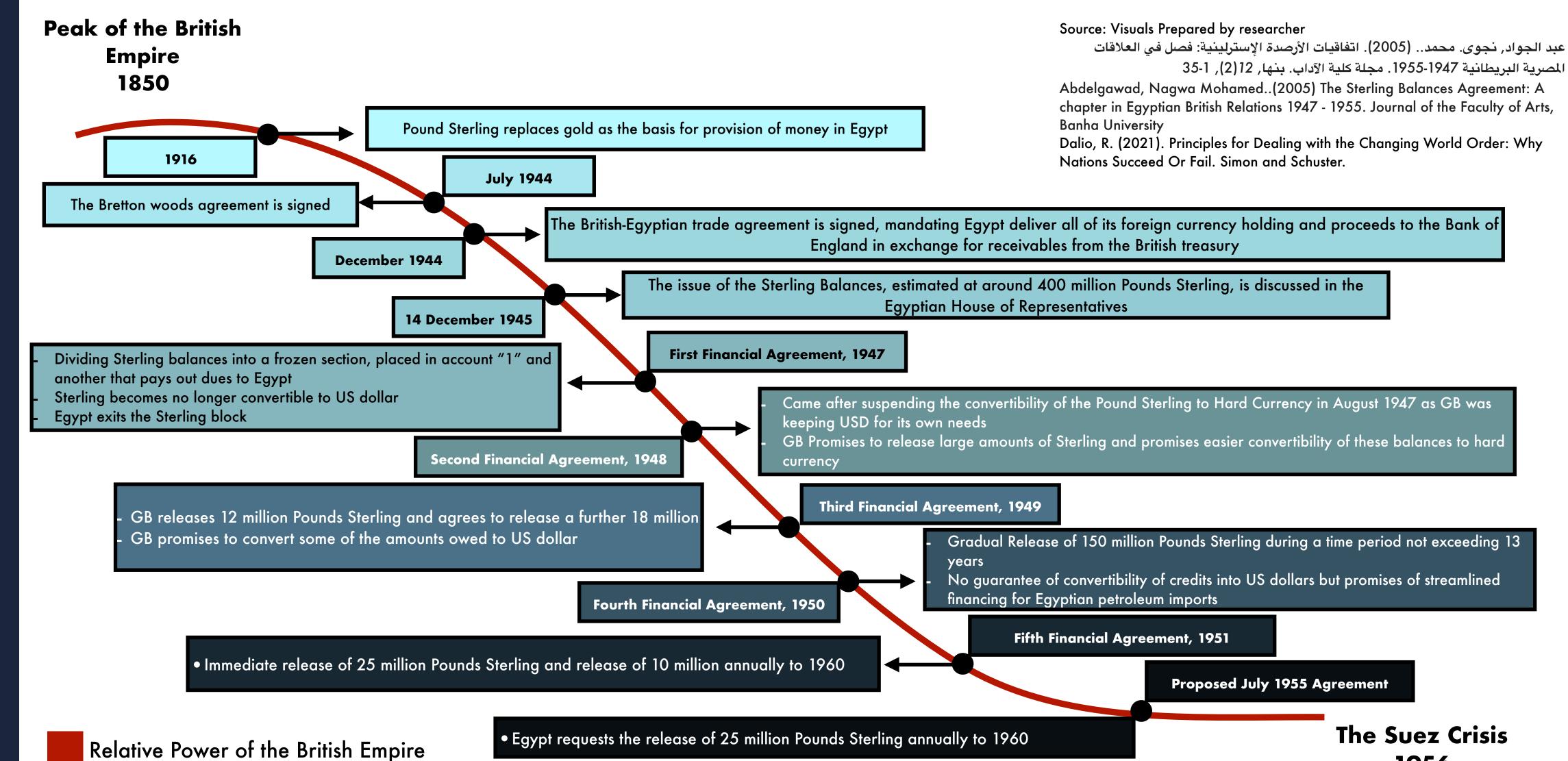
#### Major Wars



Source: Dalio, R. (2021). Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed Or Fail. Simon and Schuster.

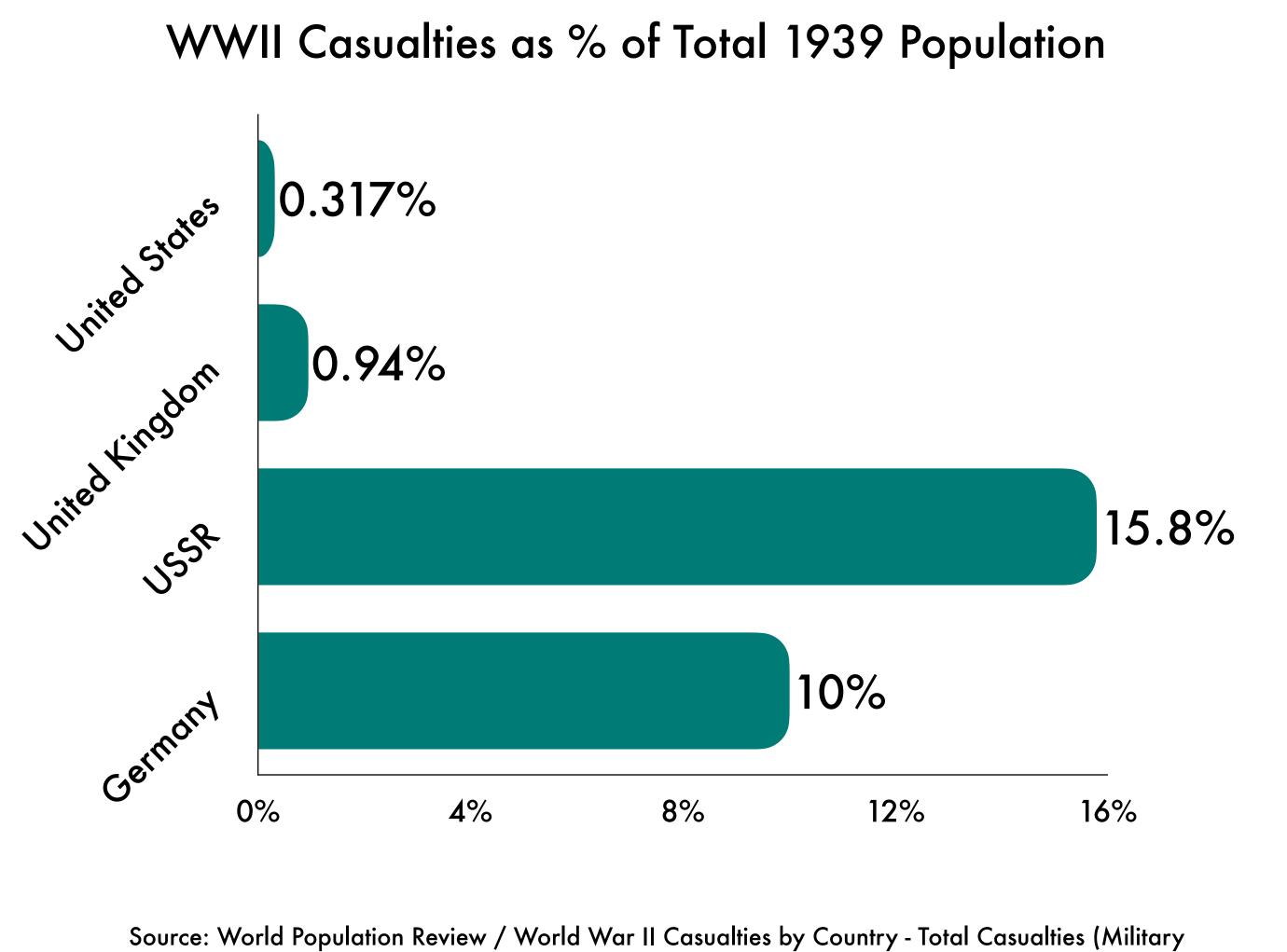


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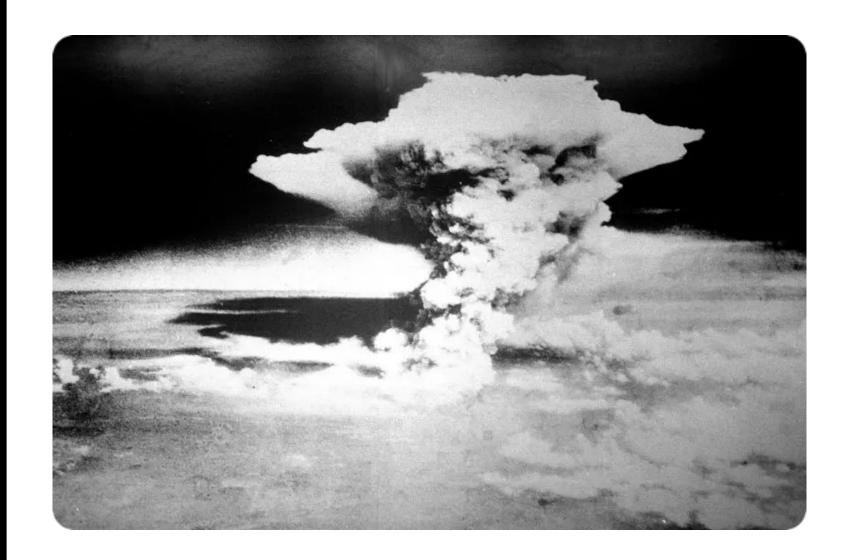




