

The End of Dollar Dominance? Why Central Banks & Smart Money Are Loading Up on Gold

America's monetary system stands at a critical turning point. The official national debt is approaching levels that would have been unimaginable a generation ago, but the headline number tells only part of the story. When unfunded obligations tied to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, military pensions, and other government promises are included, the nation's long-term fiscal burden becomes far larger and more dangerous.



At the same time, global confidence in the U.S. dollar and U.S. Treasury market is no longer guaranteed. Nations are searching for alternatives to dollar-based trade, dollar-based reserves, and the SWIFT financial messaging system. For everyday Americans, these pressures show up through higher living costs, savings erosion, retirement uncertainty, and reduced purchasing power. In this environment, gold and silver are re-emerging as historic forms of money, stores of value, and practical tools for preserving wealth in a world where trust in fiat currency can no longer be assumed.



In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » Exploding U.S. Debt, Unfunded Liabilities, and Erosion of Trust
- » De-Dollarization: Declining Global Demand for the U.S. Dollar and Treasuries
- » Gold and Silver as Practical Tools for Wealth Preservation

YOUR MISSION: Understand how today's monetary vulnerabilities affect your household wealth and take practical steps to protect purchasing power with assets and strategies designed for resilience outside the fragile fiat system.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » **The debt problem is larger than the number most Americans hear or comprehend.**
The official national debt is only part of the story. Unfunded obligations add much greater long-term pressure on taxes, benefits, inflation, borrowing costs, and the dollar.
- » **Monetary instability directly affects household wealth.**
A weaker dollar shows up in higher prices, reduced savings power, and greater retirement uncertainty. This affects groceries, housing, fuel, healthcare, and everyday expenses.
- » **De-dollarization could change America's economic advantage.**
If nations reduce reliance on dollars and Treasuries, the U.S. may have to borrow at higher costs. That can affect interest rates, markets, and the cost of living.
- » **Gold and silver offer a form of wealth outside the system.**
Physical precious metals are not someone else's liability when properly held. That matters when banks, markets, governments, or digital systems face stress.
- » **Sound money is becoming practical again.**
Gold and silver are no longer limited to coins, bars, and vaults. Modern tools are making them easier to hold, use, and spend.

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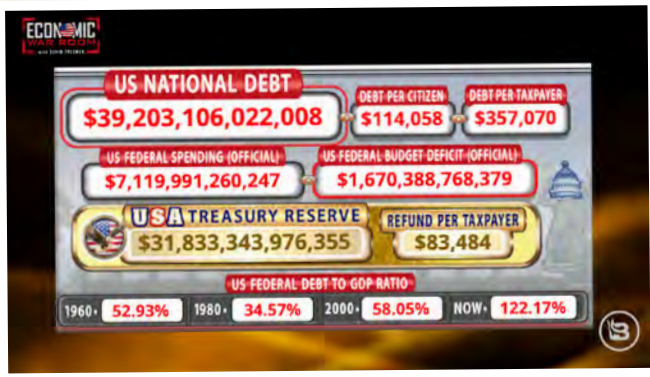
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1. Exploding U.S. Debt, Unfunded Liabilities, and Erosion of Trust

America's debt problem cannot be understood by looking only at the headline national debt number.



The official debt is approaching \$40 trillion, but that figure captures only part of the burden. It does not include the full weight of long-term obligations tied to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, government pensions, military retirement promises, and other commitments the government has made without fully setting aside the money to pay for them.

These obligations are often called unfunded liabilities. In simple terms, they are promises already made but not yet fully funded. When they are included, America's total fiscal exposure rises dramatically, with estimates discussed in this episode placing the full burden at roughly \$200 trillion or more.

That scale is difficult to comprehend. A trillion seconds ago was more than 31,000 years in the past. Multiply that concept across hundreds of trillions in obligations, and the magnitude of America's monetary challenge becomes clear.

“Everyone focuses on the \$39 trillion, nearly \$40 trillion in debt, but that doesn’t count promises for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and government military pensions. These are off-balance-sheet obligations that exceed \$170 trillion by the government’s own estimates, all in, \$200 trillion or more in debt.” –Andy Schectman

The deeper issue is not simply that the government owes money. The deeper issue is that America has made promises that may become increasingly difficult to honor without borrowing more, taxing more, printing more, cutting benefits, or allowing inflation to quietly reduce the real value of those promises. Each of those paths places pressure on families, retirees, savers, and future generations.

The monetary system depends on confidence. Citizens must trust that the dollar will maintain purchasing power. Investors must trust that U.S. debt will be repaid in money that retains value.

Foreign governments must trust that U.S. Treasuries are safe reserve assets. Businesses must trust that the operating environment is stable enough to justify investment, production, and long-term planning.

“You’ve been warning about the structural risks in our fiat system for years... the scale of U.S. debt, inflation’s hidden tax, the accelerating move away from the dollar globally... creates genuine monetary risk and opportunity for everyday Americans.”

–Kevin D. Freeman, CFA, D.Sc. (h.c.)



