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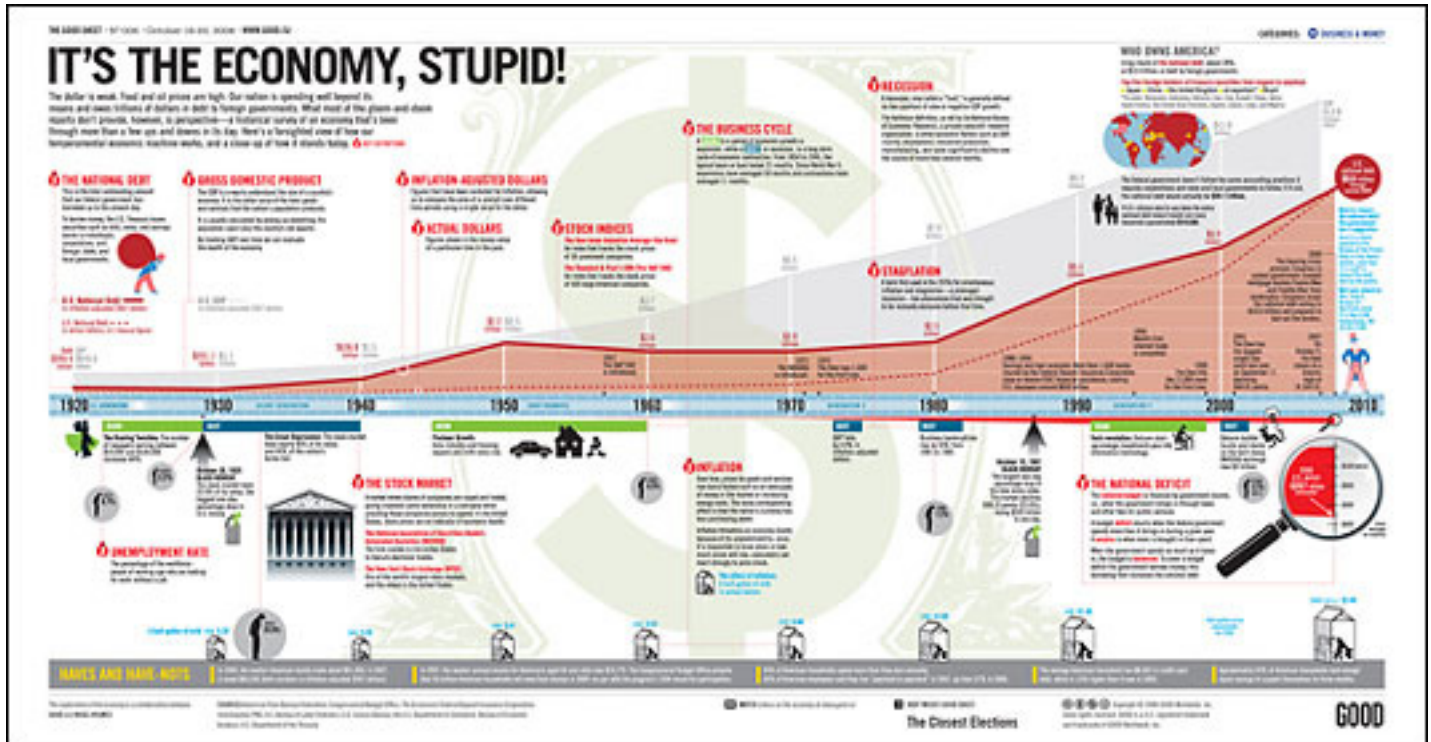
## Economix

### Explaining the Science of Everyday Life

## A Grande Frappuccino, With a Side of G.D.P.

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In case you ever wanted a concise definition of stagflation to go with your pumpkin soy latte, GOOD Magazine is distributing a brief [timeline of United States economic history](#) at Starbucks stores across the country.

The timeline, which is called the GOOD Sheet, also offers concise definitions of important economic terms and various statistics about the American economy. For example:

- Today the average American household has \$8,565 in credit card debt, which is 15 percent higher than it was in 2000.
- 43 percent of American households spend more than they earn annually.
- 44 percent of American employees said they live “paycheck to paycheck” in 2007 — up from 37 percent in 2006.

You will not find anything as esoteric as an analysis of how credit-default swaps contributed to the financial crisis, but let's be honest, that might be too much to stomach while you are nibbling on a blackberry scone and listening to James Taylor.