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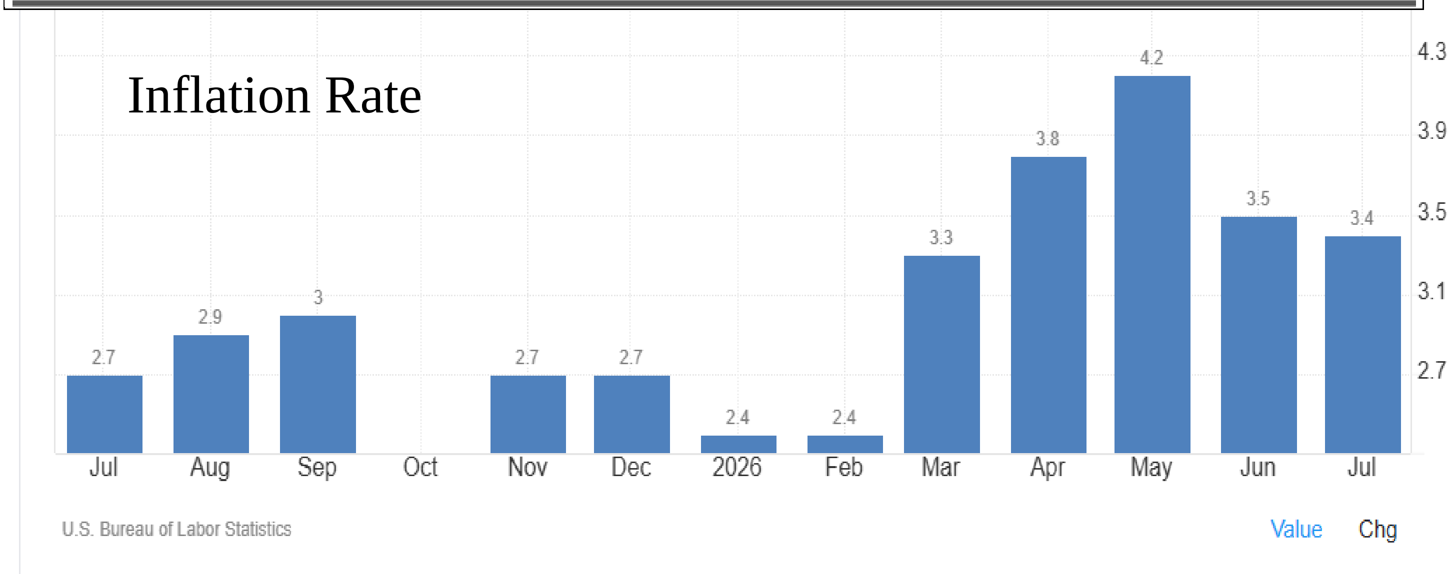

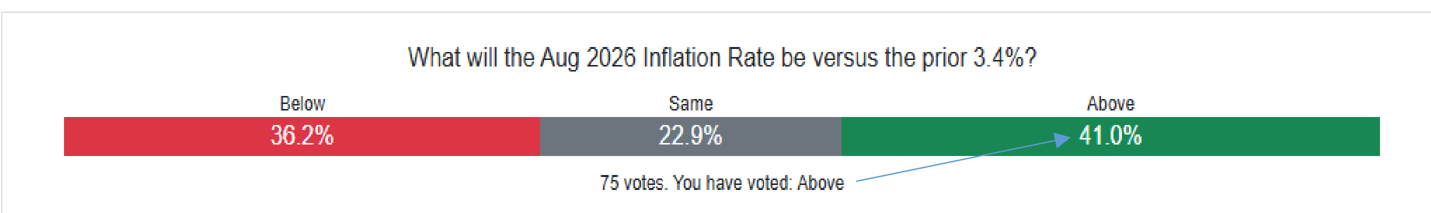

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2026-08-12	12:30 PM	Jul	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%
2026-09-11	12:30 PM	Aug		3.4%		