That trust is strained when debt rises faster than the nation’s productive capacity. A country can carry significant debt when it has strong manufacturing, rising productivity, sound institutions, social cohesion, and fiscal discipline.

However, when debt expands alongside a weakened manufacturing base, declining educational outcomes, cultural polarization, and eroding confidence in core institutions,

the risk becomes more than a balance sheet problem. It becomes a national resilience problem.

A key term in this discussion is the Triffin dilemma. This refers to the tension faced by a nation whose currency serves as the world reserve currency. To supply the world with dollars, the United States has often run persistent deficits.

Over time, that can encourage overconsumption, weaken domestic manufacturing, hollow out productive capacity, and make the nation increasingly dependent on foreign demand for its debt.

The danger is cumulative. Debt, inflation, weakened production, and declining trust reinforce one another. If Americans lose confidence in the government's ability to manage its obligations, and if foreign buyers lose confidence in U.S. debt, the dollar's position can weaken more quickly than most people expect.

⚠ Attention: America's monetary risk is not limited to the national debt; it includes the far larger burden of unfunded promises, a weakened industrial base, and the erosion of trust required to sustain the dollar itself.

2. De-Dollarization: Declining Global Demand for the U.S. Dollar and Treasuries

For decades, the U.S. dollar has served as the world's dominant reserve currency. Central banks, governments, businesses, and global institutions have used dollars for savings, trade, debt issuance, and international settlement. This status has given the United States enormous advantages, including strong demand for U.S. Treasuries and the ability to finance large deficits at relatively favorable rates.



That advantage is no longer guaranteed.

De-dollarization refers to the process by which countries reduce their dependence on the U.S. dollar for trade, reserves, and settlement. This may include trading in local currencies,

increasing gold reserves, building alternative payment systems, or seeking financial rails outside the dollar-based system.

One major driver is concern over the weaponization of the dollar. When a nation's reserves, Treasury holdings, or access to financial messaging systems can be frozen or seized, other countries begin looking for alternatives.

The freezing of Russian foreign-exchange reserves became a warning sign to many governments that dollar-based assets may carry political risk.

“I think what concerns me more than anything is the lack of demand for our Treasury debt and the alternative rails that are being built to not only bypass U.S. dollars and the SWIFT system, but to find a new settlement vehicle.” –Andy Schectman

The SWIFT system is the dominant global financial messaging network banks use to communicate payment instructions. It does not physically move money by itself, but it is a critical part of international banking infrastructure. If nations can trade outside SWIFT and outside the dollar, they reduce U.S. influence over global finance.

The Treasury market is equally important. U.S. Treasuries are government debt securities widely used by investors and central banks as safe reserve assets. Historically, during global crises, investors rushed into dollars and Treasuries, pushing Treasury yields down as prices rose.

But when yields rise during geopolitical stress, it can signal that investors are demanding more compensation to hold U.S. debt or that safe-haven confidence is weakening.

“One of the things that I find to be particularly concerning is former Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson just called on US authorities to draft an emergency contingency plan for a potential collapse in demand for the U.S. Treasury... when we do hit it, it will be vicious.” –Andy Schectman

This matters because America relies on buyers for its debt. If global demand for Treasuries declines, the U.S. government may have to pay higher interest rates to borrow. Higher rates increase the cost of servicing the debt, crowd out other priorities, worsen deficits, and place even more pressure on the currency.

The consequences do not stop in Washington or on Wall Street. A weaker dollar can make imports more expensive. Higher Treasury yields can influence mortgage rates, credit card rates, business loans, and market valuations. Reduced confidence in U.S. financial leadership can also increase volatility across retirement accounts, pension funds, and investment portfolios.

De-dollarization does not require the dollar to disappear. It only requires enough nations to reduce their reliance on it that America's financing advantage begins to shrink. That shift would represent a major change in the global financial order and would make the debt pressures outlined in Key Topic 1 even harder to manage.



Attention: Global de-dollarization is accelerating as nations build alternative rails, reduce dependence on SWIFT, and question demand for U.S. Treasuries— weakening the dollar's privileged status and exposing American savers to greater currency risk.

3. Gold and Silver as Practical Tools for Wealth Preservation

Gold and silver have served as money across civilizations for thousands of years because they possess qualities fiat currency does not.

They are scarce, durable, divisible, widely recognized, and not created by government decree.

Unlike paper currency, bonds, or digital bank balances, physical precious metals held directly are not simply promises from another institution.

That distinction matters. A bank deposit depends on the bank. A bond depends on the borrower. A stock depends on the company. A fiat currency depends on the issuing government and central bank.

Physical gold and silver, properly held, do not carry the same kind of counterparty liability. Counterparty liability means dependence on another party's ability or willingness to fulfill an obligation.

“They're wealth outside the system; they are an asset that maintains no counterparty liability if in your own possession.” –Andy Schectman

This is why gold and silver have long been viewed as wealth outside the system. They are not someone else's promise to pay. They are not dependent on a bank account remaining accessible, a bond issuer remaining solvent, or a digital platform remaining operational.



In periods of inflation, currency devaluation, banking stress, or institutional instability, that independence becomes especially important.

