







## Why We Need Bitcoin

The root problem with conventional currency is all the trust that's required to make it work. The central bank must be trusted not to debase the currency, but the history of fiat currencies is full of breaches of that trust. Banks must be trusted to hold our money and transfer it electronically, but they lend it out in waves of credit bubbles with barely a fraction in reserve. We have to trust them with our privacy, trust them not to let identity thieves drain our accounts.

~ Satoshi Nakamoto 2009-02-11

-  The fiat money system is broken (always has been).
-  It is not sustainable (never has been).
-  There is no way to fix it (never will be).

## THE (NOT) GOLD STANDARD

-  Most people still believe that money is backed by gold.
-  It is not.
-  It has not been backed by gold since 1971, when President Nixon unilaterally took the world off the gold standard (the Nixon Shock).

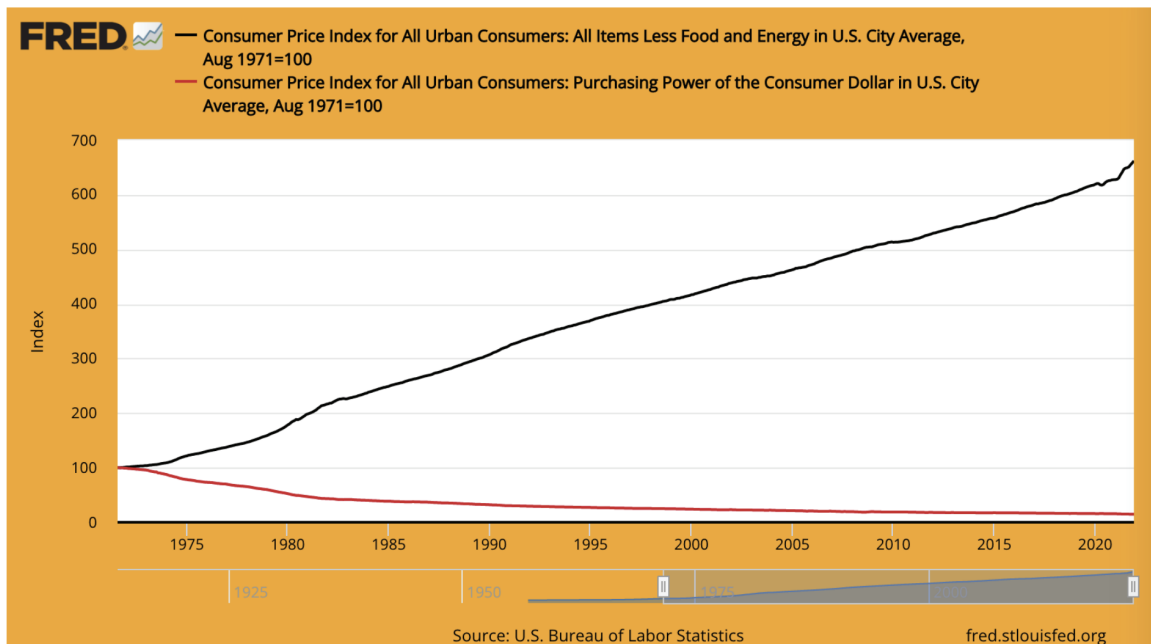


Chart showing CPI inflation (black line) vs the purchasing power of the dollar (red line) since 1971.

🪙 Fun Fact: The WEF was formed in 1971.

**FIAT: (noun) /'fi:.æt/**

: an authoritative or arbitrary order : DECREE

: an authoritative determination : DICTATE

: a command or act of will that creates something without or as if without further effort

~ merriam-webster.com/dictionary

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH OF OLDE**

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The bank hath benefit of interest on all monies that it creates out of nothing.

~ William Paterson, 1694, Founder of the Bank of England

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All of the perplexities, confusion, and distress in America arises, not from the defects of the Constitution or Confederation, not from the want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit, and circulation.

~ John Adams, 2nd President of the United States, 1735–1826

## THE FEDERAL RESERVE

- 🔹 The Fed is the ‘independent’ central bank of the US. It was created in 1913 with the passing of the Federal Reserve Act.
- 🔹 It has a unique structure, part private and part government.
- 🔹 It is supposed to be a politically independent, non-partisan entity within the government.
- 🔹 While the Fed Board of Governors is appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress, **the decisions of the Fed do not need to be ratified by anyone. Yes, it is confusing!**