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I've been using Vanguard for close to 20 years. And over that time I've accumulated a lot of stocks that I've held for 10-15 years. Starting last October I dumped 75% of those stocks across all my accounts and it is just been sitting in a cash account. On Wednesday of last week, the day before the DOW plummeted 1000 points, I dumped everything else that wasn't GME (they will have to pry my Gamestop shares from my cold dead hands). Today I got this from Vanguard. Maybe everyone did. Or maybe, they are freaking out that people like me are closing out their positions.

[Please Don't Take Your Money From Us](<https://preview.redd.it/tzcx09a2x8z81.png?width=430&format=png&auto;=webp&s;=ed1ec16f2c5e9c89af703958b596cbdb30cced3d>)

I've always been an advocate for staying steady and consistent and never trying to time the market. But several things have changed:

1. Gamestop changed everything. I've lived in ignorant bliss for 25 years that the market was a place where investors could make money. Maybe that's still true on some level, but Gamestop has exposed just how rigged this game is against us. So now, I know longer have blind faith that everything is fine. As long as we play by a different set of rules than the HF's and they can break laws with impunity, I'll never have faith in the market.

2. I was around for the dot com crash and the sub-prime housing market implosions. Last Fall was like deja vu. After Evergrande defaulted for the 5th time I had enough. Timing the market is usually a fools errand, but when you are standing on the tracks and you see a train barreling down on you, you don't stand there and say "well I don't know if now is the right time to get off the tracks", you just move your ass and live to fight another day. I may have been 6 months early, but I wasn't wrong.