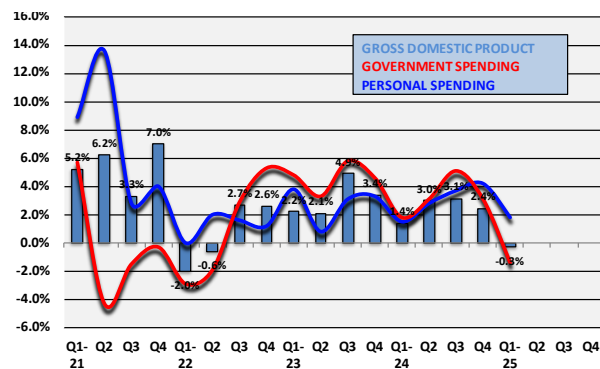




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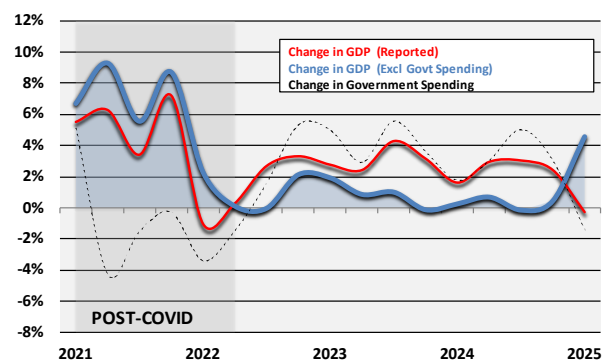
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QUARTERLY CHANGE GDP COMPARED TO PERSONAL & GOVERNMENT SPENDING



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QUARTERLY CHG IN GDP EXCLUDING THE IMPACT OF GOV'T SPENDING



	AVG 2020	AVG 2021	AVG 2022	I	II	III	IV	AVG 2023	I	II	III	IV	AVG 2024	2025 I
<b>GDP</b>	1.5%	5.7%	0.7%	2.2%	2.1%	4.9%	3.4%	3.2%	1.6%	3.0%	3.1%	2.4%	2.5%	-0.3%
<b>Personal Spending</b>	2.5%	7.8%	1.2%	3.8%	0.8%	3.1%	3.3%	2.8%	1.5%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	2.9%	1.8%
<b>Domestic Investment</b>	13.8%	9.0%	-2.2%	-9.0%	5.2%	10.0%	0.7%	1.7%	4.4%	7.5%	0.8%	-5.6%	1.8%	21.9%
<b>Net Exports</b>	-2.4%	-4.0%	2.3%	5.5%	-1.7%	1.2%	2.9%	2.0%	-4.5%	-5.4%	-1.1%	1.7%	-2.3%	-39.5%
- Exports	10.5%	7.5%	4.7%	6.8%	-9.3%	5.4%	5.1%	2.0%	1.6%	1.6%	9.6%	-0.2%	3.2%	1.8%
- Imports	12.9%	11.5%	2.4%	1.3%	-7.6%	4.2%	2.2%	0.0%	6.1%	7.0%	10.7%	-1.9%	5.5%	41.3%
<b>Government Spending</b>	1.5%	-0.2%	0.8%	4.8%	3.3%	5.8%	4.6%	4.6%	1.8%	3.0%	5.1%	3.1%	3.4%	-1.4%
- Federal	6.3%	1.2%	0.0%	5.2%	1.1%	7.1%	2.4%	4.0%	-0.2%	3.3%	8.9%	4.0%	4.0%	-5.1%
: National Defense	4.4%	-4.8%	0.4%	1.9%	2.3%	8.4%	0.5%	3.3%	-0.9%	4.9%	13.9%	4.8%	5.7%	-8.0%
: Non- defense	14.0%	12.6%	-0.2%	9.5%	-0.4%	5.5%	4.8%	4.9%	0.6%	1.2%	2.6%	2.9%	1.8%	-1.0%
- State	-0.9%	-0.9%	1.4%	4.6%	4.7%	5.0%	6.0%	5.1%	3.0%	2.3%	2.9%	2.5%	2.7%	0.8%

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(April 2025)..... In their first estimate, the Commerce Department projected first quarter economic growth contract by -0.3%, compared with the previous estimate of +2.4%. Consumer spending expanded +1.68%, while domestic investment increased +21.9%. Net exports were down by -39.5% due to a massive 41.3% increase in imports. Exports were up +1.8%, compared with -0.2% the previous quarter.

The economy had experienced the pace of government spending exceeding that of consumer spending over nine of the past eleven quarters. This has, in essence, overstated core economic growth significantly - particularly between 2022-2024. The Commerce Department had reported that, during that period, average quarterly GDP rose by +2.6%. But when excluding the volatile government spending that took place during that time, the actual core GDP only averaged +0.6% - with three incidents of negative growth.

During the first quarter of 2025, federal spending decreased a massive -5.1% with defense-related expenditures declining -8.0% and nondefense spending dropping -1.0%.

**Strategically ...** The first quarter of 2025 reflects the initial effect of from the massive attempt to reduce the level of government spending. It confirms the elevated level of GDP that had been previously reported and demonstrated the reliance that a positive GDP required significant levels of government spending needed to retain a positive growth narrative. There will be a period of slower but stable growth figures in the near future as the economy goes through a much needed transition away its past reliance on the government. It's Friedman versus Keynes.