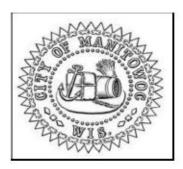
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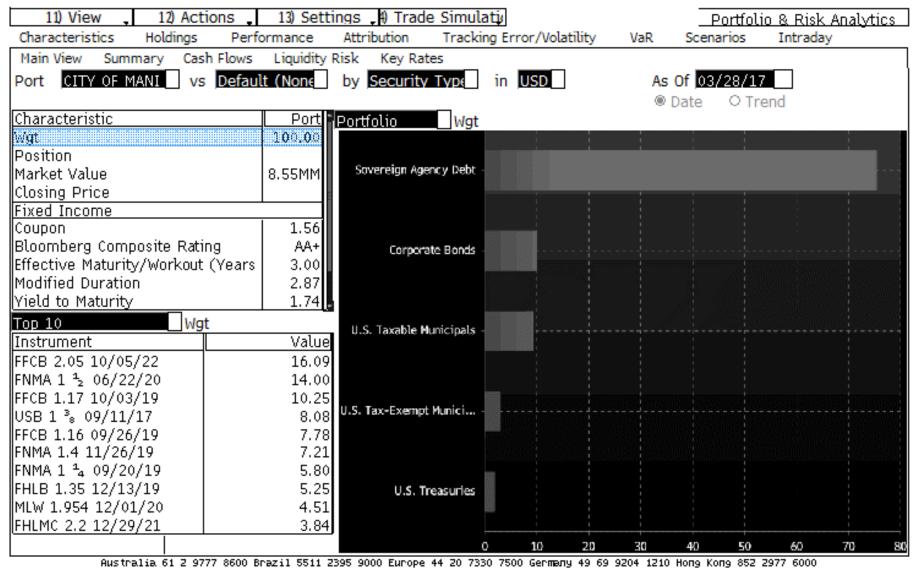
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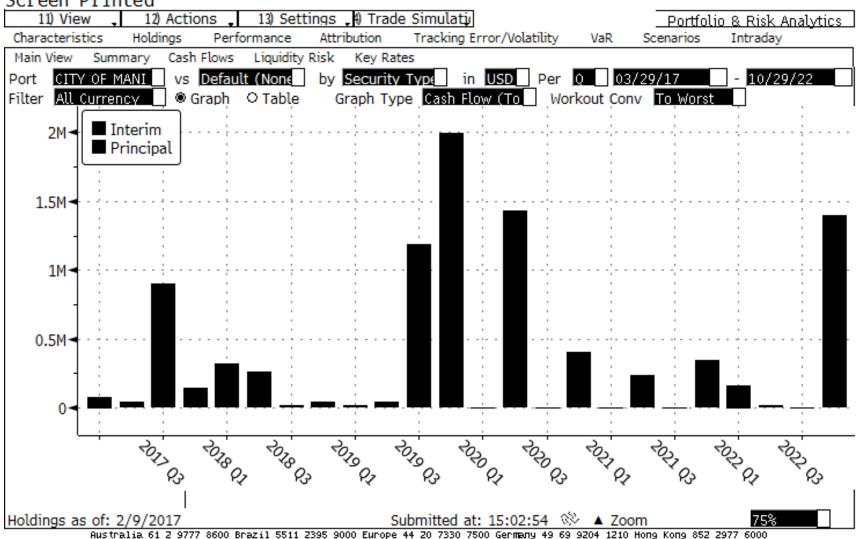
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### The Political Economy

- The interplay of Political and Economic Theory in the pursuit of financial interests and power to influence policy.
- The Role of Government The size of Government how, when and how much market intervention.
- The choice of Policy Transfer Mechanisms
  - Fiscal taxes and programs
  - Monetary interest rates/money supply
  - Weighted combination

Transfer mechanisms influence the economy and markets with varying costs, benefits and consequences.

