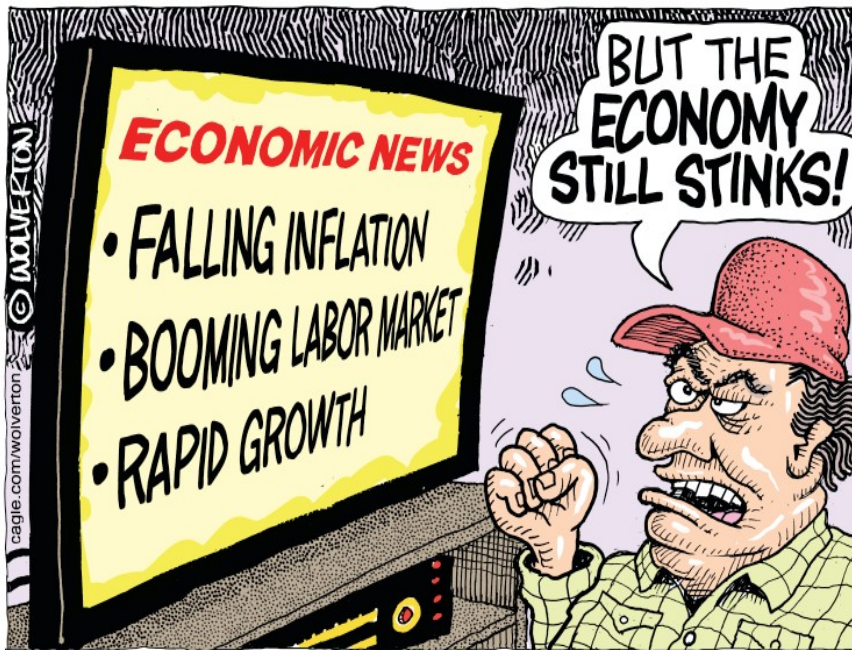


Is it best of times or worst of times?



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1. What are these cartoons saying about how people view the U.S. economy?
2. Is your family struggling to get by, or are you buying just as much stuff as you always have?
3. Do you know someone who has been unable to find a job?
4. Do you know anyone who recently switched employers?
5. Is your family making more money than year ago?
6. Unions this year gained big wage hikes which led to raises for some nonunion workers. Do pay raises lead companies to increase their prices?
7. How does politics influence the way someone views the economy?

Between the lines

“People say, ‘Economists don’t know why we’re unhappy? Just look at the prices!’ We’re looking at the prices, and we’re wondering, why are you buying so much stuff?” - Betsey Stevenson University of Michigan economist.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/20/upshot/economy-voters-poll.html>

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It’s all in your head...”

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