

Stock market today: Dow, S&P 500, Nasdaq slide as Trump calls for 'unconditional surrender' from Iran



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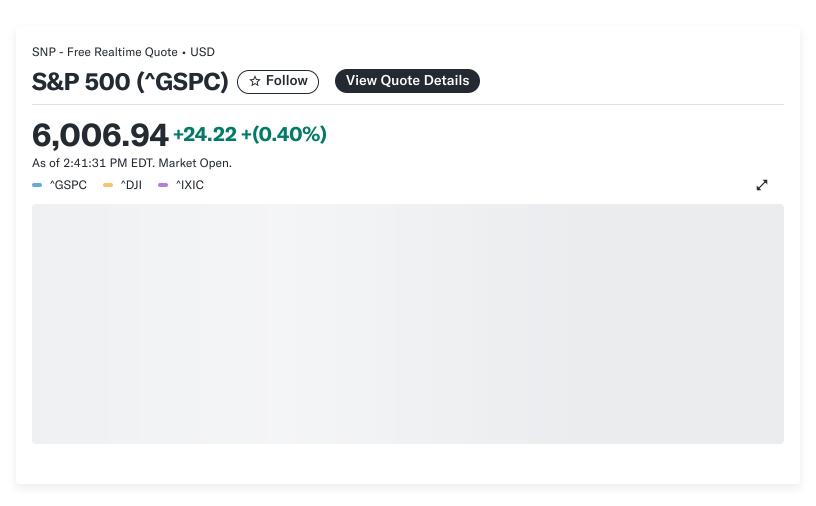
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Overall, US stocks have so far proved relatively resilient amid the conflict. The major gauges ended higher on Monday after a report that Iran sought a ceasefire and a return to nuclear program negotiations.

But new reports on Tuesday indicated that the US is contemplating military strikes against Iran as Trump met with his national security team at the White House, heightening concerns about the possibility of a full-scale regional conflict.

Oil prices jumped over 4% as investors weighed the stream of remarks and reports, with Brent futures (BZ=F) settling above \$76.50 a barrel and West Texas Intermediate (CL=F) crude hitting nearly \$75.

At the same time, Wall Street is also grappling with concerns over Trump's trade policy and the direction of US interest rates. As the date for lifting the pause on Trump's sweeping tariffs approaches, US officials have used the G7 summit to pursue trade deals.

The first completed deal emerged Monday, when Trump and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer signed off on the US-UK trade pact agreed in May. So far, other deals have proved elusive.

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Meanwhile, in the week's key data release, US retail sales fell 0.9% in May, more than economists expected, as consumers pulled back from a pre-tariff splurge.

Wall Street is looking to the Federal Reserve's two-day meeting that starts on Tuesday for clues to whether policymakers still want to cut interest rates twice in 2025, given recent signs of cooling inflation. The Fed is expected to hold rates steady in its decision on Wednesday.

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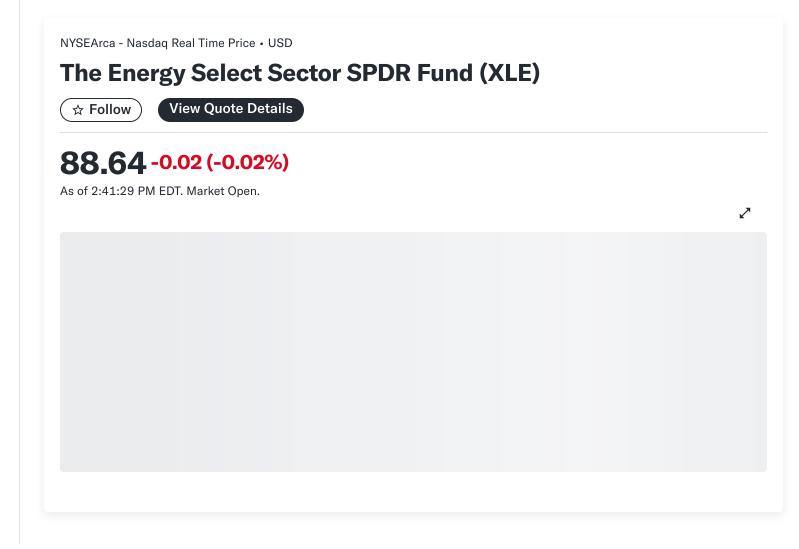
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Energy leads sector action as Middle East conflict pushes oil higher

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The Energy (XLE) sector was the lone S&P 500 sector in the green on Tuesday, rising about 1% as oil prices once again picked up. Oil prices jumped over 4% as investors weighed the stream of remarks and reports, with Brent futures (BZ=F) settling above \$76.50 a barrel and West Texas Intermediate (CL=F) crude hitting nearly \$75.





