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After decades of over-borrowing and highly leveraged lifestyles, Americans recently faced an economic meltdown that threatened entire financial markets and significantly devalued their retirement accounts, reduced their home values, and jeopardized their job security.

As the current Administration struggles with record high unemployment, record high spending, and record distrust of government and financial institutions, Americans worry that the American dream is dead. Expectations of a brighter future for their children have dimmed significantly.

This paper will review how we got here and where we may be headed. We will consider global competitive pressures on the American economy. We will review faults with our own domestic policies that simply exacerbate these problems. We will discuss the political risks for both parties as they struggle for solutions. Finally, this paper will closely analyze the future of job opportunities for American workers.