

Title: Somebody help me see the light, or at least point me in its direction.

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Does anyone in this thread work in tech, particularly the finance side? I work in computer forensics, usually doing menial lawsuit related tasks concerning data storage, acquisition, and rights, so while I get a somewhat unique perspective at how tech and legislation might evolve in terms of data, all of my projections for the marketplace are based off of what I believe consumers, corporations, and government will be willing to purchase and settle for and/or enforce from a privacy/transparency standpoint.

I bring this up (as a GME stock owner, mind you, and I've been downvoted for it before) because I see the metaverse as a massive failure waiting to happen, and NFTs as a phenomenon that will go the way of Beanie Babies. And with that, I find concern in all of these prospective, metaverse and NFT-related deals and handshakes that GME is involved in, because I don't think it is a sustainable or worthwhile trajectory.

I also look at the recent sanctions we've thrown at Russia, where millions of users have been raptured from places like PSN, Xbox Live, Steam, and shunned by developers like Blizzard, Ubisoft, Rockstar and Epic... a collective loss of something like \$4 billion/yr; I see Russia banning Meta as a hate group; and I wonder, how long will these sanctions and shut downs last, and what if they were to spread to countries like China (which is already legislating how long individuals can game in a day), or India?

Also curious to know what thoughts are on the existence of storefronts, and the place that brick and mortar shops (spooky thought) have in the not so distant future.

I've gone to 6 GameStops within driving distance of where I currently live (occasionally making purchases)- Westminster, HB, Huntington, Mission Viejo, etc... and it is truly a sight for sore eyes. More accessories, toys, and coffee mugs than titles; cashiers that look disinterested or downright depressed. I read the average GAMESTOP cashier in the US earns \$9.17/hr, more than 20% under the national average for cashier pay.

I truly do hate the hedgefunds. And I truly am disgusted with our stock and real estate markets that are so far from a honest representation of value and prospect that it makes me want to puke.

That being said- we know the short will inevitably turn up big gains for those of us who own the stock, but does anyone (who knows finance well enough to make logic-based forecasts) REALLY see GME as a viable company whose success can be sustained by consumer demand?