The market's recovery to near-record high has been led by momentum stock 'freight train'

The "FOMO" trade is alive and well in markets once again.

Recent IPOs, like stablecoin issuer Circle (CRCL) and AI cloud company CoreWeave (CRWV), have both seen their stocks rise more than 100% since going public.

Shares of nuclear energy company turned AI play Oklo (OKLO) are up more than 70% in the past month. Quantum Computing (QUBT) shares are up more than 56% in the past month, and others in the space have also ripped higher.

"The commonalities are they're speculative," Interactive Brokers chief markets strategist Steve Sosnick said in an interview. "They're momentum-driven, and they almost always have some sort of tech veneer to them."

MOMENTUM TRADES ARE SOARING HIGHER

\$CRWV, \$OKLO, and \$QUBT since 5/16/2025

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With the S&P 500 (^GSPC) back near record highs, the common pillars of the current three-year bull market have clearly returned in markets. Two of the most popular AI trades, Palantir (PLTR) and Nvidia (NVDA), are back to trading near all-time highs.

"It's kind of a freight train," Sosnick said. "Remember one of the great adages, 'the trend is your friend'? Well, people seem to be doing very well by following trends."

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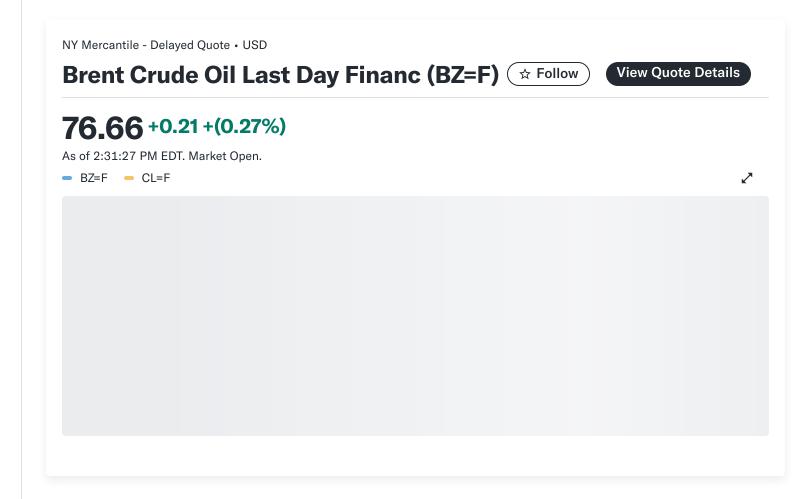


Oil settles over 3% higher

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Trump calls for Iran's 'unconditional surrender'

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Investor optmism around a 'soft landing' is increasing

In the latest in a string of signs that market sentiment has recovered significantly from the heigh of April's tariff turmoil, Bank of America's June Global Fund Manager's Survey showed 66% of investors said they believe the global economy will achieve a "soft landing," in which inflation falls to the Fed's 2% target without an outright downturn in economic activity.

The 8-month high among respondents believing a soft landing is in sight, comes as recession probabilities have tumbled over the past month while consumers worst fears about a tariff-driven inflation spike have also subsided.

Bank of America Global Research chief investment strategist Michael Hartnett wrote the survey showed, "investor sentiment back to pre-Liberation Day 'Goldilocks bull' levels."

Central banks forecast more gold purchases, fewer US dollar reserves in years ahead

Yahoo Finance's Ines Ferré reports:

Central banks around the world are snapping up gold (GC=F) at a record pace while forecasting a pullback in US dollar reserves in the years ahead.

According to a survey from the World Gold Council, 95% of central bank respondents expect global gold reserves to rise over the next 12 months. A record 43% said they plan to increase their own holdings during that time.

At the same time, 73% of central banks anticipate a moderate or significant decline in US dollar holdings within global reserves over the next five years. Respondents expect the share of other currencies, such as the euro and renminbi, will also increase over the same five-year period.

