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Figure 2. FOMC participants' assessments of appropriate monetary policy: Midpoint of target range or target level for the federal funds rate
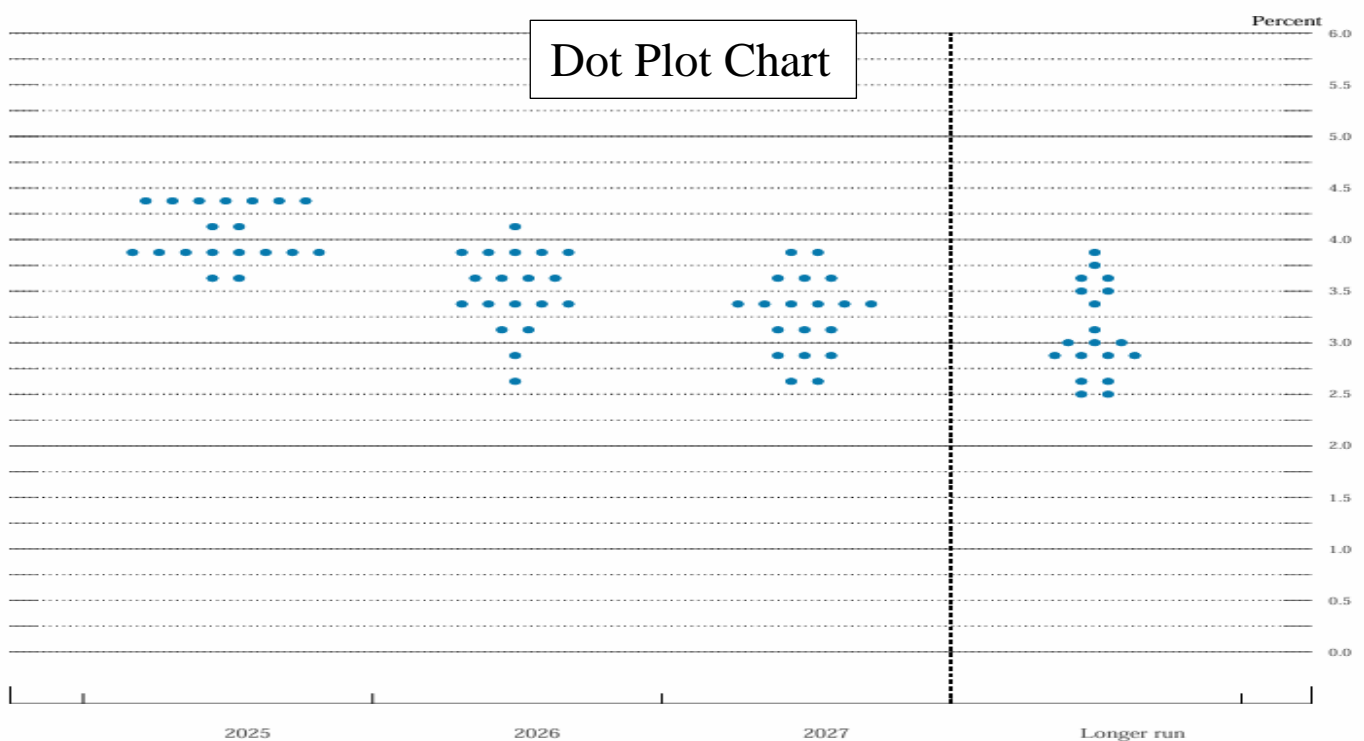