### Wars and Their Economic Repercussions: WW2 and US Hegemony



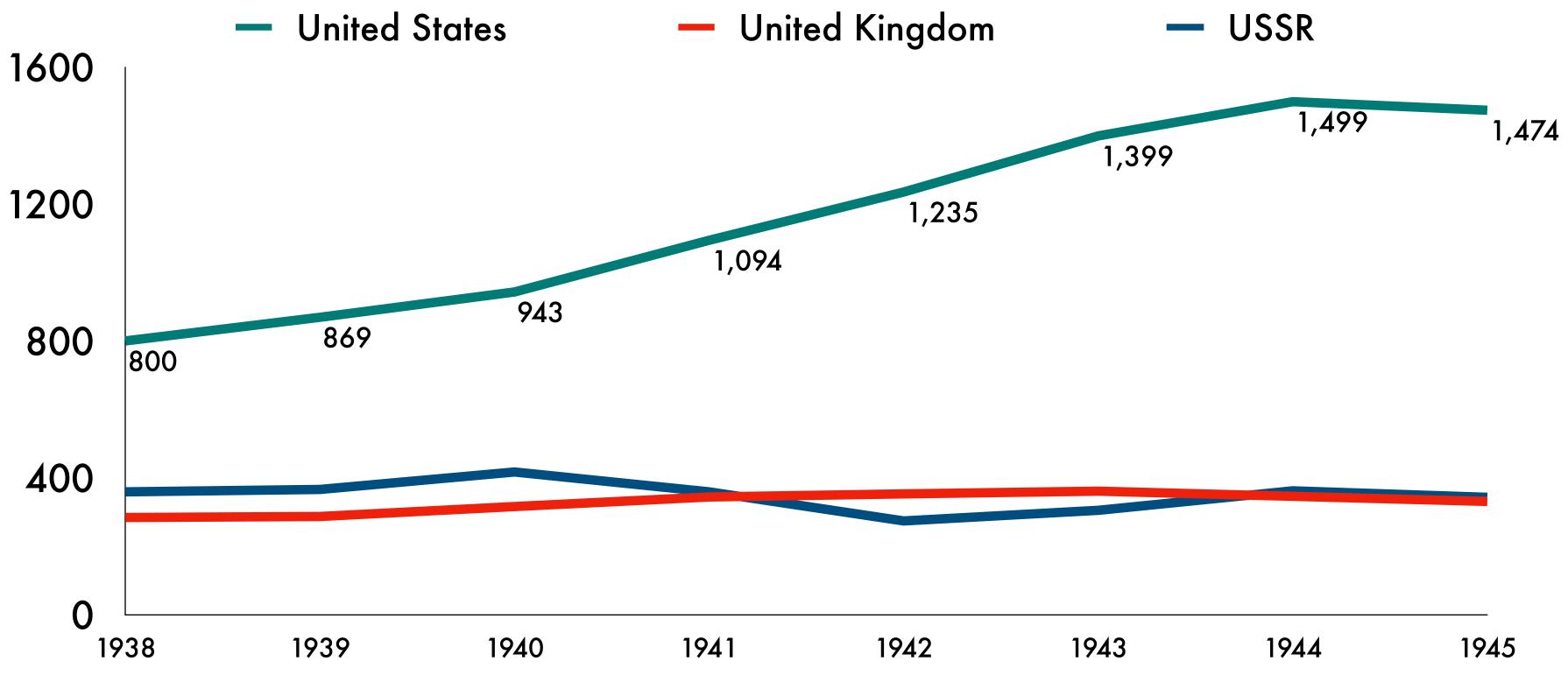






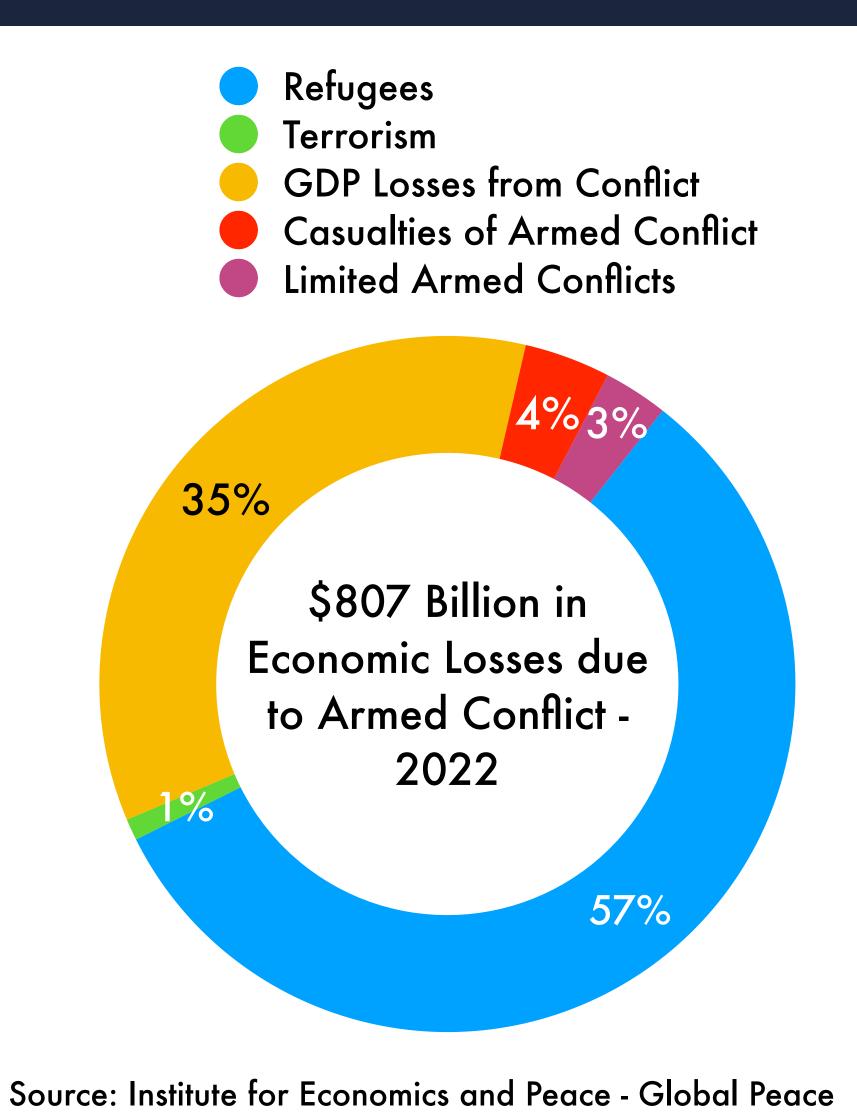
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#### Wars and Disruptors: Rise in Conflict



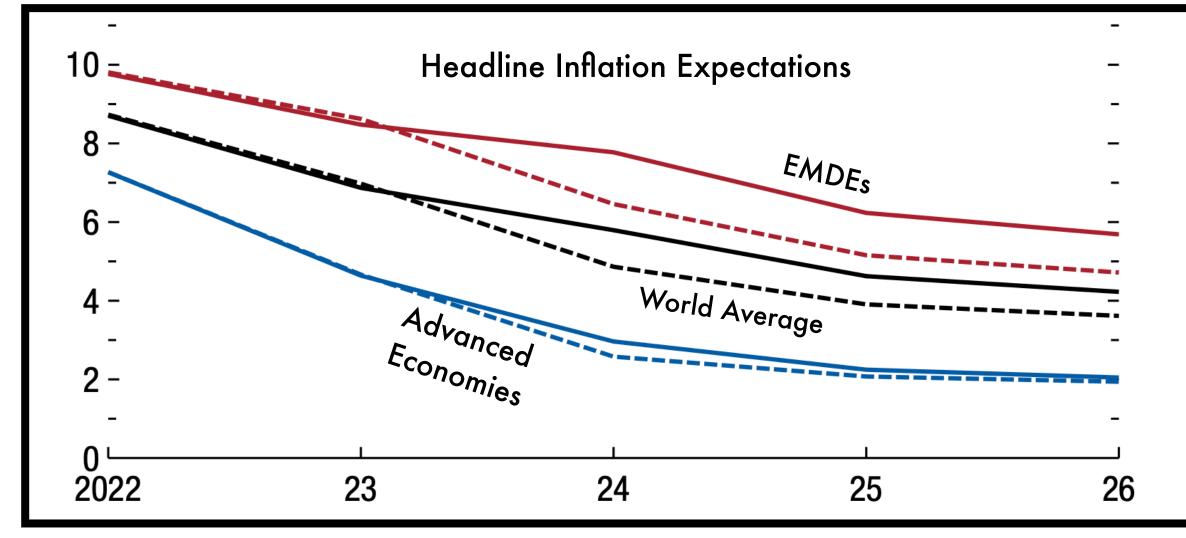
Index 2023

Real GDP Loss

(% Deviation in 2023 from pre pandemic projections)

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US AES EA World China EMDES LIDCs

