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**Summary:** The story of the slowdown in Europe is about productivity growth and aging, but with substantial offsets coming from LFP and hours. Changes in labor market activity, in general, prevented the slowdown in Europe from being even more devastating. The gross changes in the components of growth (productivity, labor force participation, etc..) were massive in Europe between 1979-1999 and 1999-2019. They turned out to offset each other in many cases so that the net change in the growth rate of GDP per capita was "only" on the order of minus 1 percentage point for most of Europe.

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