Dot Plot Chart

Table 1. Economic projections of Federal Reserve Board members and Federal Reserve Bank presidents, under their individual assumptions of projected appropriate monetary policy, June 2025
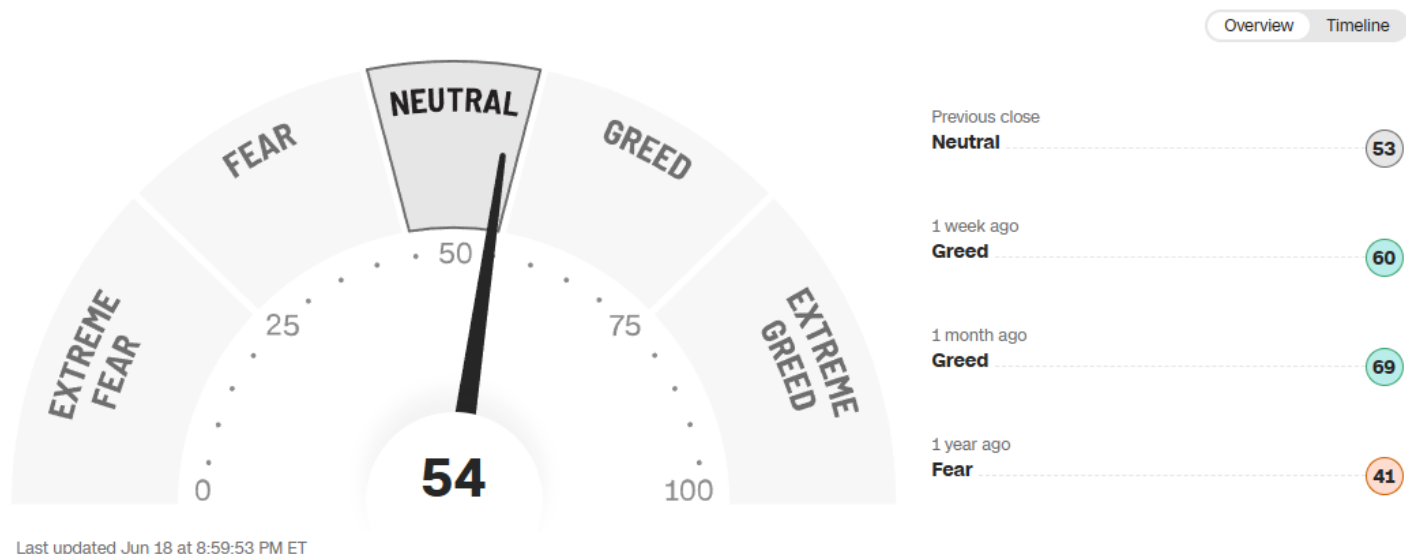
Percent

Variable	Median[1]				Central Tendency[2]				Range[3]			
	2025	2026	2027	Longer run	2025	2026	2027	Longer run	2025	2026	2027	Longer run
Change in real GDP	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.2–1.5	1.5–1.8	1.7–2.0	1.7–2.0	1.1–2.1	0.6–2.5	0.6–2.5	1.5–2.5
March projection	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5–1.9	1.6–1.9	1.6–2.0	1.7–2.0	1.0–2.4	0.6–2.5	0.6–2.5	1.5–2.5
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4–4.5	4.3–4.6	4.2–4.6	4.0–4.3	4.3–4.6	4.3–4.7	4.0–4.7	3.5–4.5
March projection	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3–4.4	4.2–4.5	4.1–4.4	3.9–4.3	4.1–4.6	3.9–4.7	3.9–4.7	3.5–4.5
PCE inflation	3.0	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.8–3.2	2.3–2.6	2.0–2.2	2.0	2.5–3.3	2.1–3.1	2.0–2.8	2.0
March projection	2.7	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.6–2.9	2.1–2.3	2.0–2.1	2.0	2.5–3.4	2.0–3.1	1.9–2.8	2.0
Core PCE inflation[4]	3.1	2.4	2.1		2.9–3.4	2.3–2.7	2.0–2.2		2.5–3.5	2.1–3.2	2.0–2.9	
March projection	2.8	2.2	2.0		2.7–3.0	2.1–2.4	2.0–2.1		2.5–3.5	2.1–3.2	2.0–2.9	
Memo: Projected appropriate policy path												
Federal funds rate	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.9–4.4	3.1–3.9	2.9–3.6	2.6–3.6	3.6–4.4	2.6–4.1	2.6–3.9	2.5–3.9
March projection	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.9–4.4	3.1–3.9	2.9–3.6	2.6–3.6	3.6–4.4	2.9–4.1	2.6–3.9	2.5–3.9

https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20250618.pdf

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?
Learn more about the index

Overview Timeline

NEUTRAL

FEAR GREED

EXTREME FEAR

EXTREME GREED

50
25 75
0 100

54

Previous close	Neutral	53
1 week ago	Greed	60
1 month ago	Greed	69
1 year ago	Fear	41

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The G7 leaders launched a rare earth critical mineral action plan at a recent summit, including monitoring shortages of critical minerals, coordinating responses to "deliberate market interference", and promoting diversification and localization of mining, processing, manufacturing and recycling where possible.

The United States has rarely dispatched three aircraft carrier strike groups to the Middle East, including the USS Eisenhower, the USS Lincoln and the USS Ford. And it has sent 30 aerial refueling tankers to assist Israel for long-distance flights.

The Israeli and Iranian militaries continue to attack each other. The Israeli army dispatched more than 40 fighter jets to attack dozens of locations in Iran, including the Arak heavy water reactor 250 kilometers southwest of Tehran. Iran also launched dozens of ballistic missiles, one of which hit the largest hospital in southern Israel, causing serious damage to the hospital.

