**Demetri Kofinas:** [00:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=aJjxDIPND8MUtLnOPuOR88LD4vVxvGC9rcZ41SFJ1VkMvamtWyiftpaTDKkzkxjsXOgOwUoc5x-9pC7h7ItdZmf8K9w&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=0.32) Today's episode of Hidden Forces is made possible by listeners like you. For more information about this week's episode or for easy access to related programming, visit our website at hiddenforces.io and subscribe to our free email list. If you listen to the show on your Apple Podcast app, remember you can give us a review. Each review helps more people find the show and join our amazing community. And with that, please enjoy this week's episode.

David Portnoy: [00:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=_JNJebv6tKlLkRRak5pY5823SjO4ys-7XlYKBwDtcmOAmJD7F2L0gHXTv2O6bKszgZZ5zNtebPks-FXoAfNc_X5LK6o&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=29.67) They had a chance to choke me out, but they didn't.

David Portnoy: [00:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=FXgN7T2SCmUupY--2WqNJPzbJZjQZWSNP_Whkvwg9zh8KUfRyaVqLOKFXkmfgWxod6WHOq_uFldlsAGqwd8v4VSsP08&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=59.53) So, Warren Buffett's sat out on the airlines? Is that what Warren said? I want to know everything about these fucking plans. I'm doing my own research; I don't depend on 94-year old guys who live in fucking Nebraska. I want to know everything about these airlines, get me the information. I went to work on them. Pen to paper. Pen to paper. I said, "I like the airlines." I said, "the airlines are depressed." I said, "Amelia Earhart, bang. The Wright brothers, bang." We fly in this country.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [01:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=CG39cVavPSIZJ7Kti1LrPKLIFoI83GtYEFvqsRAUY6FntH6sx2cj5z8h3dkTBLX0hV-_BF9WcoLYbbeIWR5MO9hbJ0o&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=96.12) What's up, everybody? That was David Portnoy. If you don't know who he is, don't worry. I'm only a week ahead of you. I've been playing that video nonstop since it came out. It is literally the most epic hype video I've ever seen for trading stocks. Nothing encapsulates the rip roaring retracement in equities that we've seen in recent months better than that video, and I only played you half of it.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [02:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Lzy83UYthczRqXvqoHYHGK6KOegV-5C-ckVElivAUusono_xVDjpyU_fNP7VZRH5tSLjl86eFjl1BYrC6dSszrcRfvM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=129.63) We are in serious trouble. Our markets aren't just totally disconnected from reality, that happens from time to time. It's a normal part of the business cycle. Markets today have no relationship to reality. Literally none. There's no relationship between this stock market and the real economy. Even the premise that stocks are driven long-term by fundamentals and earnings has been totally discredited. And don't take my word for it, look at Hertz. It's been selling newly issued shares of stock while it's in bankruptcy.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [02:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=lmQ_i7WDOS8kqbFhCqFStu3pvT6McX8z3mg7sIZOrECUPBO6HsRpkDLLqX8cgAaxg0zn1KP2kO5Gqz_fGrK3eUXApq4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=168.2) They're literally liquidating the fleet to pay creditors who are senior to the equity. The equity is worthless, and yet people are buying it. It's totally insane. And honestly, it's not all that surprising. Every time the market drops, the Fed prints. And eventually the market goes up again until it doesn't, and then the Fed prints again. This has been going on for over a decade now. The relationship is Pavlovian; it's a behavioral response function that's embedded in markets at this point and it's destroying our economy, and eventually it's going to destroy our society. A free and open democratic society is fundamentally incompatible with a Ponzi economy financed by endless sources of credit and backed by skyrocketing asset prices. You can't allocate more and more of the nation's wealth into fewer and fewer hands with every credit cycle and expect the electorate to just roll over and take it. It doesn't work.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [03:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Ae8kOInEjjw_vfu0gGE5xTywr3qakQIrLWJUUYe7DSP-Roco-Qr2pMzR6oy7iksYvpHNfmzSqmBpjVEEWdQlKrTmdU4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=234.4) We're in danger of a real political crisis in America and I just don't think it's being properly priced into markets at this point. When I watched David Portnoy go on these epic rants to his millions of fans, or when I get sucked down some dark Internet subreddit or go through snapshots of people's wrecked Robinhood accounts, it feels like I'm in some kind of nihilistic, masochistic, meme park full of people who got left behind during the last 12 years of economic recovery. And I can't help but wonder if this sentiment that we're witnessing is a leading indicator for the type of political unrest that will eventually put an end to this failed experiment of central banks trying to ignite the real economy by focusing exclusively on raising asset prices, to the detriment of everything else, including the very economies that they claim to want to support.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [04:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=h6_pOzPw7NS2rwAgNFYbXLG8V7HyecagEIlzRs8pVgJwEpok3Cc0GjiEBT5znOC3U43d6Mkfl5T_VuJ1PJxQK1gNXMc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=292.13) In the meanwhile, the rest of us still need to figure out how to invest around this insanity. And that's something that my guest, Tony Greer, editor of The Morning Navigator Newsletter and founder of TG Macro at TGMacro.com is here to provide. Although this is a conversation about much more than just investing, we are going to spend a good amount of time on exactly this. And so, I'm obligated to make absolutely clear that nothing that I say during the course of our conversation can or should be viewed as financial advice. All opinions expressed by me and my guests are solely our own opinions and should not be relied upon as the basis for financial decisions. And with that out of the way, I want to welcome my guest, Tony Greer.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [05:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nYRsl-lfo2bZONx5zesvauzQxL8xgbGElSMQYXUQIG-paM_8FVOWCR33JuAWMCAJVW9DkEzXHYJ-PnYj4VfZQK_yyEc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=343.37) Tony, welcome to hidden forces.

**Tony Greer:** [05:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=z7jdK_2JyqwVD-u5XWdeC4VJ4O9-mcfTXfrWErvoM2ZVmCbRTp3Jw74XbyhLsK7a3NIELhJGPWZmMtJoQ_t2hGYlXvw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=346.69) Hey, Demetri. I'm really honored to be here. Thank you.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [05:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3Qw0ku12iQf2PZs5i4NjaL8aeJZGf5Yfq8Ebd92-9r_iLfqULqkj0jOlsOHZ4V_bz6Re9S7TV9hoPG5UjPRV2EHkmVo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=349.5) It's my pleasure having you on, man. How are you doing?

**Tony Greer:** [05:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=JwY9TB0UQ8ArWUOSeUJ7NSIr4gtHuGCJL5O-bRRMR7OWRwd-nzQ9y3rVAsnAH_rIjzpXPSx63phsGCQtuP5imjXL8NU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=352.95) I'm doing great, watching these crazy markets, right?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [05:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wImlUpLTmDb5chBpvbsRM0_e9IJyKGNsVkIurLFbG46T11Dk-N1XmzG3L2L6glQIQT0ZosgIFi6JbleSB7wzATpqVMA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=355.48) Yeah. So, it's Tuesday morning, the markets just opened and it's actually unusual even for me to do recordings during market hours, definitely for an episode that deals with markets. I imagine it's pretty unusual for you not to be actively trading at this time or be focused on the market in real time.

**Tony Greer:** [06:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=lJU3exk6OqwCQV0JFv-8MyDZWiClKhtnGTXMMshAYsQBM94jPJQ9H7w8_ksx9lGSK55Oyjx55B6dzxvl_TCDR67nYsQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=373.94) Yeah, but I'm still focused on it. As long as I'm watching it, I'm cool. I took care of any of my action items before the market, so I can leave everything on autopilot for a little while. I'm here in case of an emergency, you know?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [06:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ut5lm5KLlyiC7SXruwcusHs2vrRkyX3YO8o_rxEf8hO0henl4aoDLABorEoZp4q-UxkDtmB7X1bS6tTGT-COXJU-mOY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=384.61) Yeah. So, look, I've heard... You and I have had a number of conversations before this. I first heard you on TC's Chart Cast with TC and Georgia. And it's a great conversation to give a lot of your background for listeners who are interested in learning about where you came from and how you got your start. It's super interesting, but you're a markets guy and the markets are front and center right now. We've had this enormous recovery in asset prices since the lows in March, you made some really great calls at the interim top last time, as well as at the bottom that we recently had in March.

**Tony Greer:** [07:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=fqO24PzBlkQpUMYPc4IlZLw6olZl25yU8VBKuhU4xUTI8W-fAjAmq3FeHbTweNjqM4aDZnq17-hLrMGltJ59W3I4RRU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=422.86) Thank you.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [07:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=J0MOd8w01V-FKzZKfO4zXwx-1RIzZxvPC2xvRBYSLUD1xafvtiReyoVv5vf2qpIzHIMksT1yIO3p570UXnYHOsErP7I&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=423.43) Absolutely. So, I just thought it would be great to have someone like you on the program who deals with this stuff on a regular basis. And maybe we could just have a long conversation about what the hell is going on.