The renewed interest in precious metals is not limited to individual investors. Central banks, sophisticated institutions, and large global buyers have been accumulating gold and silver at significant levels.

The Comex, the primary U.S. futures market for gold and silver, has seen unusual demand for physical delivery, while China has recorded major silver imports following price corrections. In plain terms, the most informed and well-capitalized players are not merely trading paper exposure; many are seeking possession of the metal itself.

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That signal should not be ignored. A gold ETF, mining stock, futures contract, or digital claim may provide price exposure, but it is not the same as owning physical metal.

Each structure carries different risks, including custody risk, liquidity risk, market risk, and counterparty risk. The central issue is whether the asset is truly outside the system or simply another financial product tied to the system.

At the same time, gold and silver face a practical challenge. Many people understand that precious metals can preserve value but still wonder how they would use them in daily life. A silver bar may hold purchasing power, but it is not convenient for buying groceries, fuel, or everyday goods. This is where the modern Constitutional Currency (Pirate Money) movement becomes essential.

Technology is beginning to reconnect precious metals with practical payment systems. Platforms such as Glint allow individuals to buy, hold, and spend allocated gold or silver electronically through familiar tools like an app, Mastercard, or smartphone.

This does not eliminate the need to understand custody, fees, redemption rules, and account structure, but it does help solve the usability problem that once confined precious metals largely to saving, storing, or hoarding.

“Why don’t we create this bottom-up return to sound money? Why don’t we give people their own personal gold standard? One that is able to participate in electronic payments... We’ve built a system where you can buy gold and silver in any amount through an app. You can then spend that with a Mastercard or with your iPhone. We’ve effectively made gold money again through electronic payments.” –Jason Cozens

The broader Pirate Money movement is also advancing at the state level. The U.S. Constitution recognized gold and silver coin as money, and states are increasingly reconsidering how precious metals can function in modern financial life.

Pirate Money means money that cannot be created without discipline, cannot be inflated at will, and retains value over time.

The issue is not nostalgia. It is resilience. If fiat currency continues to lose purchasing power, if debt continues to expand, and if trust in institutions weakens, Americans need options that are not entirely dependent on the current monetary structure.

Gold and silver provide a bridge between historic monetary wisdom and modern financial practicality.



Attention: Gold and silver are re-emerging as practical tools for preserving wealth, reducing dependence on fiat currency, and rebuilding real money for modern American life.

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2. **Research physical gold and silver through Miles Franklin. Review options for purchasing precious metals through Andy Schectman's company, [Miles Franklin](#), a long-standing precious metals firm.**
3. **Know the difference between headline debt and total obligations.**
Do not evaluate America's fiscal condition using only the official national debt. Understand the additional pressure created by unfunded liabilities such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and pensions.
4. **Review your exposure to dollar-based assets.**
Consider how much of your savings, retirement income, investments, and future plans depend on the continued strength of the U.S. dollar and U.S. financial system.
5. **Understand counterparty risk.**
Ask whether each asset you own is truly yours or whether it depends on another institution's promise, solvency, access, or permission.
6. **Follow de-dollarization and central-bank gold trends.**
Watch for changes in global Treasury demand, alternative payment rails, central-bank gold accumulation, and state-level Constitutional Currency legislation.
7. **Build a personal monetary resilience plan.**
Diversify beyond traditional paper assets, maintain liquidity in both fiat and gold/silver, preserve purchasing power, and revisit your strategy at least annually.

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3. **Get a copy of [According to Plan](#) to better understand these domestic attacks on our Liberty as well as the overall Marxist plan to consume America.**


4. Seek opportunities to inspire other Americans to stand up for what is right.
5. Send them this Economic Battle Plan™ and ask them what they are doing to stand for America and Liberty!
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 - » Encourage and ask your elected officials to educate themselves.
 - » Ask them how they are working to strengthen our education system and reverse the push for Marxist indoctrination. These are big issues, if your representatives are not aware and working toward solutions directly or indirectly based on their committees, hold them accountable!

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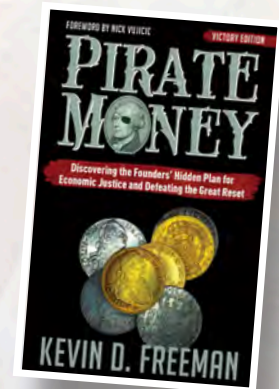
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–Kevin D. Freeman, D.Sc. (Hon.), CFA & Host Pirate Money Radio

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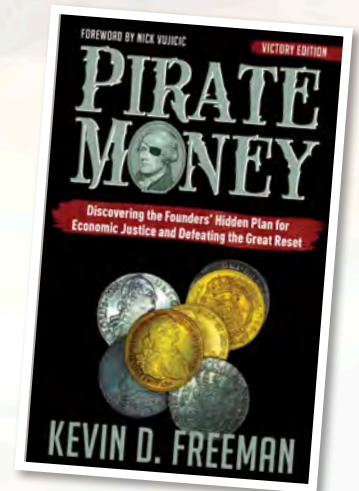
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