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Reflections and Connections:

A back bench futurist's opinion of where the U.S. Economy is headed next

This month we were deep in the weeds with two clients, one of which both tariffs and the changes to the IRA may have a profound impact.

Needless to say, we have been following the Executive Orders from the White House, dissecting the One Big Beautiful Bill now under consideration, and scenario planning for our future base case of where the puck is headed next.

What Drives the U.S. Economy Next? (2025 and Beyond)?

I love scenario planning and war gaming. At heart I am a back bench futurist. In 1990 I remember reading “Megatrends 2000” by John Naisbitt. Many of his forecasts were spot on and served me well over the past 30 years. In his 2006 book “Mind Set! Naisbitt memorialized his 11 Mind Sets to help reset your thinking and look at current events through a different lens.

As part of our strategic advisory service, we spend a lot of time determining, debating and informing our clients on where the puck is going. We have talked with them at length about the coming disruption due to AI, declining birth rates, and other long-term trends.

Putting the theory in practice, I have been road testing different AI platforms and putting them through their paces. At present, an AI is like a new intern. Eager to please, often wrong and occasionally brilliant. Give it a task and it will be roughly 80% correct leaving you to fill in the last 20% and back check for accuracy.

With so much going on, I posited the following prompt in Perplexity AI:

If the internet drove the dot-com revolution, cheap access to credit fueled the housing boom, money printing and low interest rates powered the financial sector boom, the Inflation Reduction Act drove the green building boom, and AI is now powering a technology and productivity boom—what is the next big thing that will drive the U.S. economy forward? I am not sure a U.S. manufacturing renaissance will happen, since there are only about 9 million manufacturing workers in the U.S. Thoughts?

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