**Tony Greer:** [07:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=BiniW2VDvkw1UufJbfE9ENZYv9tafb1gLUlYsubb-x0Hx6TKlwmqvglZ3ldRQcYioj0HF6F7blz8rZnWJU-0Me0ZDQY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=438.18) Yeah. It is a long conversation, Demetri. We've come such a long way from the 30,000 foot up view from when I started off in the markets and they were much freer than they are now, to you know this sort of centrally planned markets where central banks are involved in every market and really guiding asset prices really sharply.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [07:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=FTtZn-swaDBG0RBj4tdq_Wx6qpsuMYWopKns5BWTaefoF_haes6cnktdHIs_Db5esgAwO5EejJ7CFUGVT918YvlPpYE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=459.14) So, what do you think? How do you make sense of what we're seeing? Because I can give you my macro take that peppers in my experience following markets as an outside observer, certain philosophical insights, political insights. I try to take a macro view, but I'm curious as someone like you who's a tactician, who's been on trading desks since what is it, 1990 you got your start?

**Tony Greer:** [08:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=cvWdBVJp7Haw1juqMFbzKiDerATtl-yiYNR6an-umxT0MTSfU6p-EYd6acfFQyoGjVZgAWb3y9VZWrtrx0RoxoSywc0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=484.56) Yeah.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [08:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=yxRRMAuMRcdeZesNty0ZbTZ2nMSgCrS9entN_8y85ZgWYUTjmE2cVJrv0Isb6T9ozCtRTHTvzoehT-NtU92rEqVvpis&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=484.6) So, I'd love to understand how you see this and maybe you can also give us a sense of how markets have evolved during your time watching them and trading them.

**Tony Greer:** [08:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=BWw0CnjFDMiZ01GQjhJpB99fkow_eoqMMH9_0oyqNF4B-YI87nDagr4FF3l0iFl2ENGyaIWIRjBAQpjXMUWMeakwyuY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=495.58) Yeah. That's really interesting, Demetri. I feel like going into the evolution, we should start with that a little bit because then it'll really clear up what's going on now. When I started off in the FX markets in 1990 on the 107th floor of the world trade center at Sumitomo Bank, I'll never forget the day in 1992 that I walked in and it was that famous day when the Quantum Fund was breaking the Bank of England. And what that meant was the fund run by George Soros and Stan Druckenmiller was offering the British pounds cheaper than the bank of England was bidding for it in an attempt to get them to stop bidding for it and break their price and get the pound to go lower, which is the way that the Quantum Fund was positioned.

**Tony Greer:** [08:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zH3I_VOOsLXPSp6FK_nahfFp3gPdbkRFTkalVu2uYnk5m0jQYi7pXZIaq6EjxS43DdZubIV0je7fFFBx-JqO2amlYLA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=538.48) So, I like starting with that story because back in the day, that was literally a hedge fund against a central bank. And today we have the exact opposite where the central bank has got everyone's back and everyone is trading in front of them and going along with their objective. So, I think that since we've evolved, it's important to understand that this major player in the market is now who everybody has to keep their eye on, where markets in the past used to be much more fundamentally driven and there were all different types of strategies that existed on honest fundamentals and economics. You could trade bonds versus what you thought the economy was going to do. You could trade equity, growth stocks versus value stocks and cyclicals versus non cyclicals. And they all had a different performance component to them.

**Tony Greer:** [09:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=qCALCPBGlNHXDGHARylqvyrAxUe6brh4OQX-H11JFByqYMJRA7c_SHHdVpqZgTiMLkBPIvjGEHH_5hnZA0mznEZu5WI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=588.13) And nowadays with Federal Reserve just pouring liquidity into markets, it's just everything is up into the right in similar denominations. But what I think we're seeing right now is I'm sticking with my plan, Demetri. The selloff that we just saw, and obviously I'm talking about from February to March where the S&P collapsed from 3,400 to just below 2200, that was the Godzilla of all sell offs. Other sell offs could be regarded as literally a quarter of the size of that. It was the fastest selloff to a bear market. It was the fastest 10% correction in history.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [10:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=fpAcaU2Ijmv9dMZ7ektJf5CbwD0ZyhUf5JIwGV_7Dbu2njmaAsRditx0PTd_WGMPqbjbzKOsmEKsPrHwmHf1BMqs1SI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=625.22) It was the speed and size combined that made it such a Godzilla move.

**Tony Greer:** [10:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=bFZkBvJrQimBjE6afxKdWfmSG_mWJIyLhhfceRbURLUkFaBJ8L7LDH15TewzqR4ZEBGf8EYqeeL_fVMHuVIg04M0NUc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=629.12) Exactly. And there were some historic diagnostics within that, where I like talking about it and watching the tick index print, which measures how much the bid versus the offer is trading on the stock exchange. And in that slide from late February to mid-March, we had 11 out of 14 days were enormous tick index prints on the downside. And we used to be in a scenario where you would see one or two big tick index prints on the downside where everyone is hitting bids, and that would be the end of the selling. And the markets would recuperate from that and get back on their feet. And this particular episode in February and March, it was just one after the other, one liquidation by one fund into the liquidation of another one, and that was literally the most destructive market trading I've ever seen in my life.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [11:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=DXUqfg8ExAkqA1g_Ztx-HynZpoRYL7XTzU_Y6n-cwAB7OQ8xyUUbPkVyvNBbNuZvs1EEXzKd7S5JrBE67M9QzAK9eYI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=678.4) So, that gap gives you a sense of forward momentum?

**Tony Greer:** [11:22](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=kRsaKv9haxpqHZHQOPHdamA_T6Q0gRUM-lOo4iNG0DVhVXxKbtYJP9eBe-UOp3_K4sShS5mBRaSnvzolB8Slb0GdLiI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=682.76) So, that momentum down, having lived through the .com bubble and lived through the great financial crisis, you remember that the crashes in those markets had all kinds of crazy retracements to the upside. Now, I said right away, once this market leveled off on the downside and we got Federal Reserve liquidity and emergency funding to the rescue, I said, "Once we bounce now, we are going to have an utterly blinding retracement rally in response to this really severe selloff." And I think that that's what's manifesting in the market right now. The S&P got back up above all major moving averages. We topped out at 3,200 last week and we had that episode where there was so much bullish sentiment around that we were just looking for a reason for the stock market to back off. And then, we got the Federal Reserve last week where Jerome Powell didn't really give us anything new. He rather reverted to saying that there weren't going to be any rate hikes in the near future, and everybody's looking at each other saying, "Are we talking about rate hikes? Why were we even talking about rate hikes?" And so, the market passed out after that. And so, now we're getting back on our feet and we're trading back and forth in this range that's below the highs, but we're seeing all these crazy speculative developments again.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [12:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=NBcj2hrA9Ko3MiWjcNsaVIxyQ5Liq-baG_NpMq2uRTtHgv7T97csJUlkfdFCQGEhCY1lvlqwwfLmGAKlqokrTyFlhSw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=759.75) So, is the reason for that level of dislocation or the gap down, what does that say about... That people were waiting, expecting, hoping for the Fed to say something? That the market can't support itself?

**Tony Greer:** [12:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=P8XhQLBlxWGLlpWbhMqBypjpn_X_d-KtZg6xdChEf8Iv6du7mTFzgtYzPzp5ow6guzlmFPySCy3qCq_sQlHhvB9veR8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=771.7) Yeah. I think that that was the tape dealing with the optics of shutting down the economy for the first time ever, right? And I think that that's why you had a historic sell off-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [13:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zxptSDBwrIGZMQnb6By1pzYvX50VHRDhmbc30F04QSRC5AjC2hbhrIFi32I89J1kWSmD35NVH2AtQIBLu9_H-UvYjYU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=782.22) In March.

**Tony Greer:** [13:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Hvw5O6Mick6NLyt4pQLYYG5E345sq3jUWkdb6dtWywBq2VlbHlHH-rrNKtNeg2bNTijfR0p2HZ7G2xhLrCOOWZlcV-E&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=783.54) In February, into March. Exactly. Yeah. That we shut down the economy in March. The market began selling off ahead of that when we finally realized that COVID was in fact going to hit the US and be extremely impactful, whereas, weeks before that, we were doubting that it was even going to come here or at least some people were. It was very difficult to figure out for a certain period of time. Then when the market finally bottomed at 2200, you see the Federal Reserve come to the rescue and that's where everybody has to now go back out and cover shorts and decide what the real price for the S&P is. I think we're still trying to find that out.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [13:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Sm9M2ISoJoMTS604J9HIq3eLCd7s_sJkvQvNBdzPg83s-OvCsBPwO_buenUsmNv5qY9msyNXa2_V6aN-MJDbt9pC80Q&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=818.05) To go back to something you said earlier, you mentioned being on the other side of some of those trades that were happening with Quantum Fund in '92, when they broke the Bank of England. We had Robert Johnson on the show, in episode 17. He worked at the Quantum Fund at the time under Druckenmiller and Soros. I really love what you said, it stuck out to me, that you're right, Robert Johnson, Stanley Druckenmiller, Soros, Quantum Fund, they were trying to get the market to come in on their bet. They were making a bet against the Central Bank and now Central Banks are making a bet against the market. It's like this game of chicken.

