

# **Helicoptered False Positive Crashes**

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There has been a major discrepancy between inflation data as reported in the US and Europe. For July Eurostat reported 2.2% inflation and a very low core inflation rate of 0.7% while in this country CPI and PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) have reached highs not seen since the 80's. The latest data provides an answer, and that doesn't project a bright future for the economy.

A booming retail section of the economy should be associated with significant industrial production growth. The Federal Reserve released a report showing IP just now reaching January 2020 level which was well below the 2018 peak period. And now with the inflation centered in the goods sector of the economy (and that now cooling off), it leaves little left to explain the anomaly other than the massive sums dropped from the skies and into the pockets of consumers in order to prime an economic revival. As the windfall is in decline, so is the growth rate.

China's economy is also slipping into the same rut that is now occupied by Europe and the US. It no longer needs to build and fill ghost cities for the new industrial working class moving to them from the rural, agricultural, sector of the economy. Demand is down and so is growth, along with the endless supply of excuses. Data released this week show that Fixed Asset Investment showed a 2 year compounded growth from July 2019 of only 5.4%.

## **Economic Info**

– The national minimum wage was enacted in 1938, and for its first 30 years its growth was tied to increases in productivity. And then it became untethered with productivity and profits soaring while the minimum wage sagged in relation to it. Had the minimum wage remained in step with productivity it would in constant 2020 dollars be \$26 an hour. There would cause massive inflation if the masses of low income workers were paid \$52,000 a year unless it was regulated by an equally massive deduction in the form of taxes from the accounts of the parasitic class.

– That class has had a field day during the pandemic. According to Forbes the world's 2690 global billionaires saw combined wealth rise from \$8 trillion on

March 20, 2020 to \$13 trillion as of the end of July 2021. A one-time 99% tax on these bandits would bring in more than \$5 trillion, enough to vaccinate the unvaccinated of the world and provide a 20,000 cash payment to the unemployed, and still leave the billionaire gang \$55 billion richer than they were before the pandemic.

It appears that some from the billionaire class have made themselves sick from their own money grubbing madness. Morris Pearl, the former managing director of the BlackRock, the investment management company with more than \$10 trillion in assets managed, now heads Patriotic Millionaires where he hopes to lessen the hatred felt by the masses for his class. *“Rich people getting endlessly richer is not good for anyone. Our economies are choking on this hoarded resource that could be serving a much greater purpose. Billionaires need to cough up that cash ball —and governments need to make them do it by taxing their wealth.”* Judging by the recent behavior of Bezos, Branson and Musk, their class would rather blow it all on childhood fantasies.

– Many Venezuelans now purchase their breakfast cereals from a Socialist Kellogg plant. Three years ago its managers told their workers to take the weekend off for maintenance work. When the workers returned they found that the company closed operations in Venezuela. Since the company owed workers money and the closure without notice violated their union contract they decided to make cereal as a commune working for themselves and their people. They are skilled in running and maintaining the equipment and now have doubled the types of cereals made to 4. The company is not happy with the use of their name and want \$72 million for the use of the plant. The workers say they would return it for a better contract and a return to operation.

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