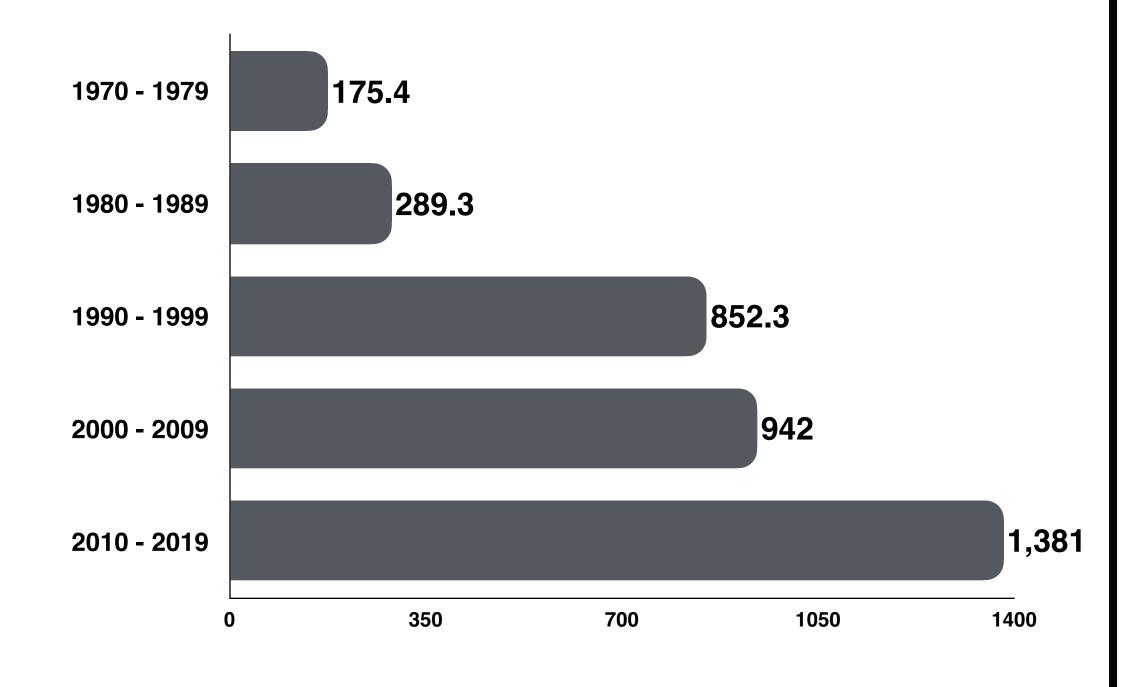


Source: International Monetary Fund - World Economic Outlook 2023

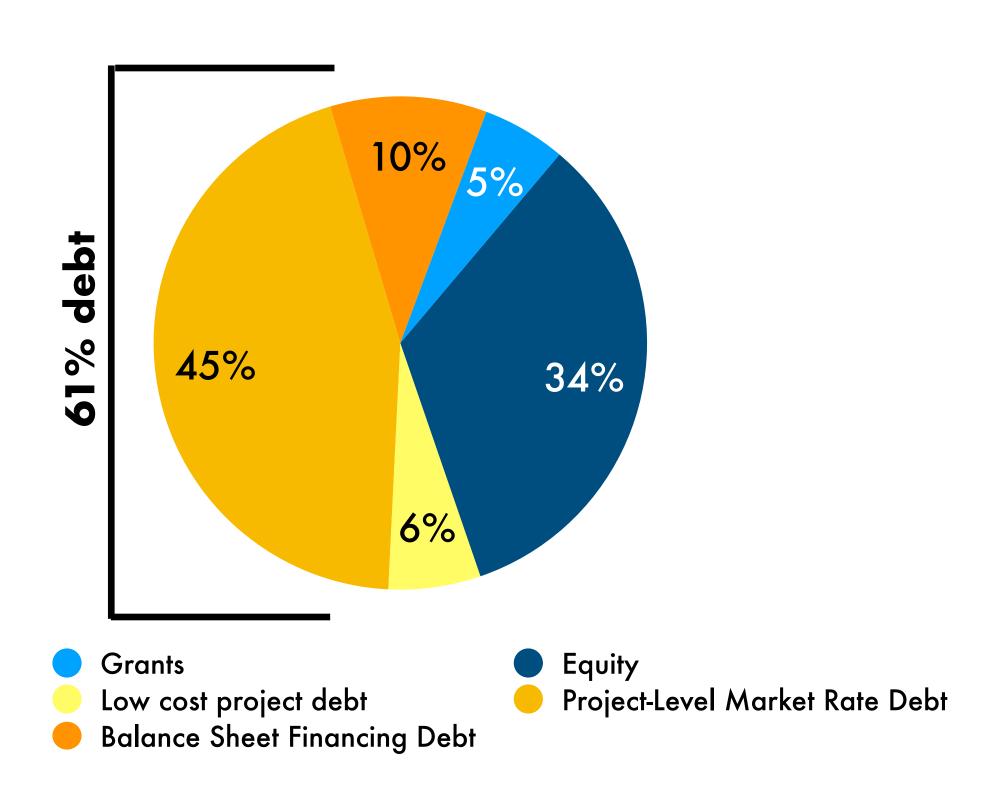


#### Wars and Disruptors: Climate Change





Source: World Meteorological Organization, 2022

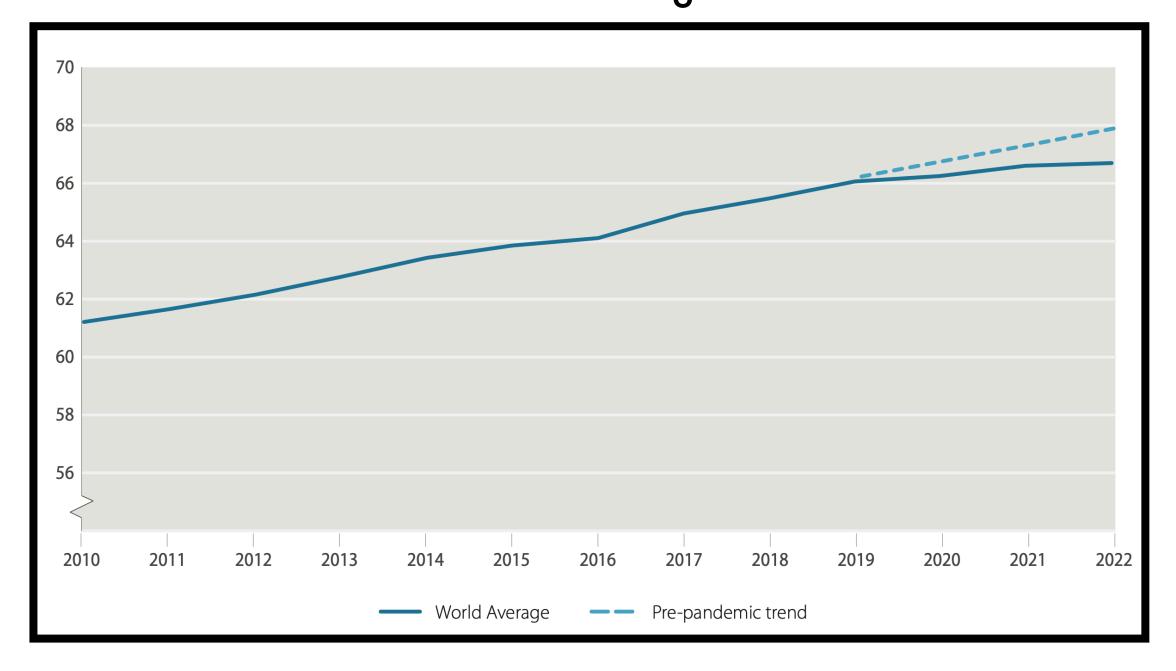


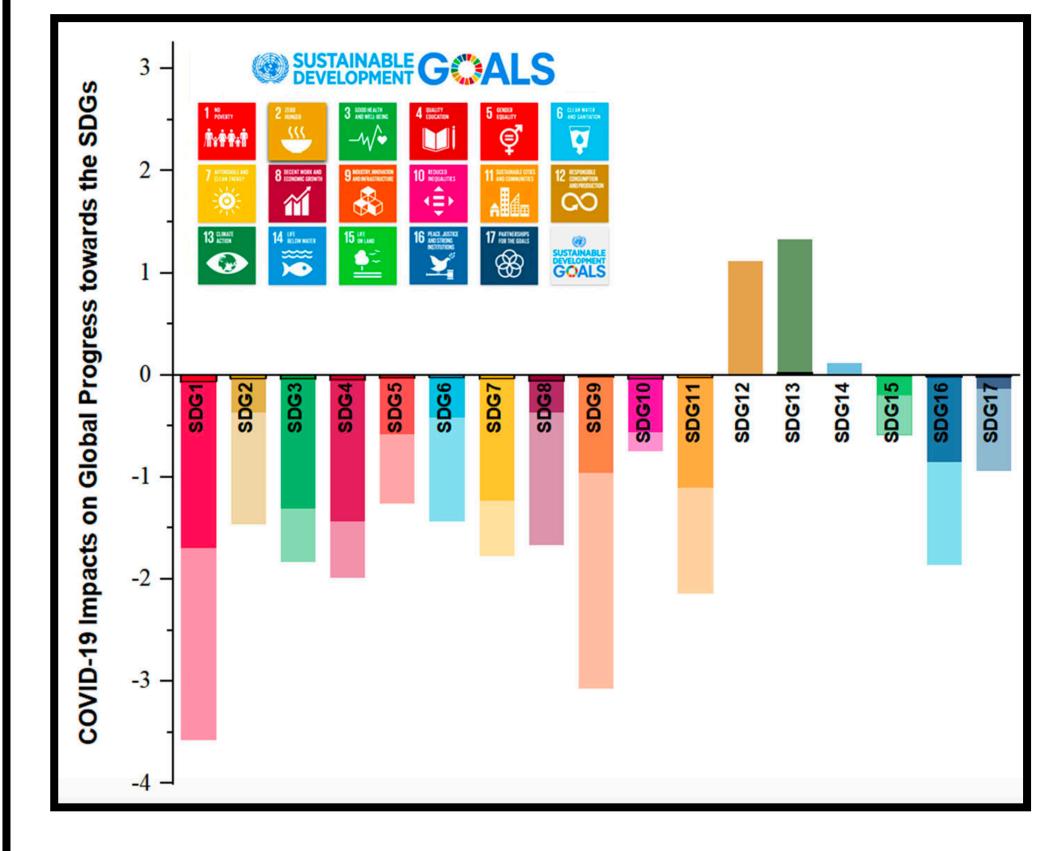
Source: Climate Policy Initiative Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2023 - November 2nd, 2023



#### Wars and Disruptors: The COVID-19 Pandemic

#### SDG Index World Average 2010 - 2022



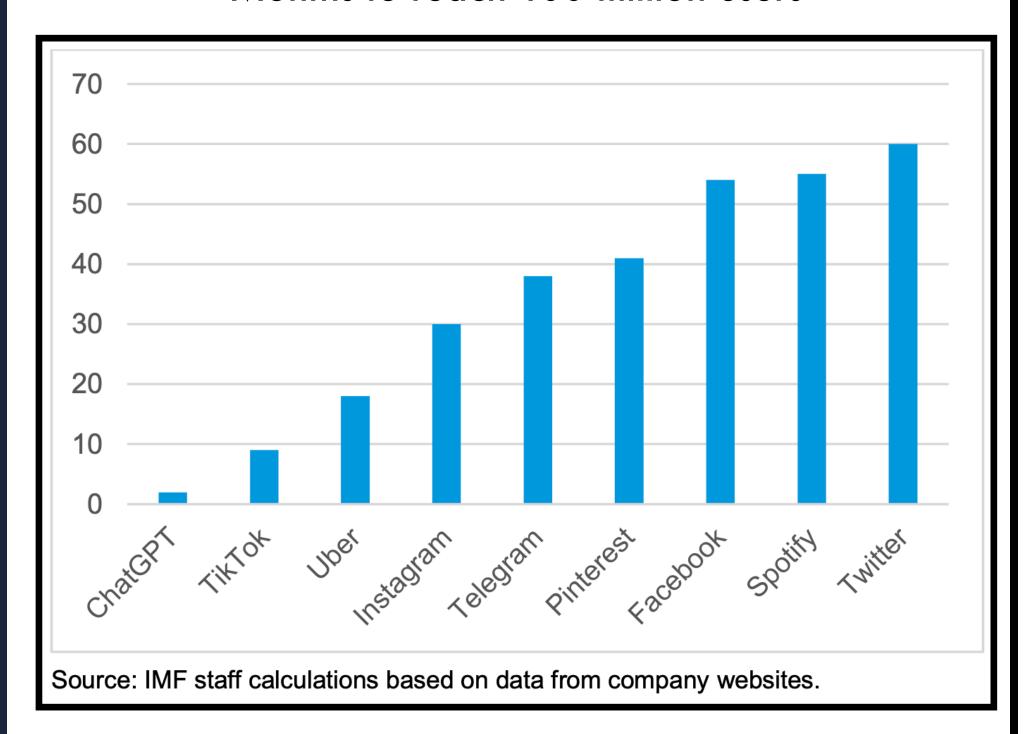


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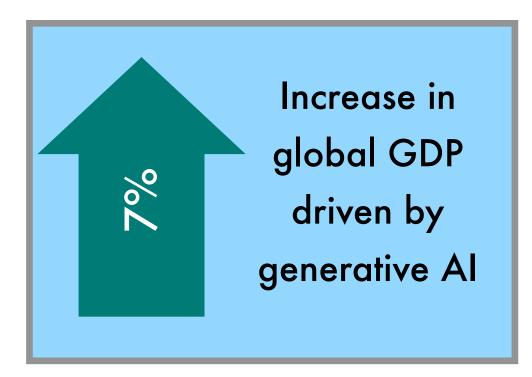