**Tony Greer:** [14:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=H1eI6OJ-fEs2BX8jZcNkWzOIT6cpjHdNDfGUSdRdIiSY-5CoDfQAr8uXheUYaY289CgX5JxIi_Ttv2uRDbt9SNZSQmA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=855.55) Yeah. Yeah. Very well put. Yeah, because the Central Banks are changing the way that we look at the market by expanding their balance sheets to what has just become a new astronomical level and that liquidity, as we know, finds its way into the markets. It creates all kinds of distortions from the bankruptcy stocks, Tesla rallying to absurd levels. You see all sorts of societal overflow from there as well. But this is something that the Federal Reserve, they're going to be grappling with this for a long way to come, because I don't know what the exit strategy is, Demetri.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [14:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=_kdDvP9UA2eZ7ERVJP_OqBPqGIx4ztmyMszVgWYbZIp7J8tpY7ni-H-gS_aa15L9SBFU88B62N5p6uayvV-MOQPd3cs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=891.73) Yeah, man. Now the most recent announcement was that as part of their bond buying program, they're going to also buy individual securities, which was, again, I guess that the market took it as another bullish sign. This is a thing where I feel like, I've told you this before, it makes me think of what Colin Powell told George Bush in 2002 about Iraq. That if you break it, you own it. I feel like, they've broken it, they've broken the economy and they own it now. I'm not sure if that they believe that what they're doing helps, but I just feel like they know that if they stop doing it, the economy will fall apart.

**Tony Greer:** [15:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=akztwpZGwN8lNLq_SVssHA_tpqI6xC7-iVMMkwBAn6jUFZ43RUNpirJbgz7ScgQezh2ahp1liHSJXYnvT0vY4WajWPc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=926.87) Oh, I agree with that. And I think more important markets-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [15:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=v5PMbpiLKcgUqR9rwiVd4nnqwwgR_lk_yQAXlyO3i_jMK4IVI1AEVmoYPxqnQ_2PPfJ8eHvL4UZaLIbjbP1mi42xOzk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=930.15) Markets will fall apart, yeah.

**Tony Greer:** [15:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=qsjss8rxwXfeXt8vcQ3TQk9d8inCsabbQ3XY56IoywAx_nQUqVQlTGrJeMatcbAZJfo68k7q2C0yNzXE24qOZwNn6Q0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=930.75) Yeah, that's where they've got a very clear and consistent angle on keeping that feedback loop alive. I feel like they've still got the New York stock Exchange floor set up as a TV studio.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [15:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=RDEZZmf-hF5sx_HRTkGJk_q9zhblVORpJHJFmkc2qH_PImt93hexW6o7skO9lvk5-HGQmkiM07Q1c7igA9qnPolsj9A&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=945.2) Totally crazy, what a great insight, what a great point.

**Tony Greer:** [15:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=qleUlhrfmzbHxKAEW6SL0DMvyQRbz-sXQ0EypN7BS89XT6uq4ckdU-b2LJej07I9z1KwhQSHp3e2SEuBTvJ3u1amYcY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=949.02) We still got Jim Kramer, who I love for his enthusiasm, coming on after the bell and telling people where they should be. Then we've got your Jerome Powell on 60 Minutes, uttering quotes make people that have been in finance for a long time cringe. He's got the host asking them, "Where does this money come from?" And Jerome Powell with a straight face says, "We print it digitally." Like that's not supposed to shock the world. That's just a little comment I made on TV. "We print money digitally." It's like, Oh man, if you don't take that as a sign that you better be making some moves to protect yourself, you're not paying close enough attention.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [16:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=LYmI4YaRYrEjKT6JxO7aUD9brWqScOGuok-jyx8CHtpUsQ4jR5lExqh8xdDwaisjsO78kfvvXgK0bhb1EX_AiYCp-J8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=984.81) So, that's going to be my next question to you. But you mentioned Jim Kramer and that makes me think about it his next level derivative, El Presidente, the Barstool Day. I want to talk about him, but actually, we can talk about him now as part of this larger conversation about the retail investor and Robinhood, or we can talk about him later. But the other thing I wanted to ask you is, how does someone protect him or herself? How does an investor do that?

**Tony Greer:** [16:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=yv4Vm_yKYlqxCZji_chdbCiiuxegw2gzGm1jlM62rVFoQ7sZvwuTnbfWfMx3HFqmyodMYvv9-7bmd-8lEugnRaaNAKc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1009.84) Man, it's really hard, Demetri. You can either choose to go along with the party line, which is what-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [16:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=6Ur-XH1Ae96TPVa2Mxzx1Ac_HHjtwAwlVeuuXVi5v-noGeEopf4H5kf23jf2cvU2zMbv12pmzio06dJbTBztEuH786U&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1017.47) Which is like "buy the index." Buy the Big Cap.

**Tony Greer:** [17:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ib7GHYz8YFj_o__OIUzYU9j40AsWKI_qGaTxCVl94uPVLYerQyZAteEWPFmAoeL_WVkOPZuDR8_O7ZjJk3ED0jGXcBQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1020.82) Essentially the big picture is they're trying to push you out the risk curve. They've taken away your zero risk savings account, right? There's no more zero risks. We'll give you 5%, 10%, whatever it was in the last, 20, 30 years, that's been grinded to zero. So, there's no more saving available. So, what are you going to do with your money? You can put it in up commodity like gold, which gold is supposed to be a store of value where you're not really expecting it to go run away on the upside or collapse on the downside. Your gold price is supposed to be there when you get back. So, you've got that option. You can pile into the S&P for sure and say, "The Feds always got my back." Which we're now concerned about. As we know, that's gotten all too popular strategy. You can decide to put your money... there seem to be other precious and industrial metals that have been rallying alongside this new wave of monetization.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [17:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=TWYZs5HNr-B5xvR7gA2vREQ49kDLGmZ_Qc55dVhL2pywVflFewmAFyGJ685JDpasnx70OJ7C7Xxm4l-cdCd6s_qFdaw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1073.18) Have we been seeing in commodity markets, how have precious metals performed during this time?

**Tony Greer:** [17:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=6IATQtKk8fem3R_QmpmWLwcrL3EZ3Mr-M--ESnEE7RGmrTCjJwnx5ApGNBg_hIu_1tcs27fqd4mR1E_vrI6qa9Gwyz0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1078.6) Well, we're having another run at a great bull market in gold. This one seems to be a lot steadier and much more driven by the play against the Central Banks. As the Central Bank balance sheets expand, people are investing in gold thinking that they're buying the only real currency on the block for when these other Fiat currencies potentially devalue or continue to devalue. So, the gold market's picking its head up again. We haven't reached the 2011 peak yet, but I think that gold's probably going to be a North of a $2, 000 item. The thing with gold now though, Demetri is that there's no supply or demand shock story that should make gold go up. Gold is going up because people are putting money into the commodity. The total assets in gold ETFs continues to grow and that's why the price continues to be sustained.

**Tony Greer:** [18:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Lg9yj2StszPP0kLkJrHwcR9iBghT58lTBQk5k7IyHIW6Eo4xXLIzBzsHq64FHc4E7z_vtkScJc_g_1H-nCWbODd0NG4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1128.88) So, that's more of a popular investment. That's a play against Central Banks rather than say, when you're buying copper, because there's dwindling inventories and the price is going higher and the exchanges are getting tighter. That's a much different play. That's a physical commodity play. Whereas, this is more of a play against Central Banks. So, the commodity markets have an interesting, as you know, the oil market has been wildly fascinating with that episode-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [19:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=95qbeQVqCzVsLtXw2PNlGQjGnSdS8JIe5DQzz3oGn_0EVDnbbjSMqfOPASMTjy6oJWlMwk8zfzOLGCwgorsJ_i9X8pg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1152.73) Crazy.

