Discussion 1
Econ 100B, Summer 25 (Session 2)

1. **GDP as a measure**

   Read the following World Finance article, and then answer the following questions in your post:

   (a) In your own words, summarize the key points of the article.

   (b) GDP is often viewed as a "summary statistic" for what? What does it actually measure? What are some things that GDP does not capture?

   (c) Despite the indicators you mentioned *not* captured by GDP, do you think there is still a correlation between GDP and happiness/well-being? Is it a strong correlation?

   (d) Often times, even a small decline in GDP quarter-over-quarter is enough to make headline news. Do you think that declines in GDP should be a cause for concern? At what point does it become concerning?

      i. Similarly, given what you know about the world as it stands now, how important do you think GDP is? Are there other, potentially more pressing, concerns other than continued growth quarter-over-quarter?

2. Please also respond to at least one other student's post.