#### Wars and Disruptors: Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence

#### Months to reach 100 million users



27% of jobs at high risk of automation



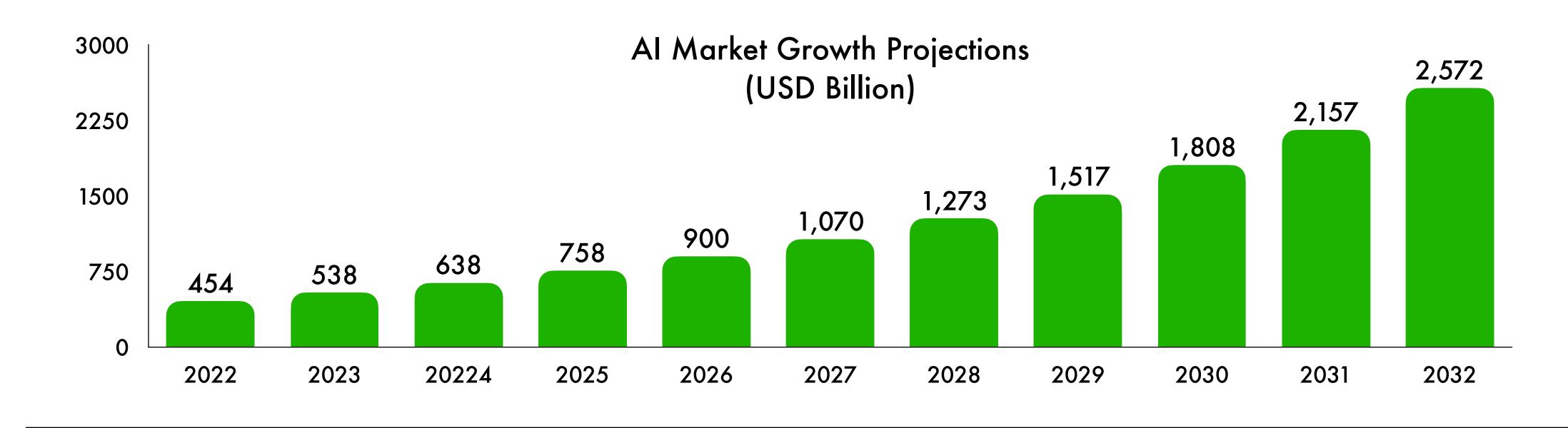
2 in 3 occupations could be partially automated by Al

Up to 300 million jobs could be replaced by AI

Source: Future Investment Initiative Institute, "Al and the Future Impact" 2024 citing Goldman Sachs, OECD and University of North Carolina



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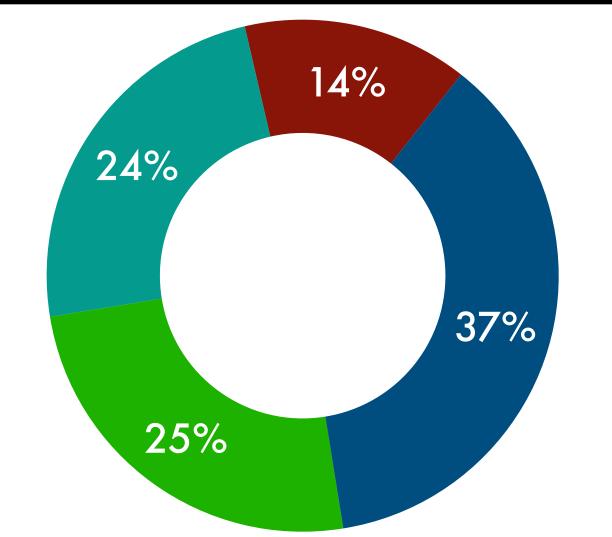




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Asia and Pacific

Latin America and Middle East



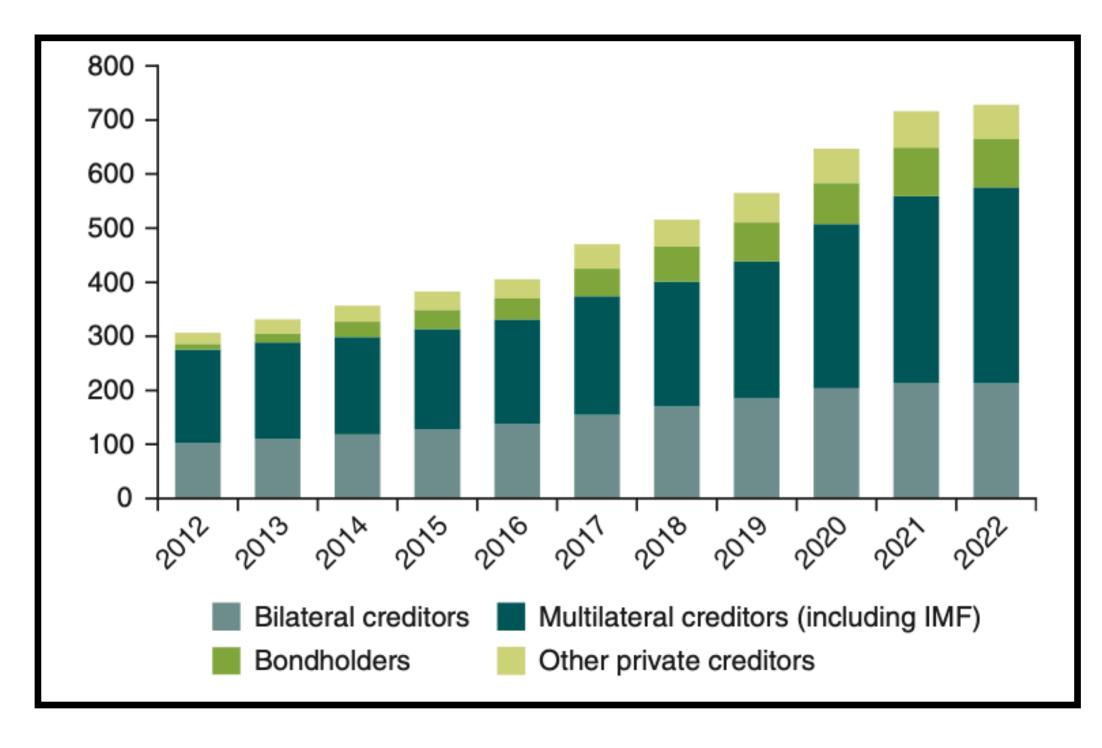
Al Market Share of Different Regions (2022)

Source: Artificial Intelligence Report by Precedence Research, issued October 2022

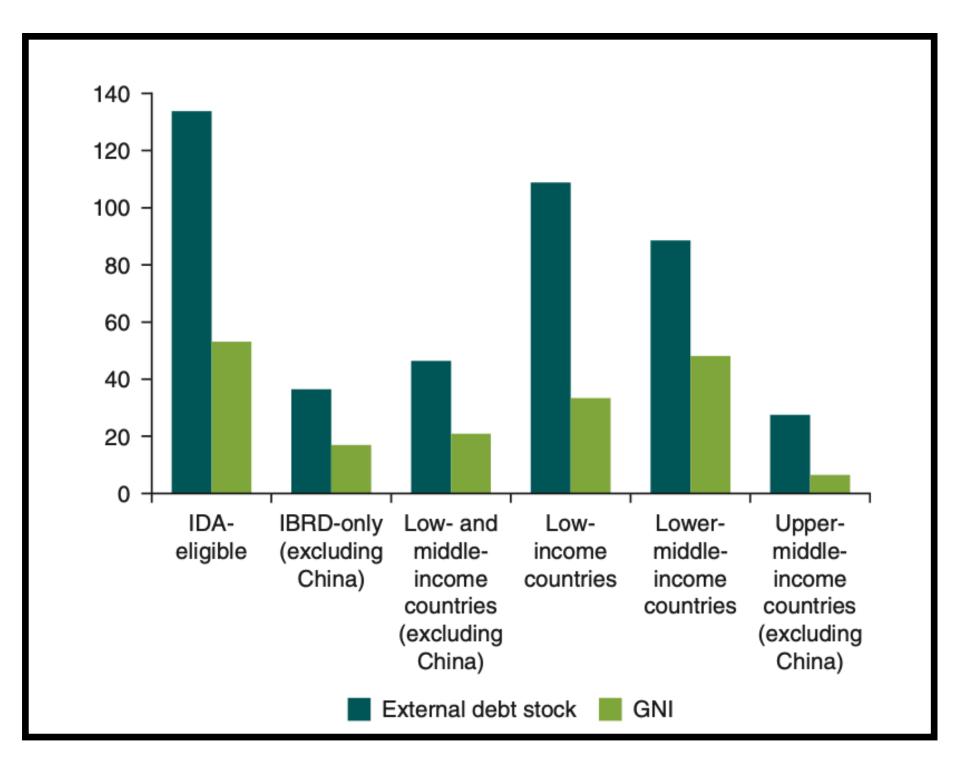


#### Wars and Disruptors: Debt

Creditor Composition of Long-Term Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt for IDA-Eligible Countries, 2012 - 2022 (USD Billion)

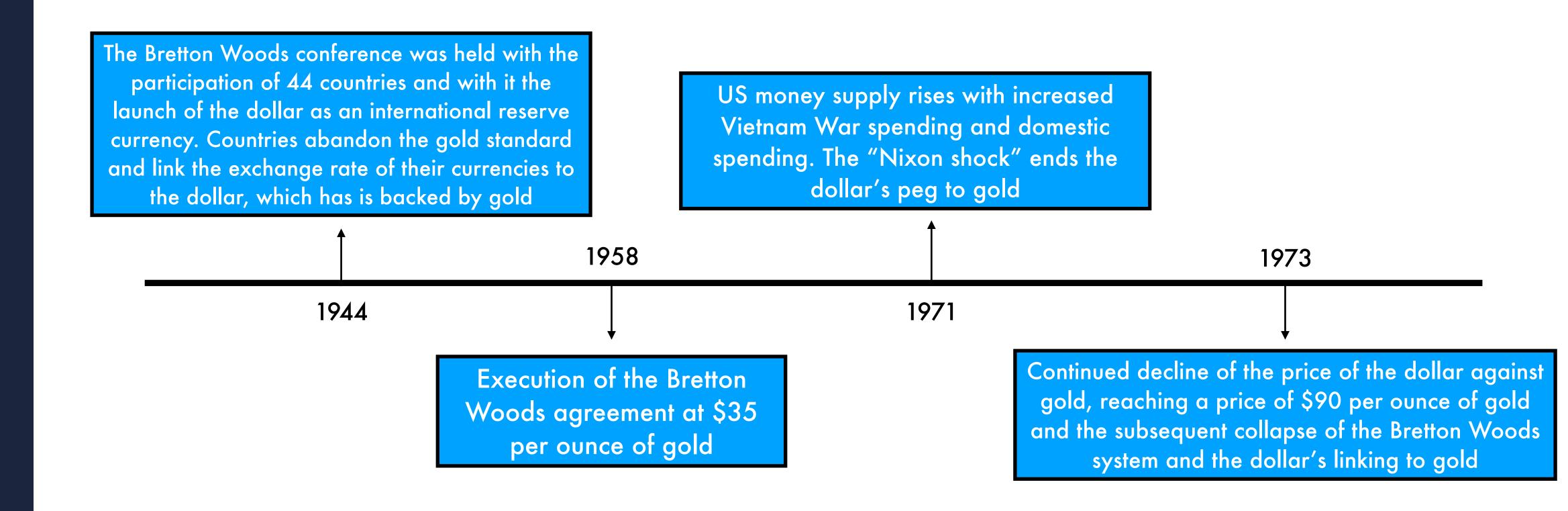


Change in External Debt Stock and GNI, by Income and Lending Group, 2021 - 2022 (%)