**Tony Greer:** [19:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ULKdmROFKYg5dQd11SH8iar6c8cffviynOR7Tg94sCOQowgfP8lsX6aFXIYquB3xpLU1WQfg9FobNyKWCGJMqE9NNSo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1153.13) ... that we had in negative prices that people thought was going to stick around for some period of time. We managed to get bullish during that move and trade energy from the long side. Once again, it's just this world of distortions and more than ever every trade has got to operate on its own merit.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [19:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=-jbPLmfT5jM0gfcNiaQZK-8h5mi_nVbMJoTFyV1uEhVvRQqzsY8Q1vYijm4UzFRdWTFjp-BD0gJ9TvJ3-64Nqarz0sQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1171.08) Yeah. One of the other things that I've been saying lately, because I think everyone interprets rising gold price as inflationary and it can be, it certainly can be in nominal terms, inflationary, but a rising gold price, as well as this phenomenon of people taking their stimulus checks and using it to buy shares of a company that's in liquidation, like Hertz. Those things are profoundly deflationary in real terms. That doesn't actually create capital formation, that doesn't actually grow an economy, right? If you put your money into gold or you buy the stocks of a company that's liquidating its business-

**Tony Greer:** [20:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=FkPFRBkB425JvbEVYWWuEo20fVErNmjdXN-0Ztl5Y_Q1c8gj51-Vw6ZRnxfpFYtx2lTepBHs7zW_cqSoMKXM3ImVnyE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1211.26) Very much in the same way, Demetri, that the Feds' actions of quantitative easing aren't creating jobs. In a very similar way, you're addressing one issue, with your resolution that isn't necessarily going to resolve the problem. We're throwing the same answer at this massive unemployment problem caused by the lockdown, as we threw at the great financial crisis, which was caused by a seizure of liquidity and a seizure of lending. So, there were two totally different problems and we're dealing with them with the same quantitative easing program.

**Tony Greer:** [20:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=r5JHNrPCU05ahylohBMGvA-lJcZ2JUVm2kCYcYl7PmBA2tjjpxYAEDhnuoCXvESl7FOXUwk7oucoo6chp4gkgA0aWQM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1247.02) So, I'm interested to see how this shakes out. But think that what the market is telling you with the gold price propping up and even with cryptocurrency coming alive again and making a run for 10K, I think that the market's telling you that people want an alternative to Fiat currency.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [21:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=1Jc3qPpbYk93z0ikz-YWoS3t8Xn8LJwtEJ-QVUn5Oc1-TQE5pbZYfstbKhI63ZqZrMmx6bWlWpmzJ7xCEEvz2RKchfU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1262.01) Do you think that's a play, crypto and gold and anything that people perceive to be a safe haven asset that can provide either protection as a store of value, but also potentially a medium of exchange in the future?

**Tony Greer:** [21:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nonF7nJNr1IHKry7xgo14b7agNO1bbaKS4PtzQfhQqsLxxoiZYuPRvp2qm5gDLT3ER04B1P1fS9Et5cnUAqHkPtR278&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1276.35) Yeah, I do. I'm a believer in cryptocurrency. I did jump off of the boat as a trade during the COVID risk crash because I saw a volatility in equities pickup and that's where I like to spend my time focusing when that casino is rocking. I like to be there. So, I jumped off the crypto boat, but I think that crypto is elbowing its way into the macro landscape. Do you know what I mean? Where capital flight from countries, when you see capital flight situations, like we saw in Hong Kong, like we've seen in Venezuela, you tend to see cryptocurrency go bid. It doesn't tend to be as stable as say a gold price or a gold rally because there's a lot of different factors in cryptocurrency trading, but you'll see it go bid. So, I feel like it's elbowing its way into the macro landscape as something that wants to be considered, like gold, like a currency. So, I think it's going to be around, what price it's going to be around with us, I don't really know.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [22:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=mYvFigdpXhSAEV5yTHl3pPzJykgoXVNOnfFP8lWN9y3HcR7lNqGNF3ZPLNy1NE3vlOr_q6QJE7ntApop7qvwcrw7Kb4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1329.74) So how long is this, do you think this rally is going to keep going or maybe is that the right way to ask the question? How would you answer that?

**Tony Greer:** [22:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wUR9KPT93d-QlISnGKxofYgaW-e8EwFmDK5kgIym207J51KOSIU83S5FpY45koDRuaALogcc_iCTTnGgMpGVbB4Bc68&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1337.5) No, that's a totally fair way, until proven wrong, I am going to continue to play at, we are in the last innings of the retracement rally, which was a response to the lockdown. So, we had the big, huge Godzilla sell off. We expected some kind of an absurd retracement rally. I would say that with 20% unemployment, or we'll call it 15% unemployment, PMI;s sinking below 40, all kinds of structural damage to the economy, that the S&P is still probably overvalued here, but you've got to consider the other side of the coin. The Federal Reserve is going to bring aggressive and forceful action in terms of propping up the market. So, that's the other side. But I still think that this is, and especially, this is a good time to touch on Davey Day Trader, because he seems to be a of product of this absurd retracement rally, right?

**Tony Greer:** [23:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=PiFoAVjcIfY_as-TbxxX8bNUk4BNJwA6TMgpcwbKKEDbn6WuKt98EKcwmuia15msUnWzFC-1j3qJsSiuSQt2IMKj4J0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1392.93) He jumped onto the boat with everybody else that was probably betting on sports or something else to keep their time occupied. Now they've pointed their energy and their interest at the stock market. So, now we've got this class of Davey Day Trader and Robinhood traders that were otherwise not participants. It's probably starting to make up a reasonable driving force in the market, just like we saw retail become a reasonable driving force in the market during the .com bubble. So, when you see somebody like Dave Portnoy, who I firmly believe is a genius and I'm a huge fan, but when you see him walk into an otherwise gentleman's market and kick the table over and say, "I'm the King. I'm the captain now!"

**Demetri Kofinas:** [23:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=iTYvqUaI7mZNl1Fw62IDeRIJQk1Q4Roq8E9T55KEsxqEHKuqJMJd_lOiza_jh9fDpxk8-YZyFjqcTcF0br6BDe1gjW0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1437.7) Oh my God.

**Tony Greer:** [23:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=cquHW6QjEf223v4qpW0y-H4exTqtxfAuceJF0ptq1idW1N0UZyFQrPZ-5p_comAcdqqMhiWqdQl8cOVp2xqmQczgV_0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1437.98) You send to say, "Okay, buddy, we'll see how long this lasts. I'm rooting for you, but it's going to end well."

**Demetri Kofinas:** [24:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Cd6siJHwcXDdQOf-DnTHMXhl3krMPdCC0GjZ-NHzU-jOJo_GvQc_hH7k3UYTImmFROYdH6Xi0j0LQg2jPJ1NGvoYjNc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1442.97) It's going to end well for him. Tell our listeners who he is, because a lot of them are not going to know. I didn't know who David Portnoy was until our mutual friend, TC, told me about him like a couple of weeks ago. He kept saying, "This guy, David Day Trader." I was like, "I don't even know who you're talking about, I'm busy working on an episode on like flight simulations."

**Tony Greer:** [24:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Pi7d5FX7fQD-q1bZx2ctTmnAkSJDkhq4J2pze91oT-_KMK7G8tF-ADnr3J3R6w5u1AVrpLN024VAvWAILynvaN8RKu4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1460.75) On something serious, right? Yea, on something that just makes more sense. So, then the next thing, he's literally the founder of Barstool Sports, which has elbowed its way right into mainstream media as sort of the anti mainstream media. He formed this website for the common man by the common man, that was his motto. He wanted to cover sports and chicks and everything that was popular flying around the internet.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [24:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=CLLX2sWCsfgS5bOSFdOP-f1fbZSpKFPoQYNQC9ritU2GzROpTLDMIhfP8vtMJ9ivJWzg37FwlO12zUXzmnwMVPJwFKc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1482.81) He has this thing called, the Smoke Show, where they evaluate the hottest women.

**Tony Greer:** [24:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=0Ad6R9oWoWU3jRMSQ_nZCIGPBGJfI8vIGPhLctxvWiiJSLMla574msE2KQs2gBbv6dUh5HVYCvwV91FoQvrlFCSBQy4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1488.72) Yeah it's juvenile, right?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [24:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=NKQoLg86BiVs6DTV5gLwhppaK31TOZk__5B5SCUbbrIETqYCnFBFf7Q5IYf6li5HN572jhNh4h-JFRKR5zO8kgCSqP4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1489.33) It's goes back to the point about retail bro, it's very "bro-ey," it's very broey.

**Tony Greer:** [24:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=VP-XnXfqX226ho4Uwa2NegekrJTlkywP93LmZycAPJWRie64ffkFZdPxzlUPwcAFnwQzUIU2m3UYKzTRMvc2QMvgkmo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1493.15) He's the epicenter of broey. He's the every bro. We used to have the, "every man" character. He is every bro character, because he's like your best friend sitting next to you at a bar, except he's willing to be there all day long with a camera pointing at himself.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [25:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=KhpimN2vL1_2WrbL6RPsxcp7XVeYC-NOp6q1cfVHJEAaza0JjU-gSsN3Vb6mekhGgSsk0Av67BvjwdL5YW4W6gGnSPk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1507.83) Yeah totally. He's the guy at The Pancake House at like four in the morning, who's like killing you.

