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Headline: [The Q4 Pothole: Student Loans, Shutdown, and Strikes](#)

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Tweet: [. @GoldmanSachs](#) argues that the US economy is facing three headwinds in Q4: a resumption of student loan payments, a UAW strike, and a potential government shutdown, slowing quarterly annualized growth from 3.1% in Q3 to 1.3% in Q4.

Summary: First, we expect the resumption of student loan payments to subtract 0.5pp from quarterly annualized GDP growth. Second, the federal government looks more likely than not to temporarily shut down. A government-wide shutdown would reduce quarterly annualized growth by around 0.2pp for each week it lasted. Third, we estimate that reduced auto production from a potential UAW strike would reduce quarterly annualized growth by 0.05-0.10pp for each week it lasted, if all three companies currently undergoing contract negotiations are impacted. We expect quarterly annualized GDP growth to slow from +3.1% in Q3 to +1.3% in Q4 (vs. consensus of +2.9% and +0.6%). We expect the slowdown to be shallow and short-lived, with GDP growth rebounding to +1.9% in Q1 (vs. consensus of +0.1%) as these temporary drags abate and income growth reaccelerates on the back of continued solid job growth and rising real wages.

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