# Financial Repression The Ultimate Imbalance

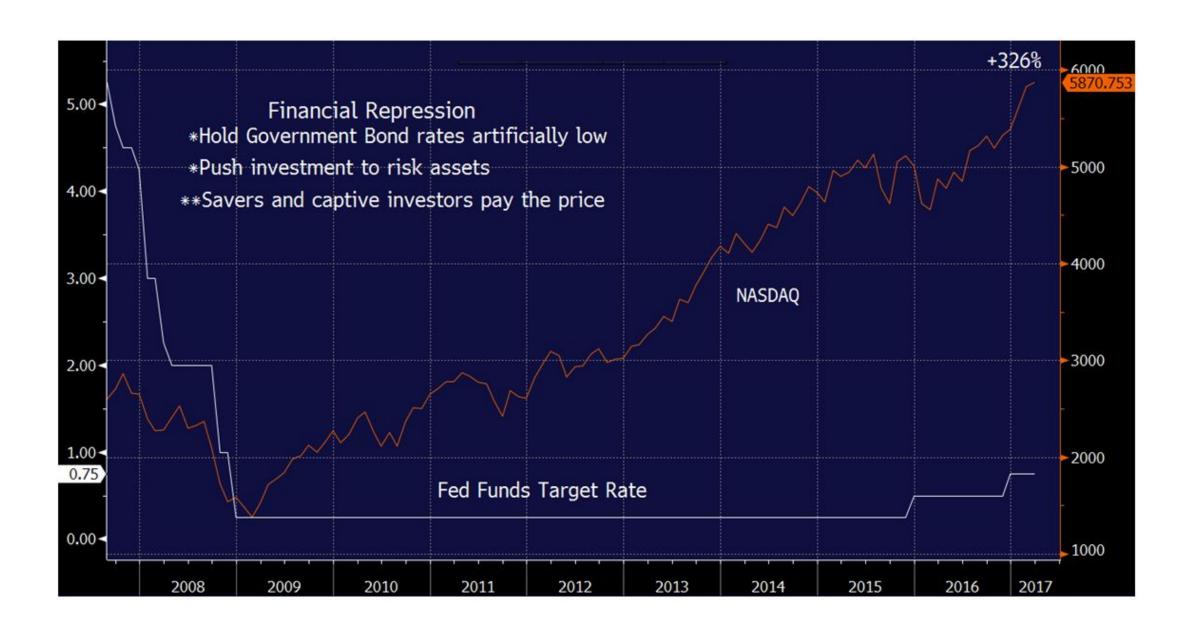
Savers are forced to subsidize inflated asset prices through policy engineered low interest rates.

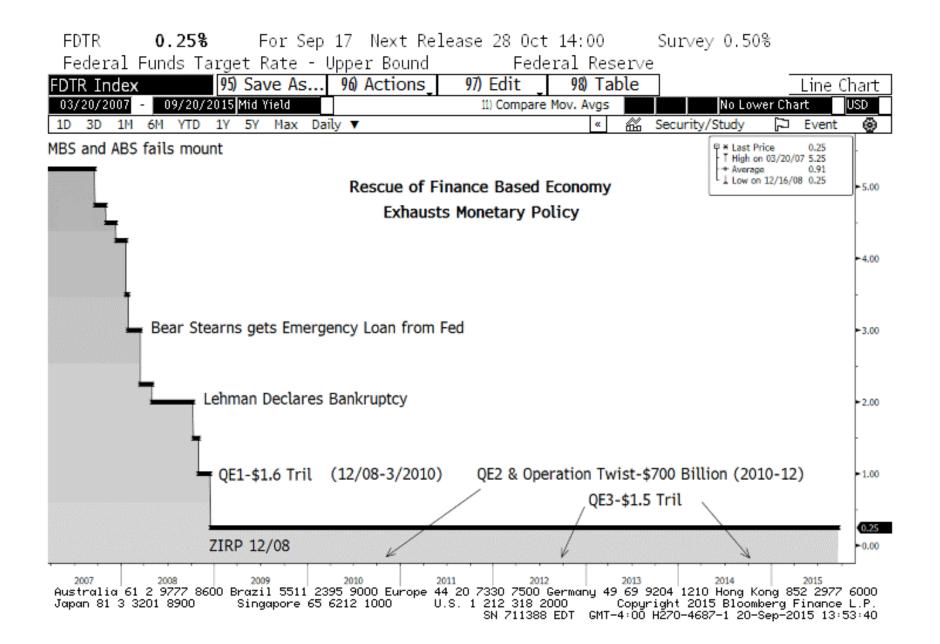
One man's borrowing cost is another man's interest income.