**Tony Greer:** [25:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=4-56vDCydIrVHEDkT7sw6i98PM0Rjspjx1Gw25m4TgSxHxy8_CUDyvkPTJE8F4HPLOvQhu1vGQikPQD6uzN-7JnEsuM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1512.3) Yeah. But you're okay laughing at him. So, he's got that kind of a presence. And now that he's stepped into the equity market and identified that airlines are cheap and Buffet jumped out and there's a new boss town because now airlines are rallying. He's got Penn Gaming, who's got a stake in Barstool Sports, that he was trading that from the long side, that was rallying making him a richer and even more gregarious beast online. So, this is clearly symptomatic of excessive speculation. The thing that levelheaded traders can't get their head around, is how has this level of speculation returned in the immediate wake of a government shutdown that's going to have prolonged effects on our economy? So, it's a question of whether or not you want to buy into the Fed trade or not?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [25:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=2CPqpFLIffPWZ02z6G5PdZloqcfvefL4M5HvQQEtvb0GME1INzuuzABcCaxhL8X4cv_0x9dnQ6OXCKUv4igblRIBbJk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1557.98) Okay. So, a couple of things, one, people have got to check this guy's stuff out. The airline stocks, his play on airlines, and this hype video he has where he says, "Warren Buffett sold the airlines. I want to know everything about these airlines. We fly in this country.” That hype video, I've never seen anything like it. But you raised the question, which is how is this type of mania returning to markets at a time when the economy is shut down and when risk is everywhere? How is this? Explain that to me. What are we seeing?

**Tony Greer:** [26:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=IUrkx-Z9dz5RGleYqhv9EQBuTmXdBKFeoZ5v8vq_4CaZJrpVcTI1aBocgk5jtvc_v4xe8EUKI16irteXSsl6EtK2oss&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1589.6) Yeah, I've been calling it financial postmodernism, Demetri. And I call it that because we just came out of a scenario where as we were getting the actual read on what the lockdown did to the economy and those literally ghoulish economic data numbers, the stock market was putting in massive upside rallies, right? And it was rallying off of the lows and it was rallying off of a spike low. So, it looked even more obnoxious that Wall Street is celebrating while Main Street is getting crushed. And that was sort of the new dichotomy that happened right through, jeez, I guess through April, May, and right into June. Where you're getting an economic data point on Friday of 9 million people unemployed and nonfarm payrolls and you're getting the S&P up 6% in the same day against the headlines of Dow up 1000 on CNBC. And people are like, "What the hell is going on here? What? Does Wall Street not care? Does the market not care?"

**Tony Greer:** [27:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3gCvbOg_kwYKmlVgTIZfxeewDTMCT660s123Nhg1g-uTxn7KWMYvZiuX4DQxtN06QSVLXamrIfHAFEnEYf6ab27yi6M&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1646.2) And it's because they're not pricing in the fact that the Federal Reserve is out there jacking its balance sheet from 4 trillion to 7 trillion, inhaling corporate debt now on the way. They're going to be inhaling individual issues of corporate debt now, and they're going to be supporting that market. And it's going to be wild to see how they go ahead and support that market while these companies' cashflow gets diminished and their credit ratings probably get knocked down a couple pegs. I don't think anybody knows how that credit market situation is going to play out, but you're seeing funds get set up as we speak to try to front run the Fed buying and corporate credit. So, it's another sign of excessive speculation and one that makes me nervous about the equity markets at this level, but I could be crazy.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [28:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=QSfNIyt2EfsRl_PkYdKVnN6oHsTIoNRHLSRURo1yvD5Vzhp9A5-YlWI9h7XAhVzFCFfMkDhFGuBY1sKDHAsUJdCUMEg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1689.65) Well, I've referred to this phenomenon as market nihilism. And I would direct listeners to one episode that we did with Ben Hunt and Grant Williams, where the title was Market Nihilism: Price Discovery in a World Where Nothing Matters. And Dave Portnoy, one of those quotes that I put into my rundown, which is, I think, one of the better rundowns I've done in a long time for listeners who are subscribers, definitely check it out. He says, "It took me a while to figure out that the stock market isn't connected to the economy." And I think this is, again, we've always known that markets can sort of exceed fundamentals, get out of whack with fundamental reality.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [28:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=t3jWpu55D3q4qdXTzJmARA2JQC-NTwL2ULTFZrzr81J5ysbq2kcSs8n-ufQ0P-ISgl4RKyNxo0e_Z_AioCVTqRwt45E&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1732.13) But we've always thought about markets as somehow related to reality. And I wonder if we're kind of at a point now for the first time, and it's always dangerous saying this, right? Because very easy to say like, "We've never seen this before." But have we ever seen before a market where the bull market narrative is that reality is irrelevant, the economy doesn't matter, the only thing that matters is government printing, the Fed? The market always goes up. That's another thing that Portnoy says, so just buy. Just buy, it doesn't matter. Price doesn't matter. If you have money, put it in the stock market because it'll be higher tomorrow.

**Tony Greer:** [29:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=uV-_fAO-Z-9XVH2DhhvDCbnFE-d0jGYtbOVSqg-ObVT80mO_CWFzvOyfWaw9NgJEbUdUFsFG1jjSkoUpzyMUrzfYAb4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1772.86) Right? I mean, you nailed it. That encompasses what the sentiment is at this exact point in time. And as we know, all right, that's what's driving it. We know that feedback loops can go on for longer than anybody thinks they can go on. And I think that that's what we're seeing in front of us. In addition, Demetri, I feel like the Federal Reserve's policies have clearly created an extension of the wealth gap division in this country. And so their most recent enormous step into a new level of QE and a new high in their balance sheet, that's exacerbating the wealth gap even more.

**Tony Greer:** [30:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wQGqMQiVLQbu7JP3OelDjJl0FsjXlscZLfdukRlS-53TsfnjRDZtUPv1IesHZSeAtv_zoxBEieVKx8o6-K6WcCHQ254&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1813.15) And I feel like sometimes that's what the stock market is actually expressing. It's the stock market saying, "Look, the 1% are getting rescued out of this by the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve is expecting it and hoping for it and praying for it to trickle down. But the reality is, they're not going to own up to their policy being the reason for this problem." And so if that's going to be the case, then there's always going to be a deception going on. And that's, for me, where it gets really, really dangerous and more difficult to trade.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [30:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=JsN-O-wHgH6J5P7Oeo4j2fb6RZRIJBFCOnePZNgK8XZua4uEI0UNv6sP5WO0LEpANAHz7B8p5XdCkZB9DPZAD4yzHw0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1846.43) Yeah. I mean, this thing, man, it's something I've thought about a lot. I've started writing about it and I've talked about it on the show. It feels like we've really embraced the simulation. We've totally decoupled from underlying reality and everyone's increasing, not everyone actually, that's incorrect. Not everyone. Folks like you, me, for sure, and others, we sort of still holding onto this idea in our head, this framework, this model for how markets are supposed to operate. And I find myself questioning that. I know at the end of the day reality does matter. There is some kind of reality. I do have a much more sort of relativistic sense of what reality is and truth is at bottom. But fundamentally, there is a reality. But if the Fed is really ... So, I guess it really comes down to can the Fed sustain asset prices? Can it do it? If it continues to make all of these new announcements, eventually, if it just decides to buy stocks right out, is that going to be enough?

**Tony Greer:** [31:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=92pRMLhRALQ22PvupMuIbNVx5_s8fUtAQ2WFoXmFyTdKZFJpCWoKF14jZWEIhtEpxohGbWXUI-smPuU_R82S1FQybNs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1908.63) Yeah. I mean, the scary part is that we're on the path to become Japan, which own 60% or 70% of their ETF market now already. And so, they're responsible for price discovery in the markets there. They're responsible for liquidity. And so basically, they've taken over the market. It feels like with the Federal Reserve stepping into buying corporate credit, I mean, they've already announced pretty much everything that you can think of in response to the COVID lockdown. They've thrown an emergency funding at it, they've sent checks out to the people, they said they're going to buy corporate credit, they're supporting the high yield market. Today, we just got a trillion dollar stimulus plan discussion. I mean, what's left? And so that's where I start to believe in Stan Druckenmiller's latest comment. By his calculation, the Fed can't have everyone's back.