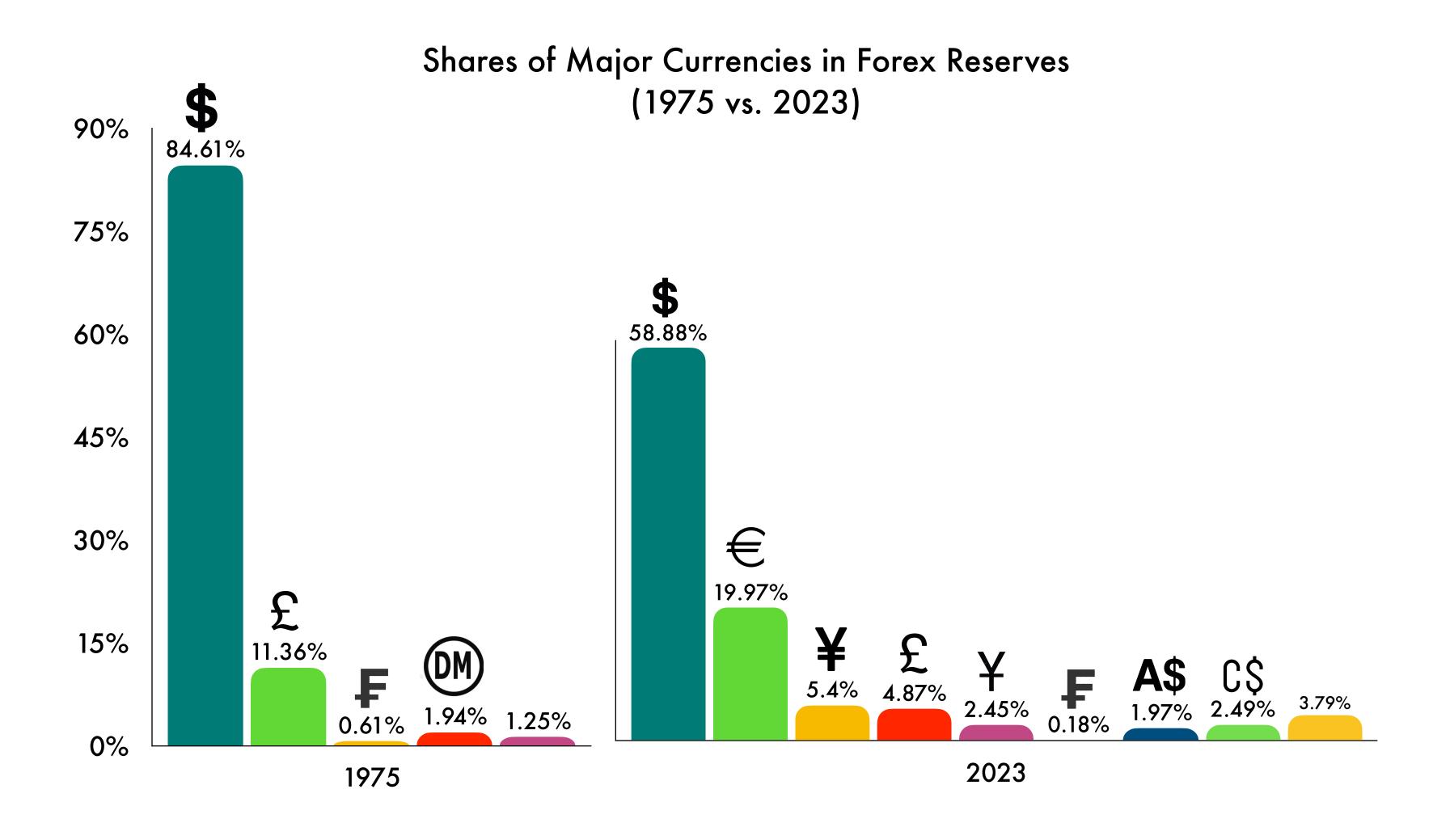
#### Dollar Dominance: The Beginning and the End of Bretton Woods



Source: Visuals Prepared by researcher based on: Bordo, M. D. (1993). The Bretton Woods international monetary system: a historical overview. In A retrospective on the Bretton Woods system: Lessons for international monetary reform (pp. 3-108). University of Chicago Press.



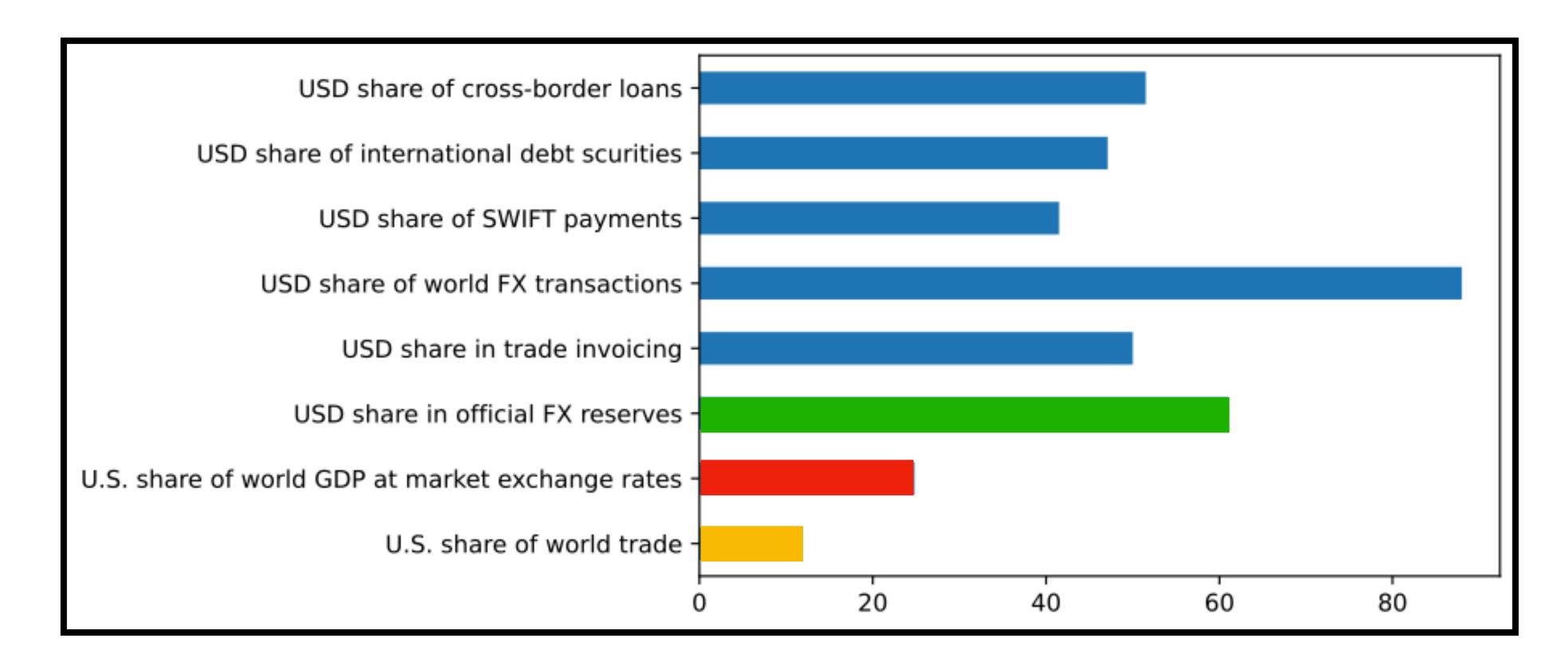
#### Dollar Dominance: Evolution of Forex Reserves





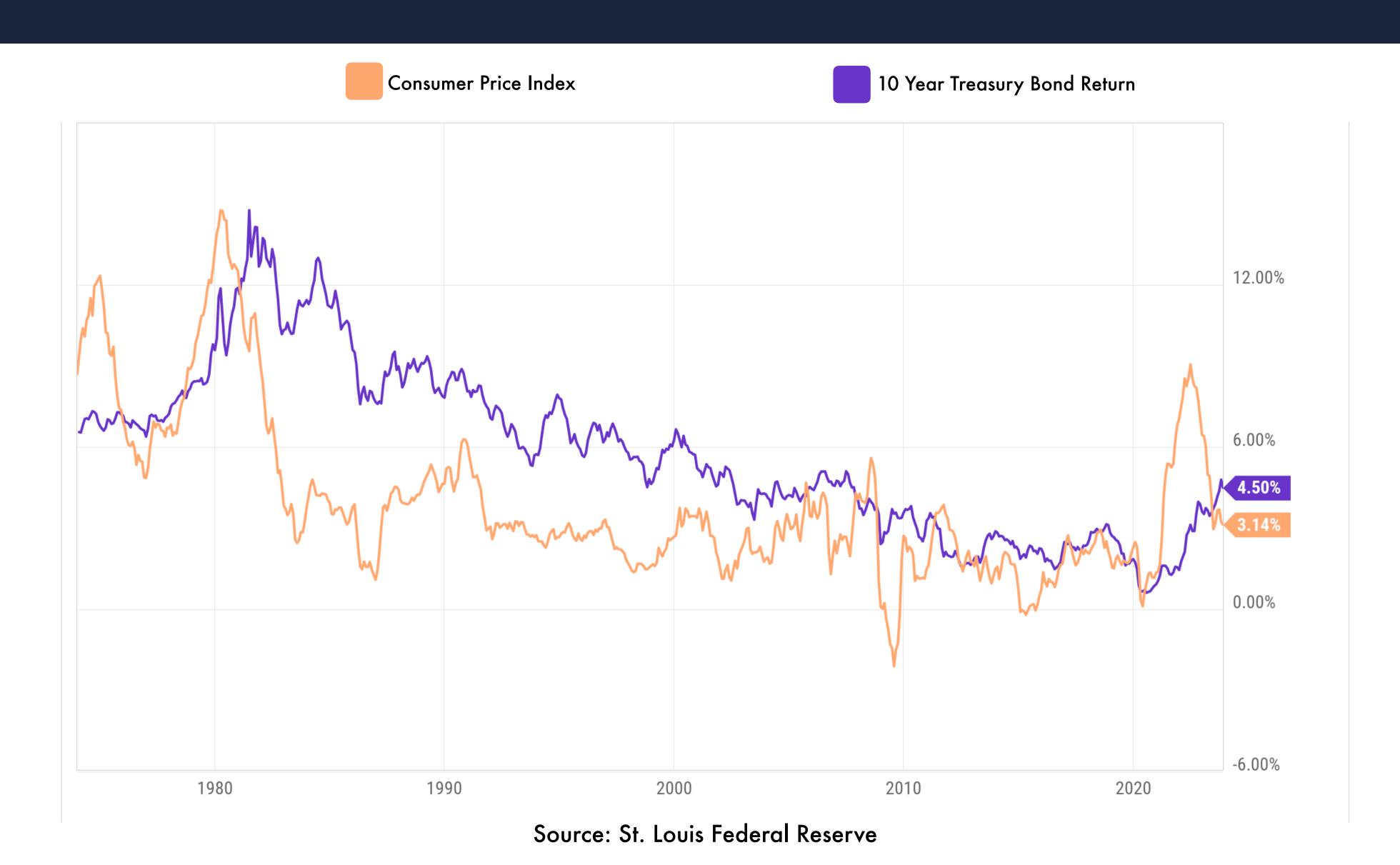
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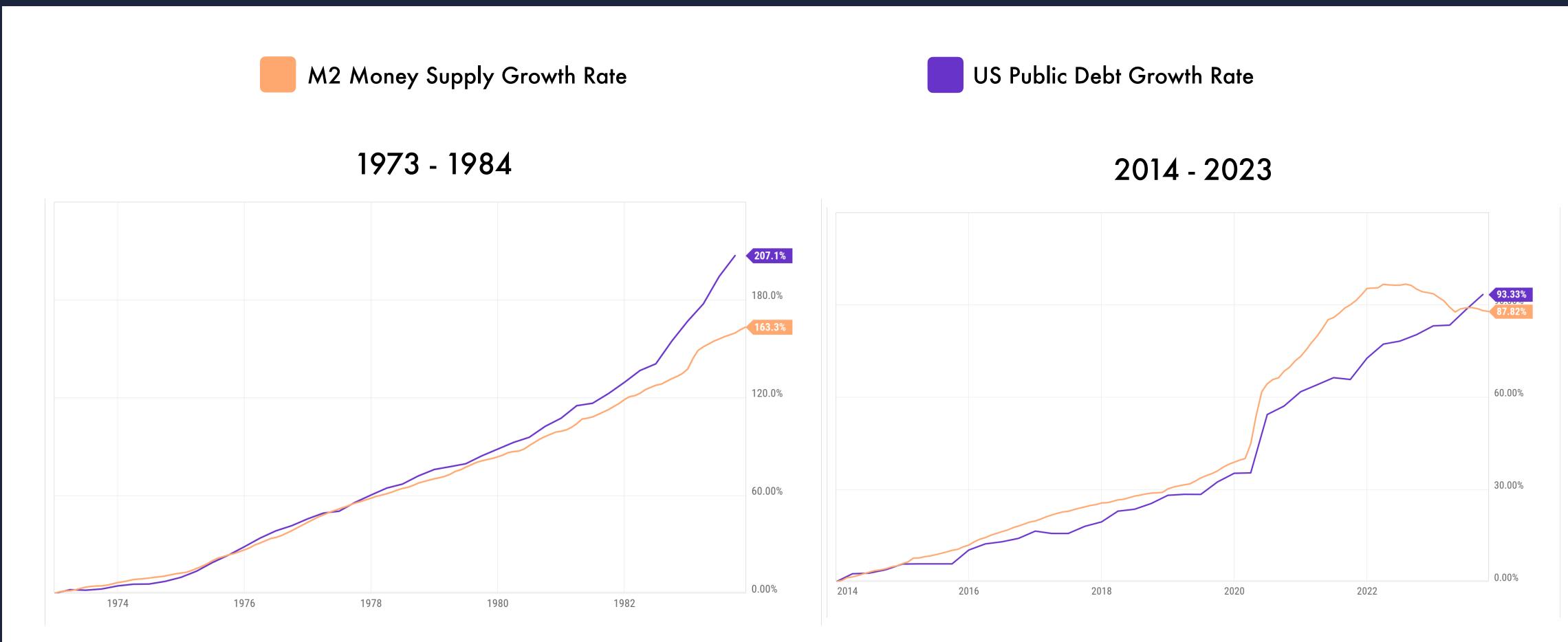


