

Economic Outlook

Wen will post an article on the economic outlook for the next five years when he can find the time to write a long article. (maybe sometime in July) Some highlights of his article will be:

- Our economy will continue to recover this year. But the recovery is weakened somewhat by the stubbornly high unemployment rate.
- There will not be a recession in the next three years. But the weak job market will keep the growth very mild.
- The new health reform bill has some good things for many, but it is a job killer and budget buster. We will see increases in temporary and part time jobs in place of full-time positions in the next few years.
- It will take years for the Europe to work out their problems. But the effects on the American economy will be both positive and negative. They will not drag America down with them.
- There is a chance that America, China and the Europe will slowdown at about the same time within the next 4 to 6 years. That may be the time for another global recession. This is avoidable if the three giants can make the right moves early on.
- Japan: a story of two extreme economical systems.
- The biggest problem China is facing in the next five years and beyond is her ever increasing, already massive migrant worker population. It may become an explosive social, political, and economic issue within 5 years if not handled properly.
- Not all national debts are equally bad. Unfortunately, the American and European debts are the very harmful kind. It has to become a crisis before American can summon enough political will to make necessary changes. This crisis just may come much sooner than we expect.
- America will have to expand its manufacturing sector if we want to remain on top. Not just producing the glamorous high tech items, but low tech necessities as well.