Taiwan's Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Auterion, a U.S. and German drone software company, on Tuesday to introduce drone technology that has been proven in actual combat in the Ukrainian battlefield to strengthen Taiwan's defense capabilities to deal with China's military threats. The company said that the cooperation will eventually have millions of Taiwanese drones using its technology.

The Bank of England announced that it would maintain the benchmark interest rate at 4.25%, in line with market expectations.

World Observation

Day   1213
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

<u>Trump involving into war?</u>

One major point is to avoid getting involved in distant wars. The U.S. should not waste American lives and money on conflicts far from its shores. For example, in the Ukraine war, the U.S. should have stayed out, as it is more appropriate for the EU to take the lead in its own regional security.

Now, what about a war in Iran?

Trump left the recent G7 meeting early, skipping a scheduled meeting with Zelensky. He rushed back to Washington, reportedly to make a decision on whether the U.S. should engage militarily against Iran. The U.S. Navy operates 11 heavy aircraft carriers, but to keep each in peak condition, one is always undergoing major year-long maintenance and three others are typically in short-term maintenance for 2–3 months. This leaves about 7 carriers deployable. Notably, the 5th Fleet has already deployed 3 carriers to the Middle East—nearly half of the deployable force—suggesting serious war readiness. Additionally, the U.S. has 10 amphibious assault ships, which can serve as light carriers.
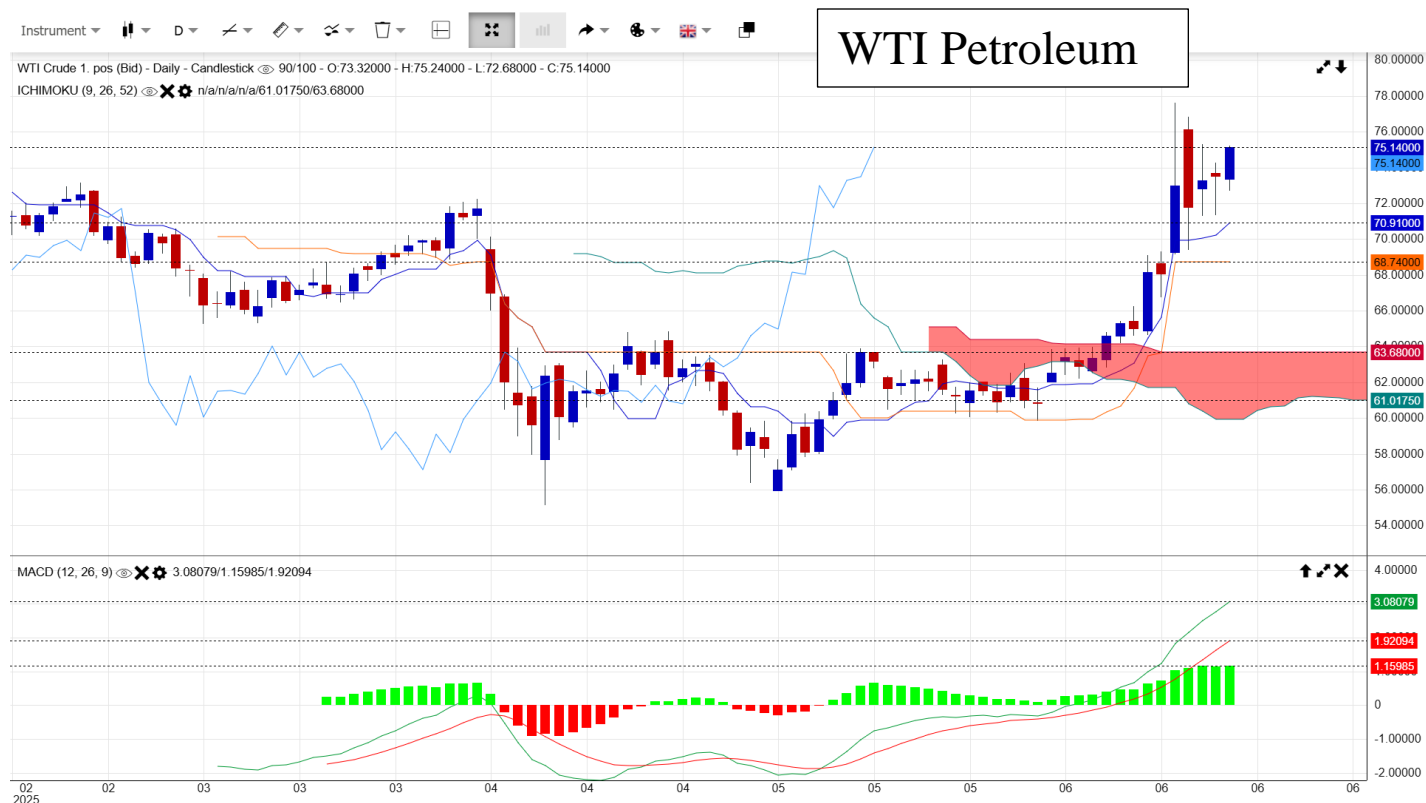
Why did Israel launch this preemptive war?