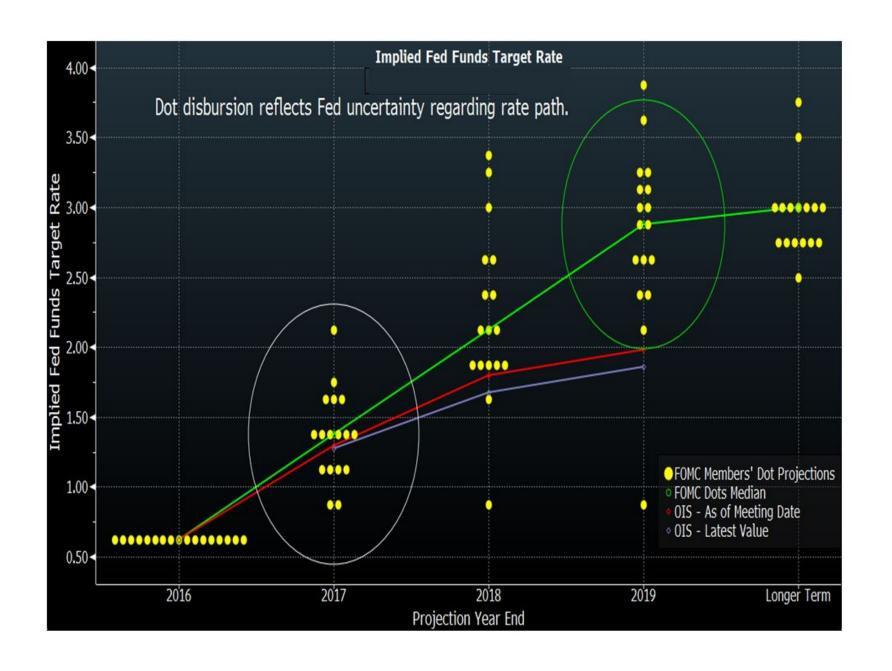
Pushes investment from safe to risk assets to finance growth – increasing risk in both

Very tight credit spreads – 2008 and 2015

Harming valid business models – insurance, pension funds, local governments -Zombie companies, obsolete business models survive