**Tony Greer:** [32:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=DMDqFWh9DV18tw-e5m1XufJK0jgObZq3dKR7T5oQgipPG4tHC-aYmAihmlg09AiB_YWiLd4oevrH4JBIXYKKbhFNedU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1959.77) And so that's what you start to think could be either it's going to be a case where they inflate the S&P into the stratosphere and it's going to work monetarily, or the whole credibility game is going to come apart. And I think the fact that you see Jerome Powell on 60 Minutes, definitely an indication that they are concerned about the credibility of the whole thing coming apart, but that they stay with their plan. They keep throwing these superlatives at you. They're going to come at you with forceful, proactive, aggressive action until they're confident that the economy is recovering. And it's very, very hard to fight that type of rhetoric when you see their balance sheet expanding to now levels not seen before. And you're saying, "Okay, it just went from four trillion to seven trillion." Point me at something that would stop them from taking it to 15 trillion. And what is anybody going to do about that?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [33:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=qf-I6Dog12zhtaf8emCy2jAqYm8mZziN5y4LmHA8si-ld9dqlOeKNx6SUJ9KCr6kIb8Q2mGyz_UX7jcf1S4EJcFmxEk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2011.42) So, one of the things that I think can bring this to an end or to fundamentally change the regime we're in is a political crisis. And I think that we've seen hints of that with the riots across all the major cities. If Trump were to order in the US Army to a city like New York without the approval of the mayor or the governor, I think that could or would itself be a political crisis or could lead to one. I think if North Korea moves into the demilitarized zone, there were some reports about that yesterday or two days ago, if China conducts a cyber attack against some critical US infrastructure, there are so many ways in which this could go south, but all of them would be in the real world, right?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [34:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=l-mjEncqs15kZ7KogOGxyz-YVKbTPFC_pvac8Y0_frwDVH4vq9fWd-KhEW5IjLFveXVjAesBYzULnhk70o-yspmQ7vY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2058.88) Because we've divorced the markets from the real world. So, now the real world has to assert itself. Just in the same way that populism, through the election of Donald Trump in 2016, was an assertion of popular will through some large section of the population over the controls of government. Right? That's what populism is. I think something similar is more likely to happen today than, let's say, 10 years ago, where the mechanism would have been through the marketplace.

**Tony Greer:** [34:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wCxzdx0fC0dS4_KrwUW6flrfZ5Dck3H4fnLsISSEp6laiBGZqSayL6ZhQqTJQSWVGSYTZCxVvn6Uo7zK2HxBmaS6fKo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2087.66) That's a great point, Demetri. I like how you're thinking. Because if you think about it, the thing that finally has derailed the equity rally from 3,400 was as a shock that was exogenous from the market, right? It was not part of a market shock, a blow up, or anything like that. It was the black swan of coronavirus. So, I would not be shocked at all if the sort of next linchpin event, and you definitely listed some really potentially big ones that are definitely non-zero probabilities, unfortunately, but I could see it coming from outside of the markets and really causing the Federal Reserve to have to sort of readdress how they're looking at things. But it would take something that big. It would take something-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [35:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=VG_kwj2eThOjCF9Vk-9UfHV3bKOR6snioLOfAiztAAjbzK7sy6WgFBRVtjkRxoJ_YjSPDv-XedCG1QxarYl6mlBct7k&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2128.84) Yeah. Because the authorities are all focused on the simulation. They're focused on the map, right?

**Tony Greer:** [35:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ZpY2eSZs8_tht-PaUawnT3DFRERVHUIuOtxkAddWHxp_DHEXliqwog-S6ULlJGosIuUHVRrDturvpD2fEC3cbpa2Rz0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2132.93) Yeah, exactly.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [35:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=GwzmxklCTAbsCLNgh31TuJyF0xz6wXCImcIfPdhE-BnnKz-FvwVuSEC1hzNY8QKitiwFE1taa0VUG4WggJ4NCFpK2Zg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2133.4) They're not focused on the territory and they've mistaken or they've increasingly just adopted the map as the territory. We don't really care what's happening in the real world, as long as it looks good. And even our President has made similar comments, right? He wants the numbers to go up, he wants the markets to go up. But I think we're beyond a point where the, this is just my view, beyond the point where the existing system can fix this. I think that we're eventually going to see a new deal, a new deal type reform. Which means regulatory, massive regulatory overhaul, right? We've been living with a patchwork financial system that we've sort of cobbled together through deregulation and re-regulation since the early 1970s, since we went off of Bretton Woods.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [36:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=4n7TOKkW4M6y6VfloMVmTzBrpshvOn578BwM0yVKtwXzJuvVOOk4MBIvA8p17u-mzYeLhC3hqwda8vjs1myBebBtLfI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2179.07) As you mentioned, the wealth gap has exploded. We've used debt in order to paper that over. Robinhood's a great example also, right? So, Robinhood pioneered, as I understand this, no transaction fee, kind of fee-less brokerage platform. And this is kind of how we've approached everything, whether it's student loans, whether it is consumer credit. We've found other ways to lower prices in order to sustain the unsustainable, right? So, they sell order flow increasingly, right? To generate the revenue that they need in order to make up for the loss of revenue that comes from not charging on transactions because millennials and zoomers can't afford to pay transaction fees. Right? So, you do everything you can to herd these people into the market and then sheer them.

**Tony Greer:** [37:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=-q4UaUx1dpCHg-rHey8jL3j3iP-9mWZTHq4qNchbrh3zQfsvlnHQ6T6JNLrmpwRPiNoyp4rdnSbPr_SNpNDBxzF8PXI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2224.07) Yeah. Yeah. It was certainly set up for that. I mean, I definitely have zero commission trading as something that's very high on the list of contributing to this speculative bubble, along with several other factors. But you actually alluded to one before when you talked about regulation changing the markets, et cetera, et cetera. And obviously Dodd Frank and the Volcker Rule have been massive changes for the markets, and I believe still a huge contributor to why they've changed so much. And they have contributed to that transfer to electronic and algo-driven trading. And there certainly isn't just one sign or one sort of visible thing that we can point at that's going on here. There's a whole confluence of events that are sort of spinning out of control, I could say.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [37:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=tn5R_l4HRfSRMFlpY4NsAlAxQ9Hu6RW3SDDPw2hAbk0jxAPHVGijPHmGc_ulc-NbEZLNM2ino32HQ148b1akE1LZzPE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2267.74) So, what would those be in your view?

**Tony Greer:** [37:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=4VdLNIySAG4NZsnPKL6jg0JNGszg-P70Ahbv-O2AOhGSXh6yu6rEHsQXD5YmQQLf6vv-55P7ux7DqNuv7oOrpdhd_dg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2269.56) Oh, well, I mean, I'm talking about the speculative bubble that's coming out of control. I mean, I think that this has been caused by-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [37:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=b65Dq3OiGjQY8P4CMnK4RO2H5UTH7v4awylSDcNsneHVRYYSpYmmOBNxKOaj5KENObmaFQoJV2eCSPJWUvcH_OuThBA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2275.02) But what I mean is what are some of the regulatory impacts of Dodd Frank, for example, that have contributed to this environment?

**Tony Greer:** [38:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=5WMdIR-vN4Sh9YY69XeSuXo9iqYq5N__mbjSKGoapRhAVju1rQ_TrjtiBG3eod2KtRuMq92dwiyvcdxawTEmyiHUOYU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2281.01) Oh yeah. Yeah. Well, I mean, Demetri, that was ... Dodd Frank came after the speculative trading that was going on at the investment banks, right? They wanted to eliminate the prop-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [38:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=IAWsxHKVS3X5ovMc187mF0UGKrG4U9JKaY7pzYIQ8eL8WXc_fgwyl3d_ip1gcfBlilp49VkzgHomStTjuGgPDxeZWoE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2291.26) Prop trading.

**Tony Greer:** [38:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=5TruVOw1edCQIGIYig6GRJ5y9lvbyfXLFPbRQQzpVFIJKwR1vVmyQrPf8LCE5MCSIswkDoLLQ1AEWtcs1HIZTYMiybM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2291.51) The prop trading. They didn't want anybody taking risk with shareholder capital. And that made a lot of sense. So, the Volcker Rule was really wound up targeting speculative trading, but what it wound up doing was shutting down the inter-dealer broker business. And what that did was no longer were banks able to carry inventory of securities on their books because they had higher reserve requirements and higher cash requirements, et cetera. And so therefore, if you don't have an inventory of something, you don't really have an ax to grind in the markets. And if you don't have an ax to grind in the markets with a position, then liquidity is clearly going to dry up because you're not that natural constant bid for bonds where you see value and buy them. And you're not a natural offer in equities here because you think it's overvalued and you would sell them.

**Tony Greer:** [38:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=YrFP3n_KxjN2hdo6w4qYjDDHdB8n6NzCFWXKRLgema9o7R-hSUeR1WWR5SFNEqzx0uN4Ol37DeAcv9M7Ux0nx60E6pE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2343.551) So, you've taken a major, major chunk of what was an essential part of market liquidity away. And you've taken with that, block trading has gone away. And with that, you've had the invasion of algo driven and electronic driven platforms. So, all of that to me is sort of one piece that stemmed out of Dodd-Frank and the Volcker rule.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [39:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=UhHrenSuRFGQO45yw2vQCW4jKYaNYxU0dx02eYZsaErnsxTSUuNzs9-OdyEDZHOohee_5AOBud1IPkCE2ie7UpLxSGk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2361.73) How much did the Volcker rule, not the Volcker rule, but Dodd-Frank contribute and reserve requirements contribute to the growth we've seen in the corporate bond market. And now the Fed is coming in and they're bailing out the corporate bond market. So, it's kind of like, well, if you're not going to bail out the banks, but you're going to bail out the corporate bond market, what did you really do to minimize risk? You transferred it from one part of the market to another.