The writer voted ABOVE

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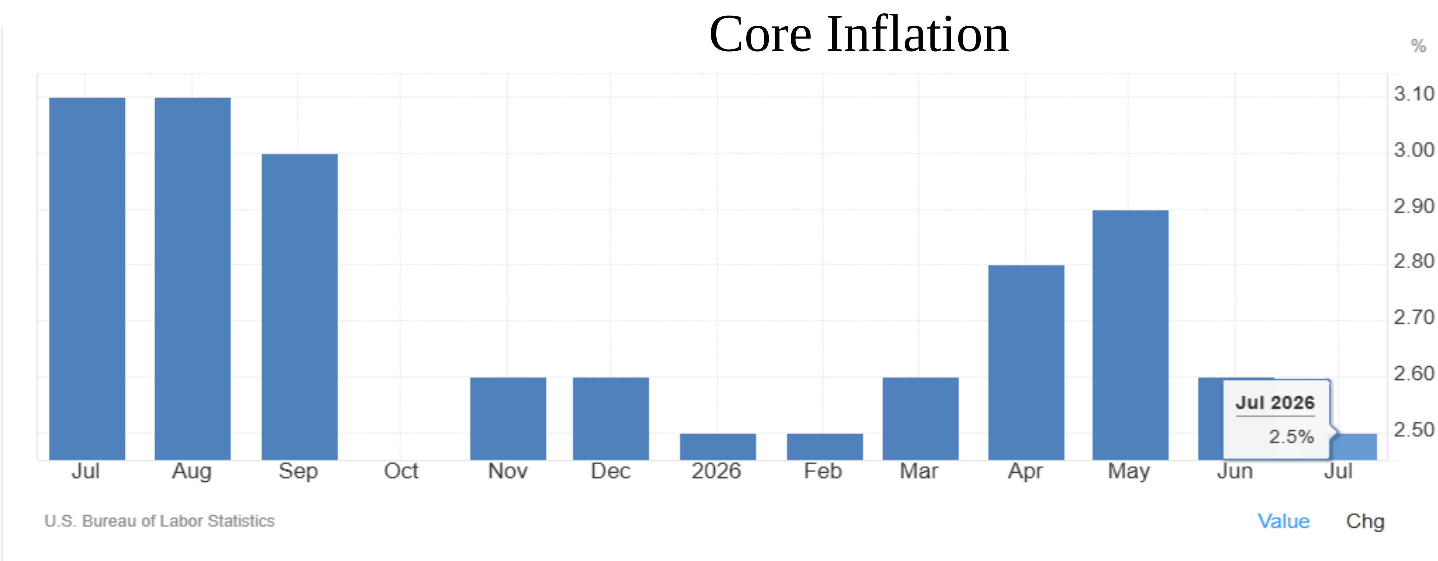

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The US core inflation rate, excluding volatile food and fuel costs, eased for the second month to 2.5% in July 2026, the lowest in five months, matching market forecasts.

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A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket's second-stage debris did indeed impact the lunar surface on August 5th. However, a widely circulated video of the "impact moment" was actually AI-generated, misleading even Elon Musk, who later had to personally clarify the situation. The incident also revealed a little-known NASA practice: handling space debris impacts on the moon is one of the officially approved methods.

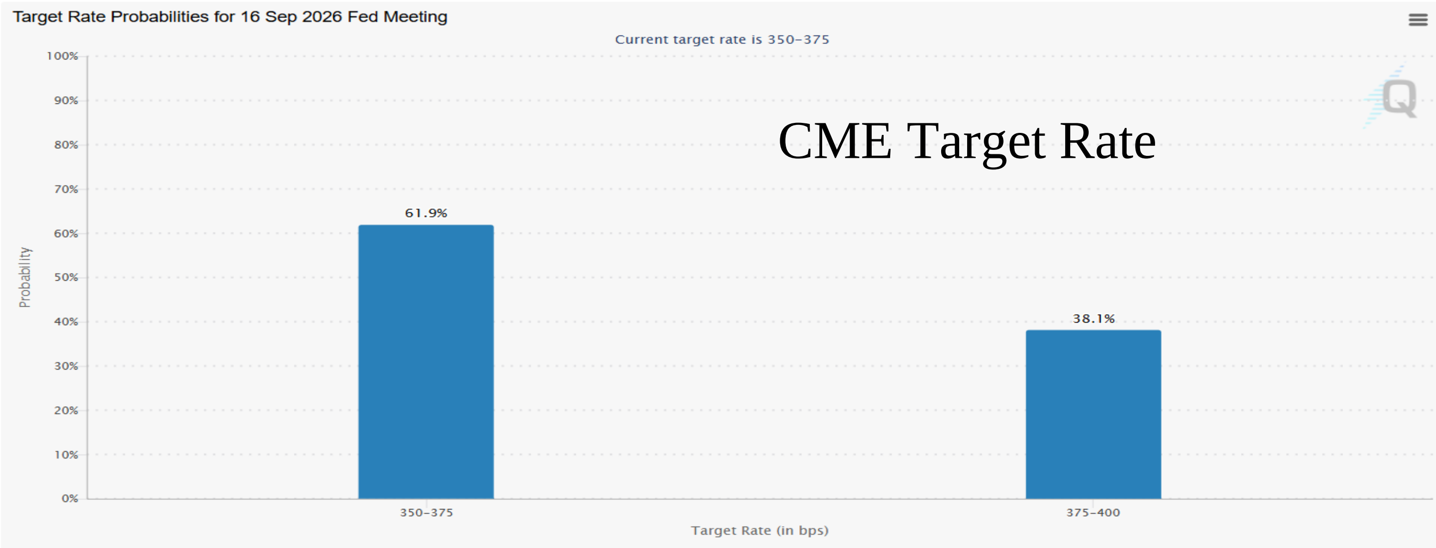
A gas turbine power plant in Memphis, Tennessee, primarily supplies electricity to SpaceX's new AI data center, but the resulting air pollution and noise have caused discontent in the local Black community.

