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Tweet: . @M_C_Klein argues that the US economy has settled into a 5.5-6% annual nominal growth rate since mid-2022, a range proposed by @LHSummers in 2018. While this may imply inflation above 2%, he views this as a desirable outcome.

Summary: The latest batch of data for 2024Q1 confirms that, whether by accident or by design, the U.S. economy remains settled in the stable ~5.5-6% yearly nominal growth trend it has occupied since mid-2022. From 2022Q3-2023Q3, nominal GDP rose 6.2%, nominal consumer spending rose by 5.6%, the currently available components of nominal net domestic income rose by 4.9%, and nominal private final domestic demand net of depreciation rose by 5.1%. From 2023Q3-2024Q1, NGDP grew at a yearly rate of 5%, consumer spending rose by 5.6% annualized, NDI excluding corporate profits and net interest paid by business rose at a yearly rate of 5.9%, and NNDP excluding inventories, trade, and government spending rose by 6.1% annualized. Some breakdowns accelerated slightly, some decelerated slightly, and some stayed the same, but the overall picture is one of stability in the Summers (2018) target range.

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