**Tony Greer:** [39:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=7HTQpS9GrjXLSQ_-184_S42iZOe82xjT3mXerVQvpV_ZhCtkPP74pLxGA6S2k7cqr3pQLyLqylH1Zfpnmu0QDfJ9F5g&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2385.77) Yeah. They're bailing at one party instead of the other party. It's like one or the other would be holding the credit, but they're deciding now that they're just going to bail out the actual company itself then bail out the bank that's holding the credit, that's going down, so it's become a really complicated game. And it's just that the increasingly bigger part of the market is the part that you don't want to see because that's just less free markets.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [40:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=HpjE1dOG5fMOSTb3wpwK_jV_4f1fEBfr7Iwfl95LR9RddIudaSh79QKUy2zfds41V4fLADWyiIDIgEUpXgp9u_xXnek&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2408.6) Yeah. So, look, man, I would love to actually go back to this thing about political crisis and explore it a bit more with you because I feel like this is one thing where we're both speculating. We're not experts. I don't know if anyone's an expert in this stuff, but there are obviously people that spend their lives looking at sentiment analysis, try to understand the zeitgeist of the political base, but I've sort of been really fascinated now, for at least a year, maybe two, it started with looking at memes in the crypto space. And that's really a stand in for a sort of generational observation. These people that are on the younger end of the spectrum in terms of millennial and also zoomers, people in their twenties and early thirties and even younger, and the artwork that comes out of this community, first of all, it's really creative.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [41:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=S9jolZaxWCRJb7R_wchk-d6ZXQFTy5xzEO4_0Pb0jdURZmi9lq-SrjK1eXDT5_3okHc7wEdyj0Jz2dLaAihkLccj5b4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2461.72) It's really smart. It's really interesting. It's very insightful characters like Whoa, Jack in the crypto space, but there's a ton of this stuff. If you go into like Wall Street Bets and you know, this like subreddit. For listeners who aren't familiar with Wall Street Bets, Bloomberg did a feature on this, I think it was a cover story maybe six months ago or so. And it focused among other things on how they were using call options or they thought that they kind of figured out this perpetual motion machine of buying call options through primarily Robinhood.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [41:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ybZttA0HGeV9B8py9DVCn0MU4ljvr-26r0yCYZwmtsSnxDRJbB8YNEvrP3xOGqsPAiywib2KBjZe4Aj6PkPmARaZ5tg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2491.98) Again, this brings us back to Robinhood's trading platform, but basically buying call options on stocks like Tesla. And then knowing that the dealer on the other end is going to have to buy the underlying stock in order to do that. And so they were all sort of trying to create a giant momentum play, kind of like a, it wouldn't be considered a cornering of the market. I don't know what the official term for that would be when you sort of your whole play is to just drive the stock up until there's just no-

**Tony Greer:** [41:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zlrhJMGJu9XuAA4oHC6PWg1xqnKBk1ulIdGPrhPtVlAqCRjnNF8nlBd11TH0p3sG0FmE_2sfzNz-HACRd4dpv5sTeoI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2519.29) They're just trying to run it in, man. I guess, run in shorts and get everybody to cover. That's the nihilistic attitude that you're speaking about.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [42:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=aKIcwTqcvK_D4zwu25gQfXyO0AeV2JlfBhwYVlVOC2c8xnve8CwTbNxNUPWrwV5ATT5xkEb1jryQ2Dih9Cv0WWS6KRo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2527.72) Yeah, totally. I mean, no concern to fundamentals, just the price, nothing else matters. But I sense a sort of underlying despair and a quality of low self esteem. Because if you look at the art that comes out of this and I might be off from it just be me and my interpretation, but like you've got these weird characters, the heroes in some of these meme stories are people who are kind of living in their mother's basement and just buying stonks, the way they refer to stocks, they call them stonks. And the US dollar, they call it a shitcoin.

**Tony Greer:** [42:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=9HAhbtLg3_GZGV5dScZVuCA3cw9kOnZlarHfm7SPkh4dKOzdp0Hx3T32xcyBXK5k4DzjMuEHkxhMe8lcmtThW_gxb7M&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2560.87) Yeah. It's that real desperation angle, it's just what it seems like to me. It seems like they're desperate to try to get onto this S&P wealth creating American dream as it was. And they can't figure out how to latch onto it. And you know, they're probably coming out of school with a lot of debt and they might not be-

**Demetri Kofinas:** [43:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=z1Ox21HweRm5zHXLm6OzGUiDrE73tvUCyBPBHKaqZgSTn6ICOCNAjjp06tm0n0Jjl-OD-FRKvtoPm-R-btRuLZ-89zY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2581.46) They priced out.

**Tony Greer:** [43:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=LWhB2FPJ42dBrqqyuklEjd38Z6ijtom5lKesqvfTPYuGqhc1vBywyttp3n2jaPcYJbAFzaXbJZGssc5PQ8C6npldlsc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2582.28) Yeah, exactly.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [43:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=9I6kjRPvK3wl-45lWO5Vk6LONrZUlpnkw4CXbRZ2Rxd3hHEOtJ6YEz3j71ToHdSp_ejnMsrnZVlSm18Mgaq7YbUEJ10&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2582.82) And priced out of it. It makes sense for them. Why would they work their whole lives and save up? That's not going to move the needle. They've got to bet big. They've got to put their stimulus checks in and leverage it.

**Tony Greer:** [43:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=_U0f5saqcyxGhzOYNBEk7jN_38VzhjSK9z1oORedz_usH3ZKLYhXO3E-Vxni6-F3h75aEGUiPDBcqw_MYCpqCfgrBos&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2595.73) Yeah. Yeah. That's the attitude. That is the attitude right now. I mean, it's amazing to me how many people are flocking into this market that I'm hearing about, sort of what I'm considering might be somewhere around the top of this retracement rally, but when I've got a couple of interns working for me and I've got one of them sharing with me that they've got a chat room of a text chain that has about 50 college kids in it, all sharing their Robinhood trading ideas and sharing their Robinhood P&L screenshots, essentially what it's done is opened up another room in the casino.

**Tony Greer:** [43:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=4dNmT2YriWUK7uM1h9GqGICjTKo2hyooNiZ6SJQeqf_DLnI4u-2pA1-mwRFhpUYO0KRb78J7os3QguYUkiZkmP0AODI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2629.11) It's just one that hasn't been there in a long time, or hasn't been there ever because of the conditions we have with no sports betting and other parts of the economy and other parts of people's leisure space actually shut down. So, it may be temporary, we don't really know yet. We don't really know if people are going to take their ball and go home once sports gambling starts opening up again and the sports teams get going, but I don't know, if they find it comfortable here, money always goes where it's treated best. So, I would imagine they might stick around until they get rinsed. It's going to be really interesting to see it work out.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [44:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Eu9ciagz-ii07zLLnAOy8ABYG35GDffqB1lcnE0dO3fSgd8A5__S5U_dvMFYd1Br-5HlHdAvd9HG4jN8wwsAvyl-4Is&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2657.94) Yeah, and again, from the political angle, because there's also an interesting thing that I would like you to comment on, which is maybe explain to someone like me, who's tried to understand, what it means that Robinhood is selling order flow to HFT shops that are on the other side of these transactions with their customers. Is this kind of similar to how Facebook sells behavioral data or uses behavioral data in ad platforms to match advertisers with the users? So, if you're not the customer, you're the product?

**Tony Greer:** [44:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ZkekqmQzai539TRoexlNYe0FGrzagHuLNoY9uqUxKKUUSfdskFMZRaTVbky1cpClfVKQbeetAg1KE7FxeWG8TFxAQB4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2687.81) I essentially think that is it, Demetri. Trading commissions are at zero. The trading commissions were what used to be used to pay for the services were necessary that came along with the execution business whether that be added through added execution services or research or whatever came with it, but that's what your commission dollar got you. And so now that they're not collecting commission dollars, they have to figure out how to pay for those services within the Robinhood business and pay for their infrastructure. So, they literally sell their order flow to high frequency traders who I think are happy to receive it and happy to pay for it because, for two reasons, they probably front run the pants off of most of the orders and make small incremental profits on each one. And then they're feeding all the information into their models and seeing what these young, crazy risk takers are going into. They're all running into the airlines and into the cruise ships and things like that. And I'm sure that's really valuable information to firms like Virtu or Citadel or, or some of the other.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [45:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=qZS7nUfSpI5ii_HV3QG0UGG11kEKJZgJUBsZKEK3HbYzZPjP5zxEoT8R2qFiswoUt-ZJD0hwTi1ayUC7Wd6uhCrvDQU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2748.45) Citadel makes up more than half of their order flow.

