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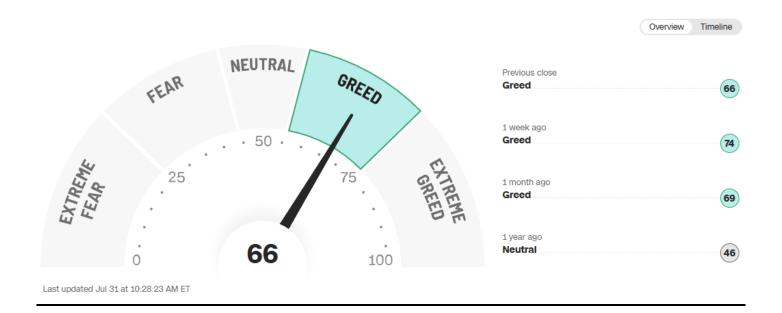


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#### **Fear & Greed Index**

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



### North East West South is NEWS

Following the release of the latest economic growth data, which exceeded expectations, US President Trump issued a statement increasing pressure on the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates.

The Federal Reserve announced its interest rate decision last night, voting 9-2 to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 4.25% to 4.5%. This marked the fifth consecutive time the Fed remained on hold, in line with market expectations. Notably, two members, Bowman and Waller, dissented, advocating for a 0.25% rate cut. This marked the first time since 1993 that more than one member dissented.

The US Space Force, in collaboration with the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, plans to launch the eighth mission of the X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle (OTV-8) from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on August 21. The unmanned Boeing-built spacecraft will be launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on the USSF-36 mission to test next-generation technologies, including laser communications and the "most powerful space-based quantum inertial sensor ever."

Elon Musk recently revealed that Tesla has signed a \$16.5 billion chip supply agreement with Samsung, which will run until the end of 2033, making it the largest single-customer contract in Samsung's history.

US President Trump signed an executive order suspending global tariff exemptions for small packages. Effective August 29, packages valued at \$800 or less shipped to the US will be subject to all applicable tariffs.



## World Observation

Day 1255 Russia/Ukraine Conflict

# **Federal Reserve**

(15) Market accepted Fed Decision

Both Donald Trump and Jeromy Powell have their own supporters. When Trump urged to cut interest rate and Powell refused, we have to see the market response. Now, it opened a new page as said in yesterday's Yahoo new. "American companies poised to outperform global markets again".

During the press conference of last night, a reporter asked Powell were he ready to cut interest rate in the future. Powell thought for a short while and replied in a definite answer that he had no plan to cut interest rate. This should be the hawkish attitude of Powell recently. Originally market expected if he released dovish speech could push up the stocks, but now even hawkish still could push up. That means the conference made people knew that Powell had considered before replying and not just shout with the IBM (International Big Mouth). If there is no live reply and only issue a script, people could not know this.

High GDP growth traditionally should give a rise of interest rate in order to prevent inflation and should not cut interest rate as Trump said. This is the basic economic theory in year one of a university course.

Powell wins, 3 major indexes continue to roar up and will touch the target of 6,600 where most people expect soon.

In the whole July, the Fear & Greed Index was around 75 to 76 points and now goes down to 66 points. For this week we have 4 giants among the Magnificent Seven having result announcements. META and MSFT both having jumping gaps up and MSFT is the second company that touches the capitalization of \$4 Trillion, just after NVDA. Market focus is on result announcement and economic indicators like ADP, Initial Claims and Unemployment, not tariffs, Ukraine or Gaza.

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