### Dollar Dominance: Has the Decline Started?



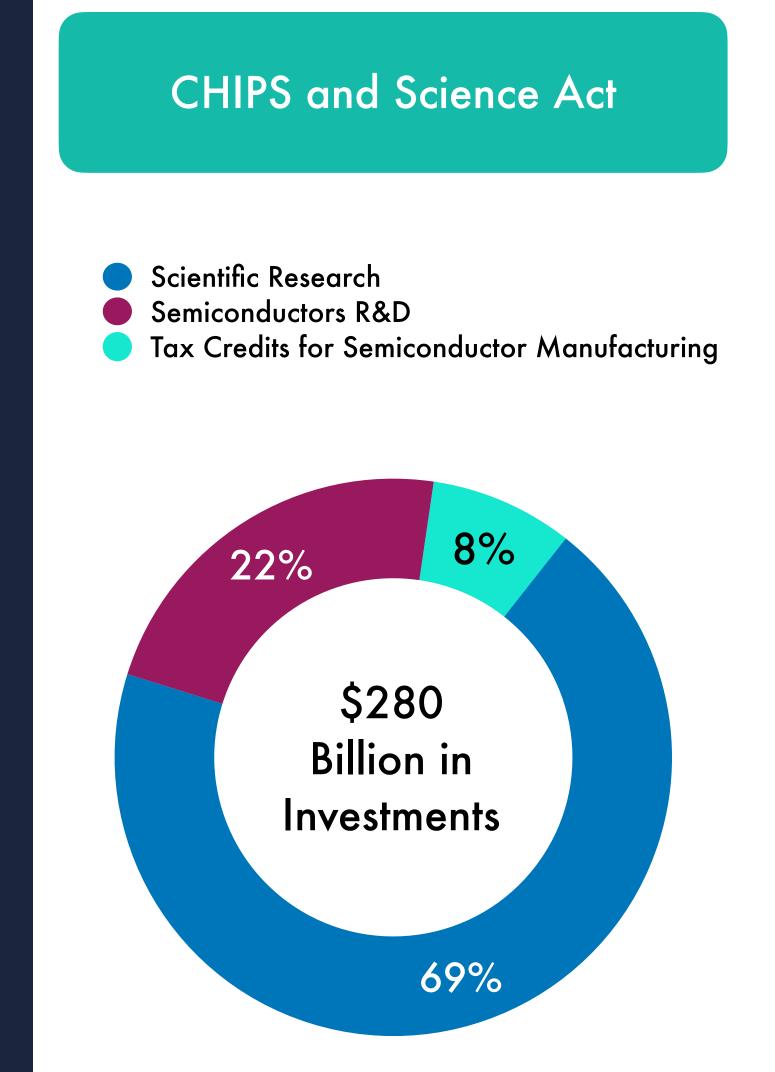


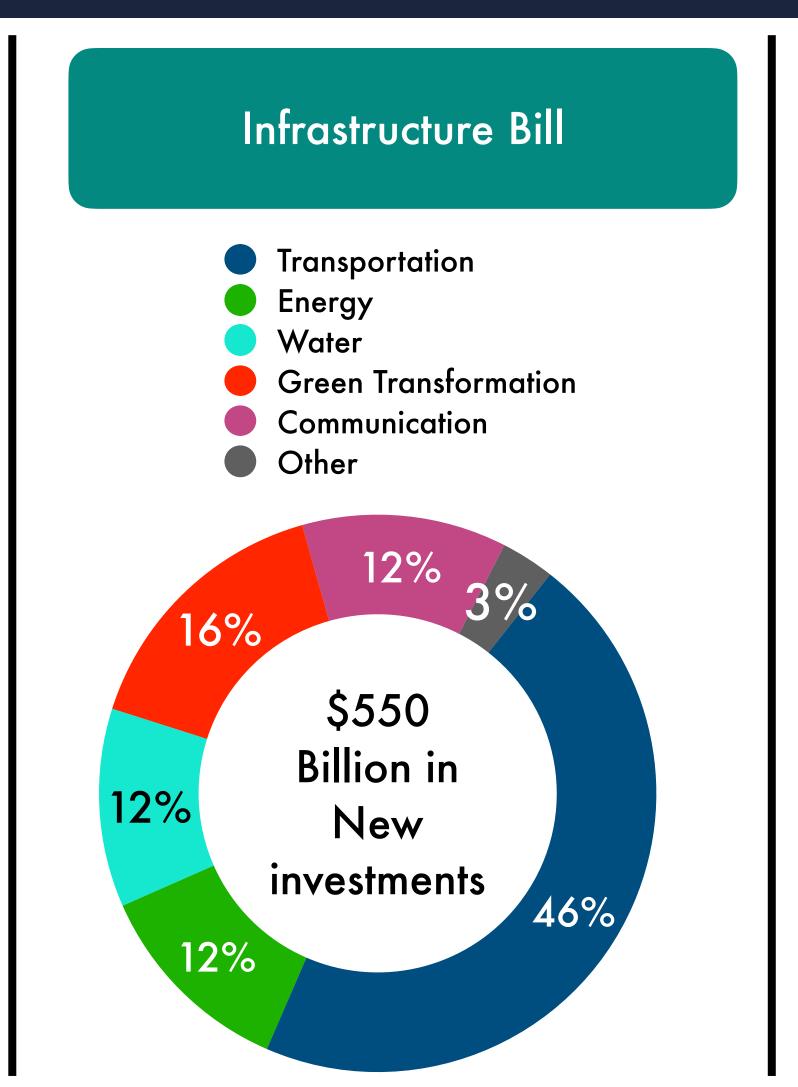
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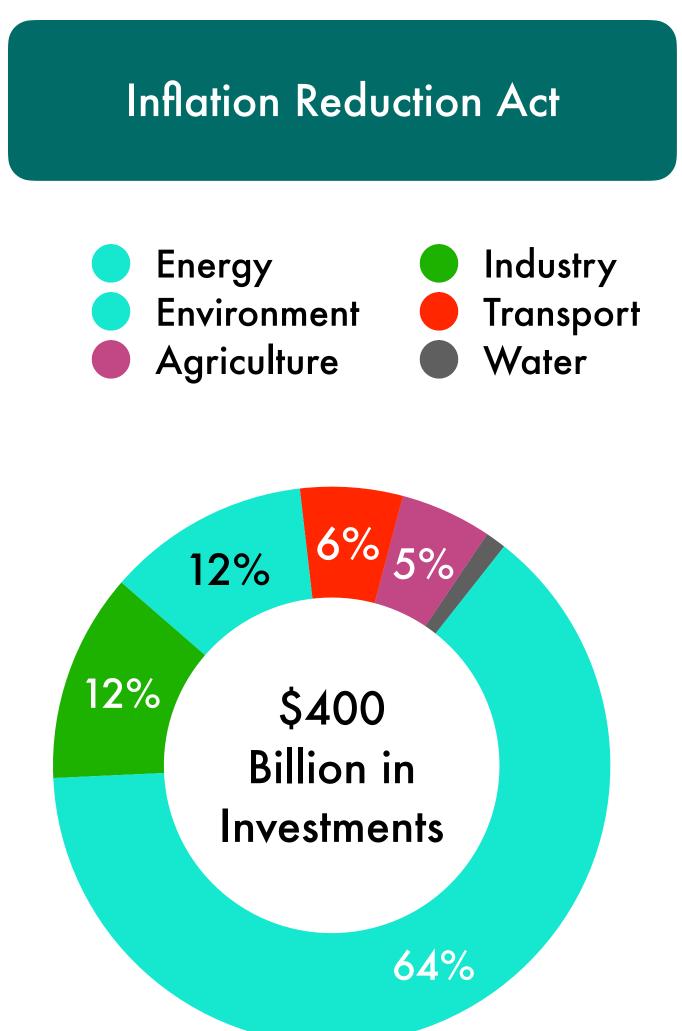