**Tony Greer:** [45:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=tNZgQSSg6QwQcHgg5LEwVhrPk1Kp9aCfKYhefrXpHW9xYioVMGElehV4nWv5MRqn0psqynXL8Ce4fz_S0N-HQV8WXm0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2750.34) Yeah. That makes sense.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [45:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=IjdvyHHL0VPIsGD4Ii7LWBM8ptSUexRnseTED5boePFzzv5Hd6_Zg-HjZUXSd4y61TGCufNPAjNb7SXeG7H-6ljaIkA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2751.22) It's like 65% for securities listed on the NYSC. So, Tony, listen, I'm going to move us into the overtime. I really want to discuss this political angle, man, because I think the riots that we've seen are part of this. Young people, we know this from the last crisis. A lot of people never really got out of the last crisis. They moved back home. They were never able to really get their careers going. And now we're shut down. Beijing, by the way, today, I said, this recording this on Tuesday morning, June 16th, Beijing is shutting down again. They're shutting down travel. I don't know if you saw that.

**Tony Greer:** [46:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=K_-iddP4qXpapnZjdyIJwqrmXzGM3XDvHqBlsCNDUqB2_Q2cou7NNfDEjw4tgIMhSH0Zrz-N_4leKyZYneHg6ICLEso&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2787.4) I did. They got more cases.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [46:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=XJSGuANotAMYIBqD2t6iiX1glOHuWW3K9YNNV-wseW6F2ma2l06PzSQN2SrwmJdNNzReagYAXnkVu9iCl37fSBZ2nx4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2789.15) That's super scary.

**Tony Greer:** [46:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=RUgYbkpRYO4F-d-LG2-WUip625tj1kd4vLR7ItmKO0VmLKZ9F6Dghh-Ug9Y2zOBC3IrWfIumaTc1SuByt-kP_5HN1fU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2790.68) It is.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [46:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=EO9sJYstWOicserKKV1XIZ4Z6NAJ2m5ZIolBeHXDBTn-eTzoEbyjJfanDWYo0VFM7_I8hdiH135dDKlA-gBGMnD8TUc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2792.16) Because they're like the leading indicator.

**Tony Greer:** [46:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=eu1FZ5jAUG088iFo6otzbm7UBQvE7d_9bhy7fDo-EqBoBkhhhcZRNqZdYNyb5RybBP3GOB0kEU5rbeFJZH32woCote4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2793.54) I know. And the problem is that they haven't been dealing with it from a perfect integrity place either. So, we're dealing with the CCP here. We're not just dealing with another country. And so God knows what they could be up to, to be sending out this information, protecting themselves, like who knows. It just gets scary and scarier the more you peel the onion back.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [46:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=tbQLi-4fNoHzoXbHc4lJLWNvHDoVW1D6T8XxpK6ZpAFg9VO5G5brOn0dj1aFB6cDk1-jadtisJQUN7qs1hHJAvbS1nU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2812.08) Totally true. But also here. No one trusts anyone.

**Tony Greer:** [46:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=TjzH0_oSJuwn9ml1efpNEWh0Ui-XGdLl5zVhjqn9-col8oNx6_Q5R9iKfgVQNEWaLmDLSuAappt3slTSXGXFX6TzFf0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2815.85) No.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [46:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=n62GTSNB8VSZVi3epxfA9NzTTx9BWQLCk9MO43bG5Rf2Xkl2jMcgpAVETbrvceXqaQohJCIk4NXKHggj44i3mT4sXcY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2816.31) We are in a point where we need government. Actually, another thing I've said for a while now, for years, I've said that I'm bullish on governments and I continue to be bullish on governments. But what I mean by that is that we're heading into a time where we are going to need and rely on that kind of sort of large actor level solutions to societal problems, whether they're able to solve them or not. And if they're not able to solve them and we just ended up descending into some sort of totalitarian dystopia.

**Tony Greer:** [47:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Pb2ZnUpTn0SSKjZb05WmMfqtNbO2rBVRoPtvoXSXtu4rd79KH03NEwYoTDHFmBKlm9_vlUy8EuyXG0SADU03Eg-n5hU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2848.1) Mess.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [47:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=DFjQj4l2euKC21T5Xn_qjhtUyIf_I1xQBkas78saVn8EevlORbBTu6sux-9kPeQPOQaAGic4NiUZtcrhHCG4y2amDso&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2848.7) Right. Which is the worst outcome. If Donald Trump sends the US Army into America's cities, let me tell you what I think. Again, I don't know. I don't have a crystal ball. I'm not worried that Donald Trump is going to take over America. I know that's been like a huge concern on the left. I'm not worried Donald Trump is going to become a dictator. I'm worried that if Donald Trump were to send the Army into American cities, he would immediately lose control of it because these guys would come in and they'd be like, this is a shit show. Let's do some kind of a coup with the quote deep state or some other political actors and then we're in a whole ‘other world of shit. And all this time, we're America, we have the biggest army in the world. We have how many thousands or tens of thousands of nuclear missiles.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [48:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=xM2LBVgX9oQWE8cPKp9MNOX3-hUjQq5KCa6A8zcZpVtBvhQTkBmS6purqHX2XZSswlJUHgtaoJ8qSDmyOwfLR-QVK7A&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2890.41) This is not something to fuck around with.

**Tony Greer:** [48:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=f0UhDIZHvTvp5BGixKUE5w6gc324g8eh6kE_q16glpStqBG6H_eR_DG0XmQmo2VRHpGoVFeIwXUlBHuxC83hhwP89d0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2892.43) No this isn't. The way the political atmosphere has been going, I agree with you. I don't think that Trump is one of those guys that's looking to stay in office or actually become a dictator. But I do agree that he could make a decision that is abominably stupid enough to create an utterly toxic situation here. Like you said, like sending the military into anywhere would be an utter disaster. So, we're going to see how he tries to play it, which will probably be with a firm hand. But the thing is he wants law and order and the other side of the coin is going to do their best to keep this Kabuki theater going on of absolute oppression. And it's just going to get uglier. But the thing is, how do you sustain when you've got a safe zone in Seattle, how is this something sustainable? I feel like they're leaving it up to be a model for other places to adopt, so that's what I think.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [49:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=yXYA1I6B3KRsX6hTM1i01cRDw3Vn_FU1r_uMG9P42YLPYZ_FKm_bqFNQTCd8xv8YJltpdk8KNcnXbyriWpZZLsQ-HsA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2944.03) Right. So, what is that again? Because I was going to say like our mayor, Bill de Blasio, hasn't helped the situation by being pretty incompetent with how he's handled security in the city. Like what's been going on in Seattle?

**Demetri Kofinas:** [49:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=_zVwcgA8goLMxzgKzXfyNi_YtusBqolLUao2OjDz0LUQ0Afw8xG2eyZ6sh4ExYhS70hp9fSiIuDOKlGLmwiEbwHh2l0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2956.18) Actually, hold on, we'll talk about it on the other side, we're going to go into the overtime. For regular listeners, you know the drill. If you're new to the program or if you haven't subscribed yet to our audiophile, autodidact to super nerd tiers, head over to patreon.com/hiddenforces where you can continue to listen to the second half of my conversation with Tony, including gaining access to the transcript of today's conversation, as well as to the rundown. Guys, the rundown this week is awesome. It's full of not just quotes like I mentioned, but tons of links that are related to this, I did an enormous deep dive this weekend. I watched hours and hours of David Portnoy videos so you don't have to, although I think you guys should check out some of his stuff. It's hilarious. Spent a lot of time on Wall Street Bets research, this phenomenon of Robinhood. And it's a lot of really good stuff. So, if you're subscribed already, if you're a super nerd, check that out. If you're not, you may want to hop on the bandwagon.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [50:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=rwI7rUuEEC0rlPTvIRcAWcDRrInQRlzY80ENk3JWnyroub5wmHEkODZgFHDCCzrv7hclA62FpIDkCFY4KtpRJWKpSJ8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3013.36) Tony, stick around. I'm going to move us into the overtime.

**Tony Greer:** [50:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=E4sDMCKR42KXQf4wV1wswiMgdNFpTg8X_GsWVFUbYkTJ7y2nUPun0BGNtFTnB57EfKV8XY9Be5ZtiEw7vVmWg_VJxs4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3017.3) I'm here.

**Demetri Kofinas:** [50:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=8Q47E69Vjh6zAULnFbz9kqzsHZ5pAE6dFt2rHuWTmazBuM7xKvTjENx-ui0NEIrM9wzdjJV5sHXa1p_mq7N6Bk7gQNw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3019.12) Today's episode of Hidden Forces was recorded in New York City. For more information about this week's episode, or if you want easy access to related programming, visit our website hiddenforces.io and subscribe to our free email list. If you want access to overtime segments, episode transcripts, and show rundowns full of links and detailed information related to each and every episode, check out our premium subscription available through the Hidden Forces website or through our Patreon Page patreon.com/hiddenforces.

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