Israel's intelligence is known for precision, especially in targeted strikes. They reportedly uncovered that Iran could complete 4 to 10 nuclear bombs within three weeks—leaving only about two weeks now. Waiting longer might mean one of those bombs could be used to strike a U.S. airbase or embassy. Iran is widely regarded as a rogue state, violating international norms set by the United Nations and the IAEA, and is known for sponsoring terrorism.

The Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant is Iran's primary facility for enriching uranium to weapons-grade levels. It lies 90 meters beneath a mountain, making it nearly impenetrable to conventional weapons. Only the U.S. possesses the GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator bomb, capable of delayed detonation to reach underground targets. This 30,000-pound bomb must be delivered by the B-2 stealth bomber. Striking Fordow effectively requires dropping two bombs in the same shaft to penetrate the full depth.

If Trump decides to authorize a strike, it must happen within days.

For analysis on how this could affect the market, please refer to Market Observation on page 6.

WTI Petroleum

S & P 500

Last 251.260   Change +1.890 (0.758%)   Updated: 2025/06/18 20:18 EDT

Broadcom Inc. (AVGO.US)   18/06/2025 O:250.89 H:255.64 L:249.41 C:251.
1 year (daily)
SMA(10):250.618 SMA(20):246.046 SMA(50):216.415 SMA(100):208.197 SMA(250):190.179
www.aastocks.com

AVGO

Last 126.790   Change -0.310 (0.244%)   Updated: 2025/06/18 20:18 EDT

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD.US)   18/06/2025 O:128.01 H:129.21 L:125.77 C:126.
1 year (daily)
SMA(10):121.293 SMA(20):117.385 SMA(50):106.237 SMA(100):106.264 SMA(250):130.032
www.aastocks.com

AMD

Market Observation

Is it overbought?

Spot Gold (XAU) $3376 -23

The V-shape rebound of market has been cooled down since early May, and in early Jun already gone back to the level of Jan and Feb. Please refer to S&P on page 4. The simplest explanation is that market is waiting for a health adjustment but it never comes. This is the standard bull market of US stocks as in the previous 3 V-shape rebounds of 9/11 Terror Attack in 2001, Financial Tsunami in 2008, Pandemic in 2020. There are a lot of changing horse trading, not just profit taking but also new entries, such as selling of Warren Buffet's BRKW and buying of Catherine Wood's ARKW. It's good symptom.

Traditionally, when war is going to break out, oil and gold will rise. But this time what can be seen is that no such a case, gold and oil even fell a little. Why? **This is an exceptional case**, at least up till now is. AI expected the price of oil will be double to $150 or even $200, but of course will fall down when ceasefire comes. People believe that military stocks like LMT, RTX and BA will rise sharply, but now is another story.

PLTR will rise, AMD will rise, AVGO will rise!

PLTR no need to say, if they can find out Bid Laden who just had 4 wives, it is too easy to find out Ali Hosseini Khamenei who has 17 wives and the youngest is just 9 years old. AVGO is said to join the Magnificent Seven soon and become the Magnificent Eight. They are chasing closely after NVDA. The market share of AVGO is much great than AMD. But when you consult the charts on page 5, you can see AVGO had risen a lot and too high indeed, AMD is not just at the low, but going to break upward the 250-SMA. So promising! AVGO is too far up from the 250-SMA, and soon will be pulled back. We must use the 250-SMA like this. So when adjustment comes, buy back then it falls near the 250-SMA. TSM is roughly in the same case.

The economic projection on page 1 shows that Federal Reserve is still looking good upon the economy of US under the tariff war. In the era of Joe Biden, Trump 1.0 and Barrack Obama, all these indicators occupied most of the market comments, but now they are totally kicked off, instead what people mind most is the polices of King Donald, and remember to keep it up-date, up-hour, up-minute and up-second.