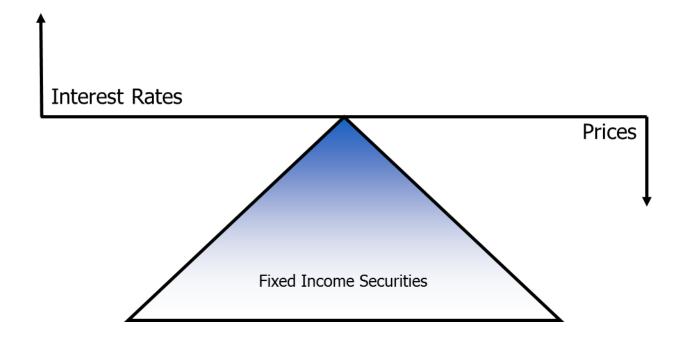






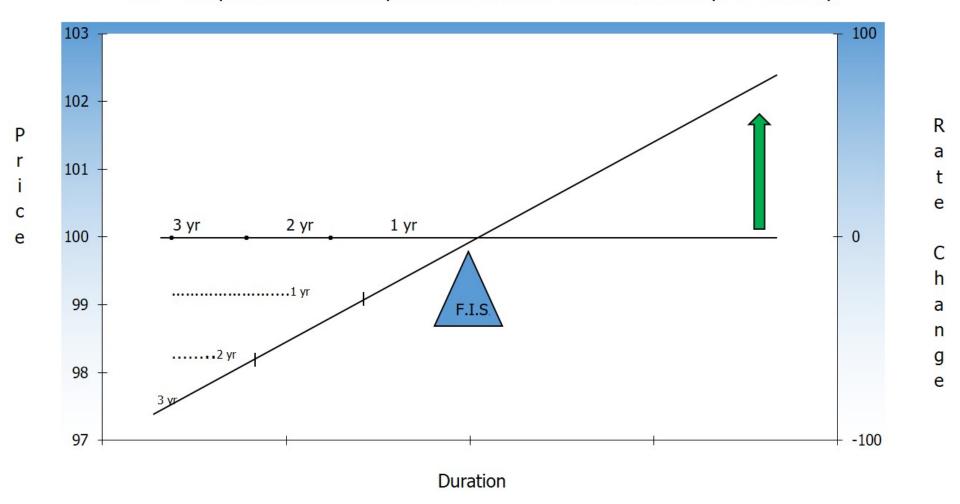
### **Bond Prices and Interest Rates**

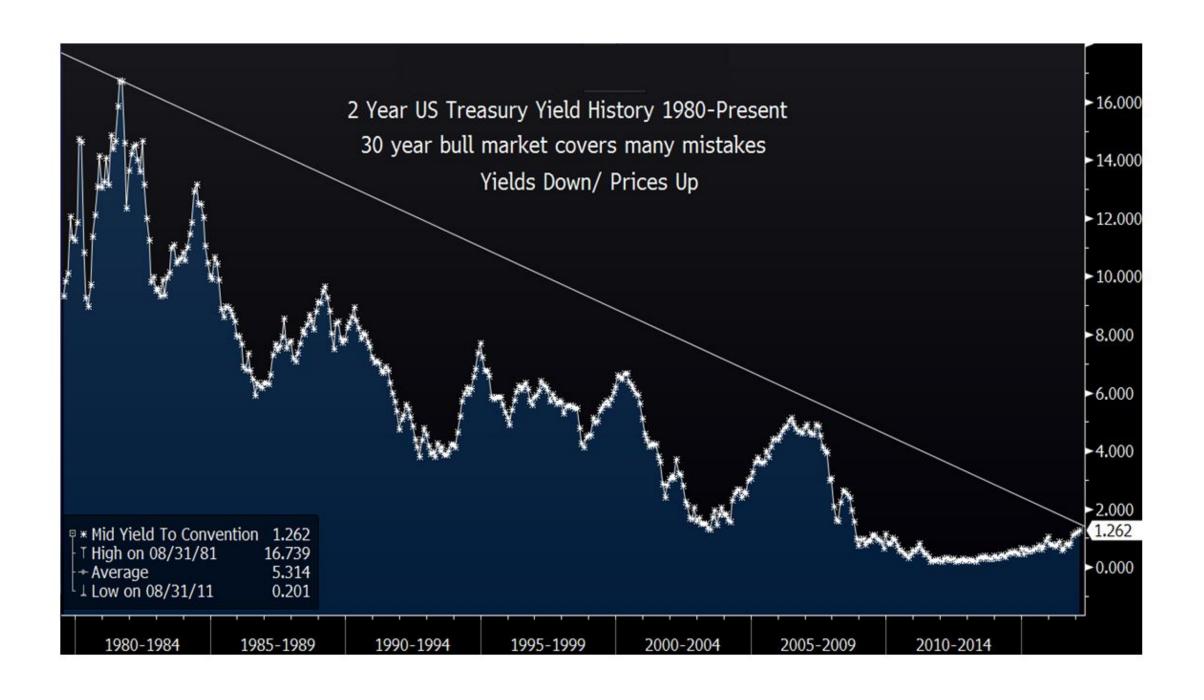
There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates.



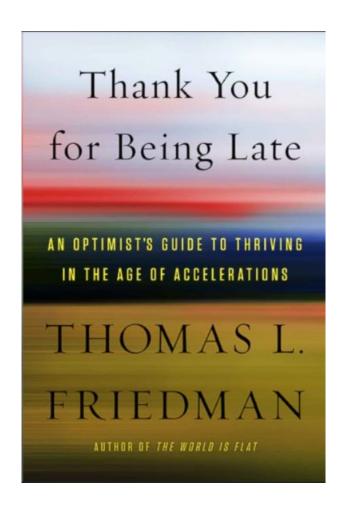
### **Duration and Bond Price Volatility**

There is a positive relationship between a bonds duration and its price volatility.

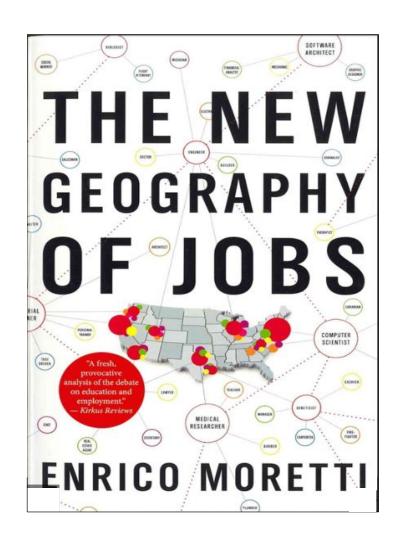




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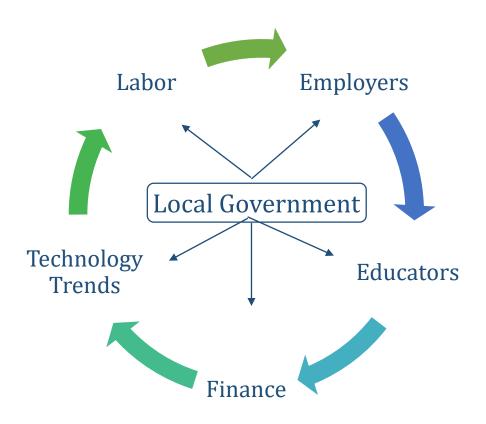
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- Moore's Law technology
- Globalization markets
- Climate Change and Biodiversity
- The Supernova
- Dynamic Stability vs Active Inertia



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- 30 40 Year Trend
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- Innovation Clusters Attract Innovators

### Economic Growth and Sustainability of Revenue Local Government as Facilitator



 Diversification of Revenue Streams Evolution of Local Economy