#### Dollar Dominance: Economic Stimulus and the New Industrial Policy





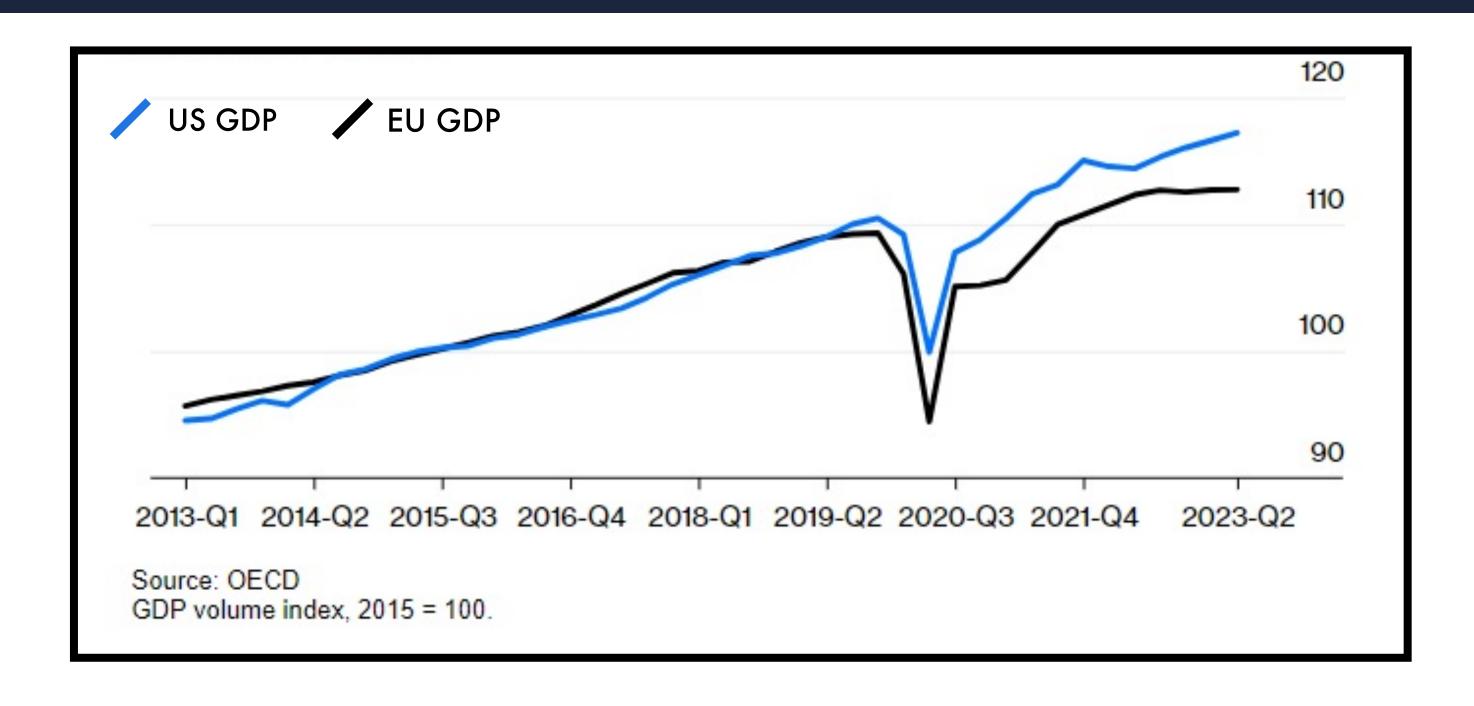


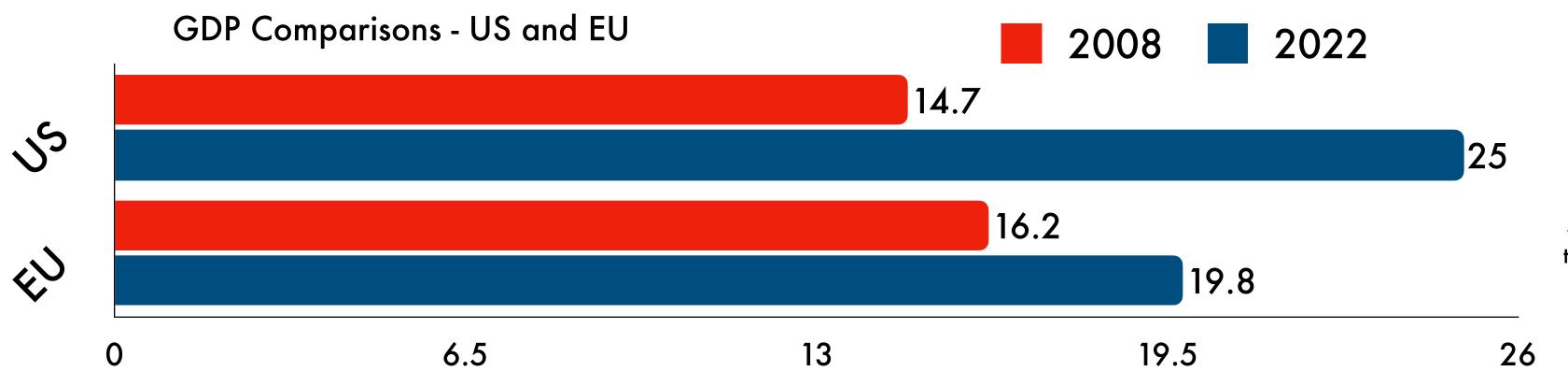


#### Dollar Dominance: Potential Alternatives - The Euro



Source: The EU's plan to regain its competitive edge - Financial Times,





Source: Europe is Falling Behind America and the Gap is Growing - Financial Times, 19 June 2023



#### Dollar Dominance: Potential Alternatives - Remninbi

Locally Accepted Currency

Strong acceptance at the local level:

Unit of account in transactions
Accepted medium of exchange
Store of value

International Currency

Free capital flows

"Deep, liquid, open capital markets, rule of law and long and deep financial markets"

Strong property rights

Renminbi's Future as a Reserve Currency?

Active in international trade (Exports) with consistent capital flows

A consistently stable and growing economy

Internationally accepted for settling cross-border payments

Shares of Currencies in IMF Special Drawing Rights basket

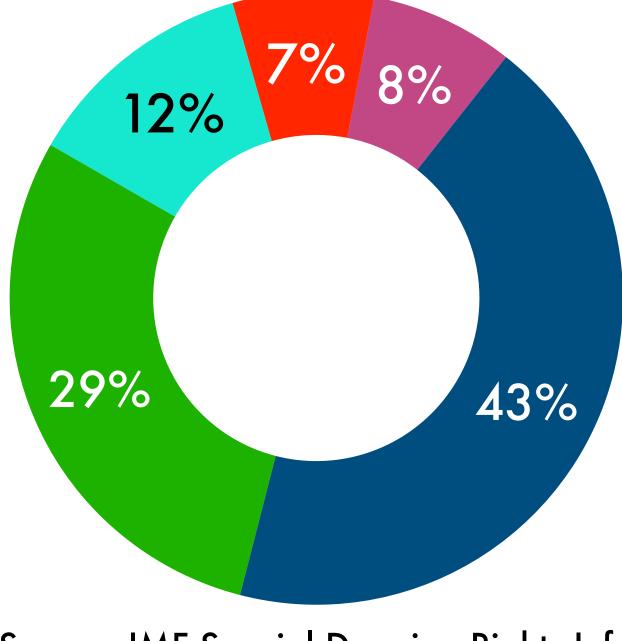
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Euro

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Pound Sterling

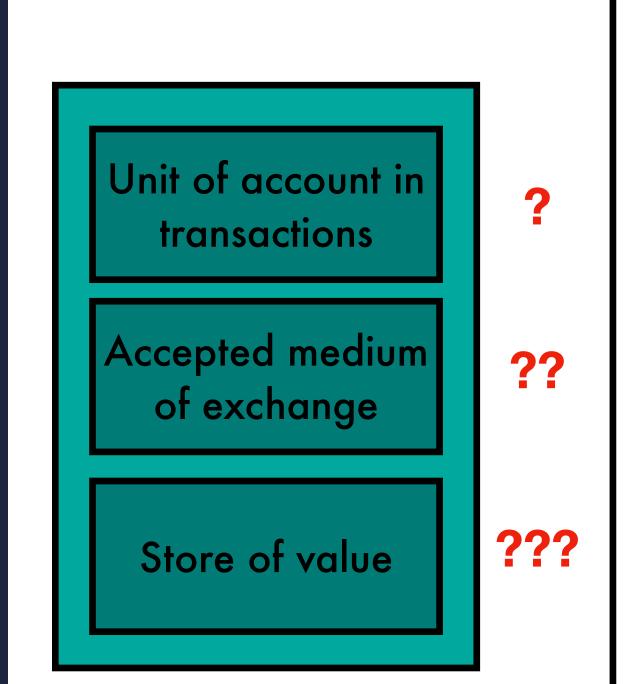
Japanese Yen



Source: IMF Special Drawing Rights Info



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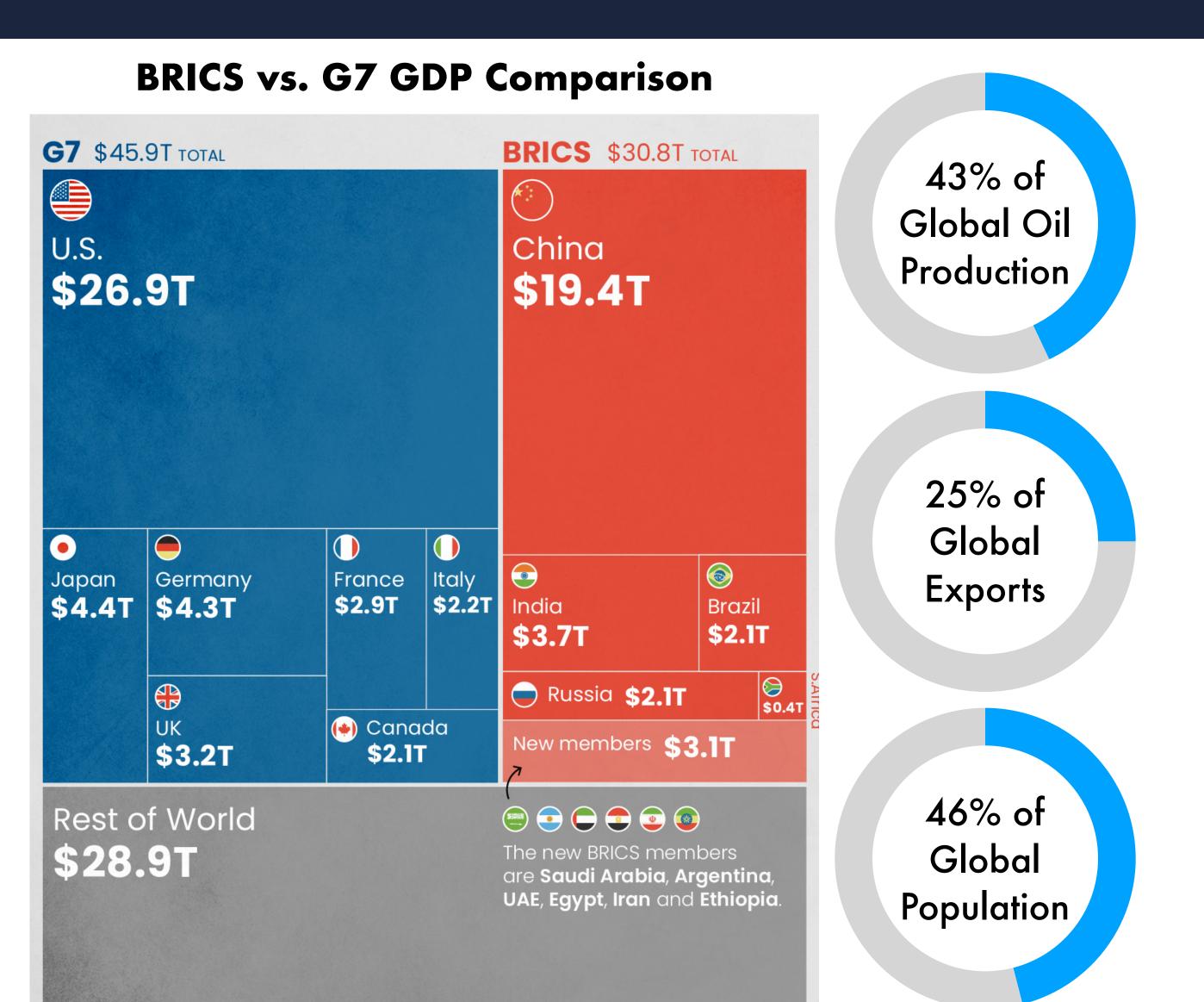