A decline in the US dollar index (DX-Y.NYB) of 9% year to date has raised concerns over its dominance amid geopolitical tensions and a trade war. Weariness over America's fiscal trajectory has also driven demand for assets such as currencies in Europe and Asia amid expectations of foreign stimulus and more attractive valuations abroad.

Gold prices have repeatedly hit all-time highs this year, fueled by central bank purchases, inflows into exchange-traded funds, and expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates.

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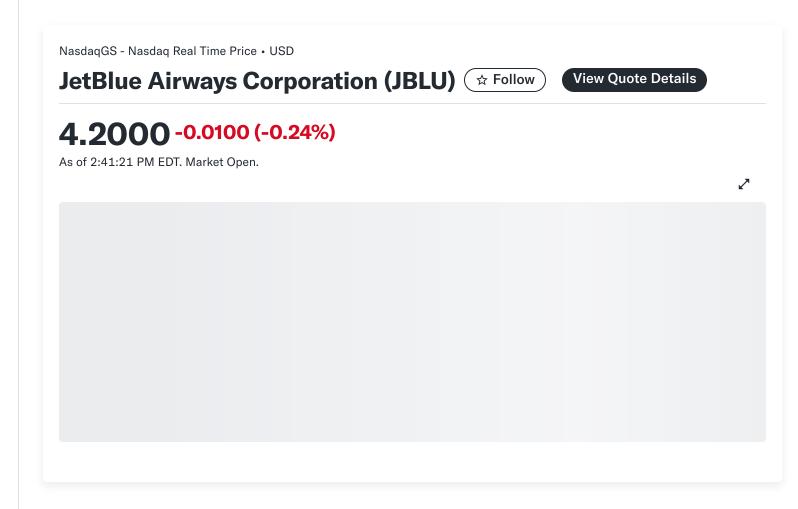
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JetBlue stock declines as airline cuts flights

JetBlue's (JBLU) stock declined more than 3% on Tuesday after the company revealed plans to further reduce costs and scale back flights.



Yahoo Finance's Brooke DiPalma reports:

In an internal memo obtained by Yahoo Finance, CEO Joanna Geraghty told employees it is "unlikely" that it will reach break-even operating margin this year and will need to cut flights and change routes.

"We're hopeful demand and bookings will rebound, but even a recovery won't fully offset the ground we've lost this year, and our path back to profitability will take longer than we'd hoped," Geraghty said, adding, "We're still relying on borrowed cash to keep the airline running."

As nort of the plan to "rain in spanding and preserve cash" the company

plans to reduce flights, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; cut underperforming routes and replace them with other destinations that have "profit potential"; and pause upgrades to its Airbus A320 jet.

Job cuts among leadership may also be on the way. Geraghty said the company is "assessing the size and scope of our leadership team and [has] identified ways to combine or restructure certain roles for greater efficiency at the leadership level."

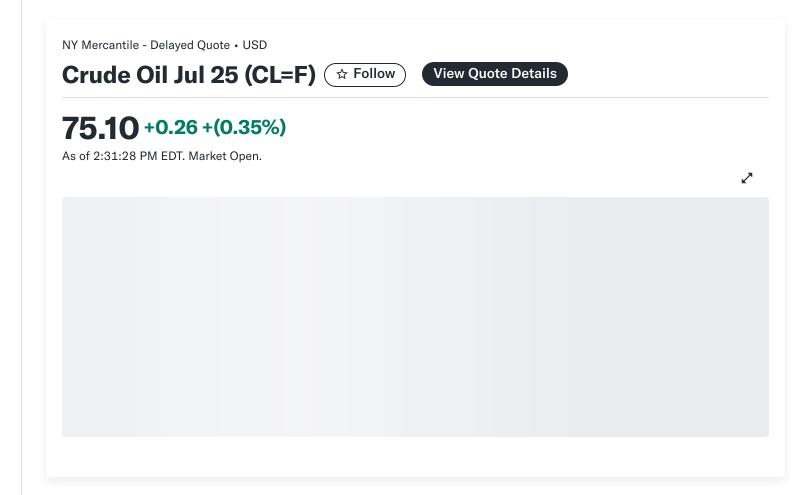
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One way Israel-Iran conflict could accelerate Fed rate cuts

A prolonged conflict between Israel and Iran may do more than rattle energy markets. One argument on Wall Street is that it could push the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates sooner than expected.

"A sustained rise in oil prices could cause the Fed to strike a more dovish tone," Oxford Economics chief US economist Ryan Sweet wrote in a recent note to clients, arguing that an extended oil shock could dent demand and potentially spill over into an otherwise resilient labor market.