Rumors circulated that Tesla (TSLA.US) was evaluating the strategic option of divesting its Shanghai operations, fearing it might affect the Tesla-SpaceX (SPCX.US) merger. Musk strongly denied the report, stating that the matter had never been discussed, and described China as "fantastic," encouraging people to visit.

After the US reinstated its blockade of Iranian ports in mid-July, the US military stated that a US military helicopter fired on a Panamanian-flagged cargo ship attempting to breach the blockade, hitting the ship's engine room and rendering it unseaworthy.

According to Kao Yu-lun, co-lead accountant of KPMG's Innovation and Startup Services team, the Americas dominated global spending in the second quarter with $150 billion, with the US accounting for $144.9 billion. Asia followed with $50.8 billion, marking its best performance since the fourth quarter of 2021 after hitting a low; Europe steadily earned $25.6 billion.

MEETING INFORMATION						PROBABILITIES		
MEETING DATE	CONTRACT	EXPIRES	MID PRICE	PRIOR VOLUME	PRIOR OI	EASE	NO CHANGE	HIKE
16 Sep 2026	ZQU6	30 Sep 2026	96.3225	20,458	233,859	0.0 %	61.9 %	38.1 %



TARGET RATE (BPS)	PROBABILITY(%)			
	NOW *	1 DAY 11 AUG 2026	1 WEEK 5 AUG 2026	1 MONTH 10 JUL 2026
350-375 (Current)	61.9%	51.6%	45.6%	30.4%
375-400	38.1%	48.4%	54.4%	51.2%
400-425	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.4%

* Data as of 12 Aug 2026 09:16:13 CT

1/1/2028 and forward are projected meeting dates

Market Observation

PHLX

12,460.45

+361.98

+2.99%

Inflation Rate

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a figure by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, some people directly called it Inflation Rate. It reflects the inflation of daily life and thus is most concerned by the market. However, what the Federal Reserve is most concerned about is the Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE), a figure compiled by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. So which one is more important? Theoretically, the interest rate is fixed by the FOMC meeting of the Fed, they are decision makers. PCE had a broader coverage including provident fund and insurance. But CPI has another term known as Inflation Rate which means market concerns inflation on this indicator. So what is happening?

Market is sensitive and in a hurry, CPI is announced in mid-month, which is earlier, so people have no time to wait for the 4th week of PCE. Theoretically, PCE can determine the interest rate and CPI cannot. But investors have to do their trading on the 2nd week of the month, and no one would wait until the 4th week for PCE. Therefore practically CPI is the market mover, and PCE even more important is the follower or confirmation only. Both are 5 star indicators. Other 5-stars indicators including Employment Report on the first week and GDP on the 4th week.

In the last century, the Trade Deficit was the 5 star indicator for after the Plaza Accord Japanese Yen rose up to 70, and not fell to 160. After the 9/11 terror attack in 2001, focus changed to the employment report. The 2008 Financial Tsunami also brought about another change, Inflation Rate gradually became an important focus of the market on the road to recovery.

From the chart on page 1 we can see it is the War in Iran that brought the Inflation Rate from 2.4% to 4.2% and the ceasefire pressed it down to 3.4% now.

Core Inflation is 2.5% as shown in page 2. Therefore the chance of keeping interest rate unchanged is 61.9% as shown by CME Target Rate. Mind that the CME has a higher accuracy than the Dot Plot Chart of the Federal Reserve. That is even the decision maker compile the Dot Plot Chart and even they base upon the PCE on changing of interest rate. It is no use practically, focuses are not upon them but on CPI and CME. *C'est la vie!*

In 2012, Barack Obama persuaded the Congress to have excavation of shale oil and in 2015, the production of petroleum in the US overtook Saudi Arabia. Thus ended the petroleum crisis that generated since 1973. The US became the largest producer of oil in the world. So if there is another problem in Hormuz Strait, it is that other countries need to worry and not the US. It should be that other countries send their warships over there and not the US. But now even Iran broke the High Sea Convention and controlled the Strait, the UN cannot say and cannot do anything. That Strait does not belong to Iran or any country. The US has no shortage in supply of oil, but inflation on daily living products like eggs or meat in the supermarket for their transportation is higher. There is no need for drivers to line up to fill the oil like the crisis of 1973. But it would affect voters in the midterm election in November. They concern most is the price of eggs in the US and not Hormuz Strait.

In the past few months, what is can see when price of oil is up to $100, both sides will sit down to talk about the terms, but when it is down to $70, both sides will be so firm and strict and turn up as the only winner in the war and the other side is the defeater. So what should investors do?

Make it down to earth is to buy the QQQ. For it has a performance which is 0.7% better than NASDAQ 100. Please refer to the challenge of Warren Buffet in the report of yesterday. There is really a formula that can help small investors to become rich and increse your wealth to 1631%, but why do people not follow and even like to get loss or win lesser? It is because amatuer investors are not enough to understand a simple and easy professional formula. Amatuer investors do not have the KUNG FU to achieve the easiest formula of winning.