#### Relative Returns Between Bitcoin and Top S&P500 Stocks GOOGL 从Nvidia — NVDA Apple Google

Source: Yahoo Finance



#### Dollar Dominance: The BRICS Alliance and a New Monetary Union



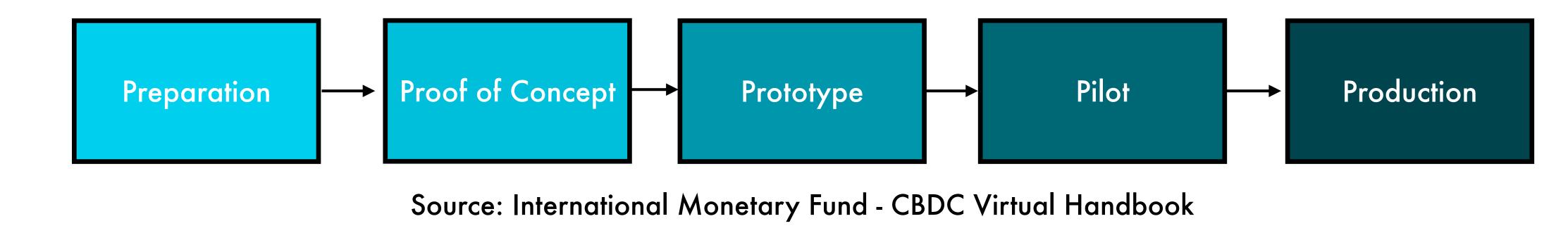
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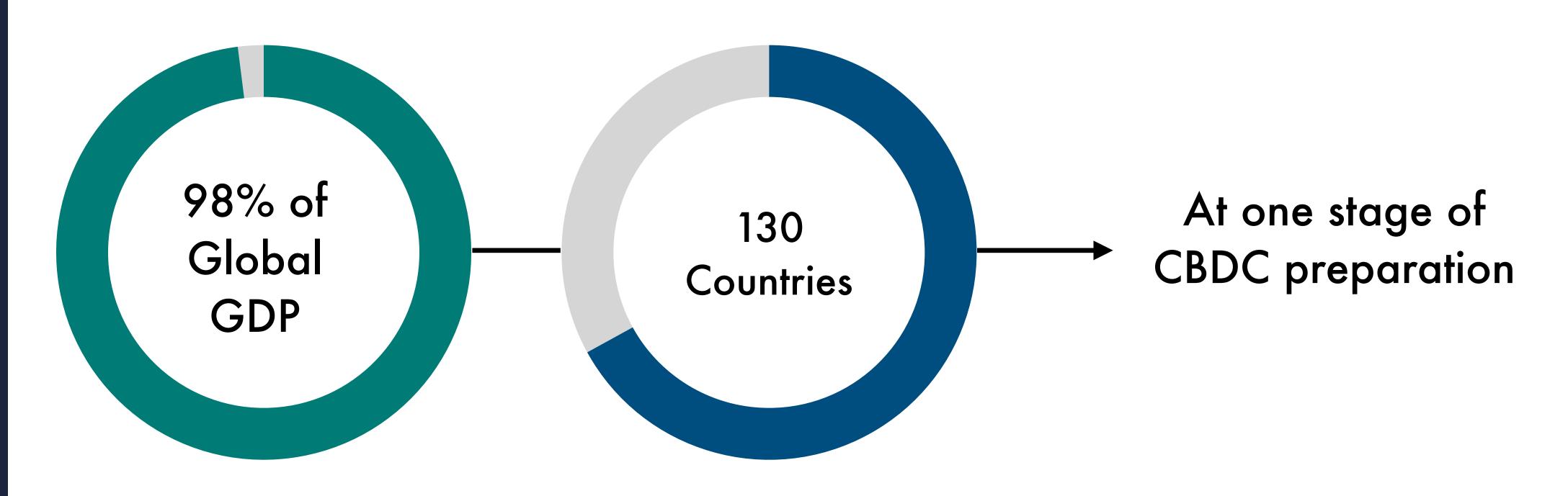
GDP of BRICS and the G7 Countries -

October 23rd, 2023



#### Dollar Dominance: Central Bank Digital Currencies







### Economic Management During Risk and Uncertainty: OECD Performance

|             | Price changes between October 2022 and October 2023 | Share of product categories with an annual price increase of more than 2% |         | % Increase in employment<br>between Q4 2022 and Q2<br>2023 | National Stockmarket indices, adjusted for inflation |
|-------------|---|---|---------|--|--|
|             | Inflation (%)                                       | Inflation Breadth (%)   | GDP (%) | Employment (%)   | Stock Market (%)                                     |
| Greece      | 3.4%  | -13.3*  | 1.2%    | 1.1%   | 43.8%  |
| South Korea | 3.2%  | -13.3%  | 1.6%    | 1.1%   | 7.2%   |
| USA         | 4.0%  | -18.8%  | 2.3%    | 1.3%   | 4.3%   |
| Luxembourg  | 3.7%  | -26.7%  | 0.5%    | 4.1%   | -0.8%  |
| Canada      | 3.7%  | -15.4%  | 0.7%    | 1.6%   | 0.2%   |
| Chile       | 4.8%  | -6.7%   | 0.5%    | 2.4%   | 7.6%   |
| Portugal    | 3.5%  | -6.7%   | 1.4%    | 0.9%   | 1.3%   |
| Spain       | 3.8%  | 13.3%   | 1.3%    | 2.4%   | 14.6%  |
| Poland      | 8.0%  | -6.7%   | 2.9%    | 0.4%   | 24.4%  |
| Japan       | 2.8%  | 17.6%   | 1.4%    | 0.3%   | 17.7%  |
| Mexico      | 5.0%  | 0   | 2.6%    | 0.7%   | 4.7%   |
| France      | 3.1%  | 6.7%  | 0.6%    | 0.7%   | 9.3%   |
| Australia   | 5.1%  | 0   | 1.2%    | 1.5%   | -0.2%  |
| Netherlands | 4.6%  | -6.3%   | -1.1%   | 0.9%   | 7.6%   |
| Norway      | 5.8%  | -6.3%   | -0.8%   | 1.4%   | 2.2%   |
| Germany     | 4.2%  | 18.8%   | 0       | 0.7%   | 9.0%   |
| UK          | 5.6%  | -6.3%   | 0.5%    | 0.4%   | -0.5%  |
| Finland     | 6.6%  | -6.3%   | -0.4%   | 0.5%   | -12.0%   |

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Source: The Economist, December 23rd 2023 Issue

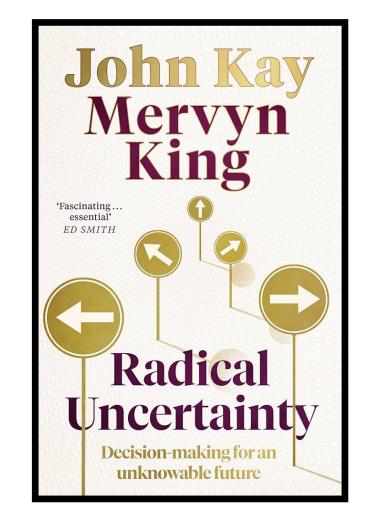


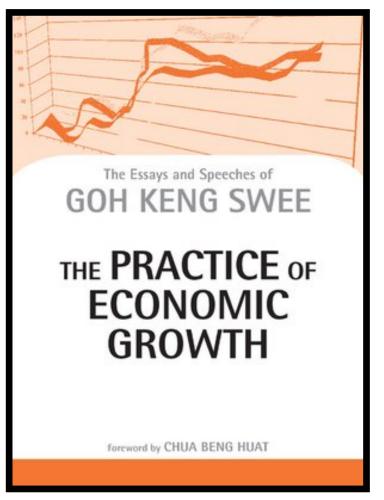
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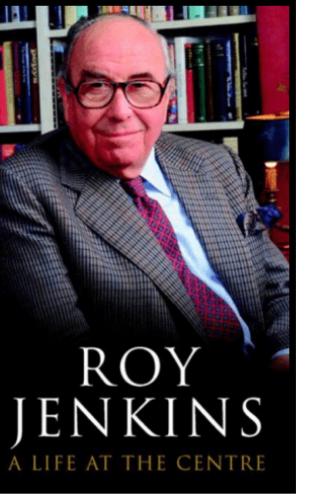
The importance of differentiating between variables and constants

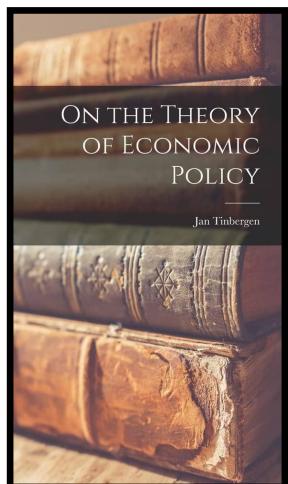
Politics and public policy objectives and its intermediate goals, tools and instruments

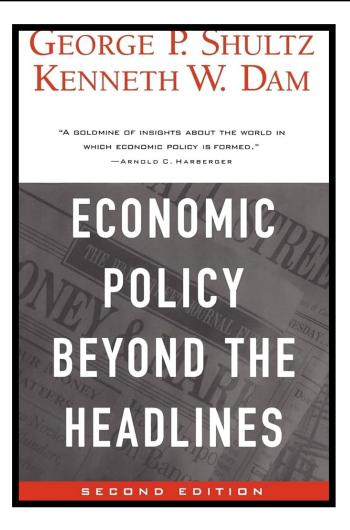
Distinguishing between hopes, wishful thinking and achievable objectives











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