

# **Birth and Death Expose the Fake Economy**

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One can also include inflation (the lack of) in the title as exposing the fake boom of our fake economy with its "lowest unemployment rate in 50 years." A supposedly tight jobs market but with low wages and minuscule inflation. Prosperity and stagnation. Nothing makes sense, and for many, that means there is nothing to live for.

An analysis of Centers for Disease Control mortality data published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that between the years 1959 and 2016 life expectancy for Americans increased from 69.9 to 78.9 years. The key sector of this period for our purposes is 2008 and 2014. In 2008 life expectancy ceased to advance; in the three years from 2014 life expectancy fell.

The JAMA study focused on the 25-64 year age group; the working years of people with good jobs, bad jobs, and no jobs, and found that the sudden change in life expectancy had much to do with "deaths of despair" -- suicide, drugs, alcohol, and whatever else that may ameliorate or stop the pain of life under a dying system.

In 2008 - The sudden Great Slump. People were hurt but kept themselves together to await their government's curing of a sick economy. Then 2014 - That's the year, believe it or not, that they declared: IT'S FIXED. All is well for a bountiful future. It's one thing to lie; it's quite another thing when the official propounders of official truth slam the lie, like a pie, smack into the faces of those barely hanging on to their miserable existence. We need food, water, shelter to live, but we also need a reason and a hope. But capitalism reserves that along with most of the wealth of the nation for itself.

Birth rates have a similar story to tell. During 1940 - 2018 the number of births a woman may have in her lifetime peaked in 1957 at 3.77. It was 2.91 in 1965, and then, very significantly, following the lost stagflation decade of the 70's, in 1980 it fell to 1.84 births. It grew to 2.08 in 1990, and then another 'very significantly', began to decline in 2007 (the official marker of the slump is August 2007). The birth rate for 2018 is expected to be 1.73. The lowest in the history of the nation. In only 2 years since 1971 has the birth rate reached 2.10; the rate necessary for a generation to replace itself. America: The home of the lost generations.

## **Economic Info**

-- In the US since 1978 executive compensation increased by 940% (That's correct Nine-Hundred and Forty percent). Workers pay adjusted for inflation increased a total of Twelve percent (12%).

-- Qingshai Salt, China's largest Potash set a new record: The largest annual lost in China's history – \$6.8 billion. It tried to expand from potash and lithium to include magnesium and other investments, the result being three huge losses the past three years. The company will be restructured. Only then will investors learn how many pennies they will receive from three defaulted bonds.

-- Meanwhile China, the nation not the company, also extended its losing streak. Growth declined to 6.1% (take 2% off for greater accuracy). That's the slowest growth in 29 years.

-- German growth for 2019 came to 0.6%, the lowest since 2013. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is expected to be as low as 0.1%. But don't expect high unemployment. Capitalism's dead thriving economies has become a worldwide phenomenon. Germany's unemployment rate is 3.1%, close to the lowest in the world.

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