That's because, historically, sudden spikes in oil prices tend to cause only a temporary rise in inflation that the Fed usually overlooks. But with the economy already softening, a persistent surge could pose a bigger threat to growth and jobs than to inflation itself.



"The economy has slowed and is vulnerable to anything else going wrong, including a sudden and persistent increase in oil prices." Sweet said. "If the Fed views the hit to the

economy and the labor market as greater than the temporary boost to inflation, the central bank could signal that it's open to cutting interest rates sooner."

On Tuesday, oil prices rallied, with international benchmark Brent (BZ=F) rising above \$75 a barrel after President Trump called for Tehran residents to evacuate and rebuffed the idea of an Israel-Iran ceasefire.

That contrasted with optimism on Monday, when the Wall Street Journal reported that tensions between Iran and Israel had eased, sparking a rally in US equities and stabilizing crude oil prices following last week's biggest price surge in three years.

Sweet, whose baseline forecast is that the Fed will deliver its first rate cut in December, noted it may take weeks before markets gain a clearer sense of the direction of oil prices.

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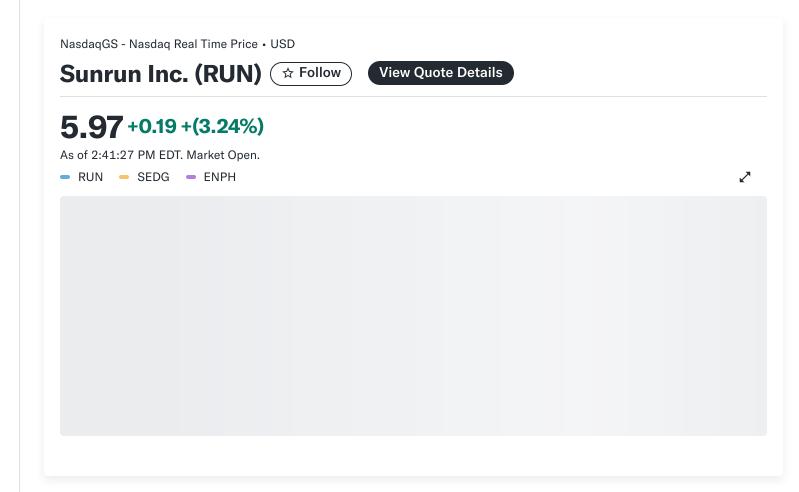
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Sunrun, solar stocks sell off after GOP unites to fully end clean energy incentives

Solar stocks were pummeled in early afternoon trading after the Senate's version of President Trump's tax and spending bill showed that Republicans are united in eliminating tax credits for clean energy.

The Senate's changes to the bill, released on Monday, called for a total phaseout of solar and wind credits by 2028, prompting the sell-off in solar names.

- Residential solar system provider Sunrun (RUN) led the losses, tanking by 43%.
- Battery provider SolarEdge Technologies (SEDG) fell 39%.
- Enphase Energy (ENPH), which makes solar inverters, dropped 27%.
- First Solar (FSLR), which sells photovoltaic solar modules, declined almost 20%.



Meanwhile, the revisions extended tax incentives for hydropower, nuclear, and geothermal

(OKLO) and other energy names that are seen as winners.

Read more about what the Senate's budget blueprint means for business.

TikTok could be saved (again)

Yahoo Finance's Dan Howley and Alexis Keenan report:

TikTok is once again getting a last-minute reprieve.

President Trump on Tuesday said he'll likely extend the deadline for Chinabased ByteDance to sell off the short-form video app before it's set to go dark on Thursday, according to Reuters.

Trump also told reporters on Air Force One that he believes a deal to sell TikTok will eventually materialize and that Chinese President Xi Jinping will ultimately sign off on it.

This will be the third time Trump has extended the TikTok sales deadline. The app briefly went offline in January just before Trump took office, before he pushed the date to April as negotiations around a sale continued to drag on.

He signed a second executive order extending the deadline again in April, but that expires Thursday.

President Donald Trump speaks with reporters while flying aboard Air Force One en route from Calgary, Canada to Joint Base Andrews, Md., late Monday, June 16, 2025. (AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein) · ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump initially called for a ban on TikTok during his first term in office but changed his stance during the 2024 election, saying that it serves as a bulwark against Meta's (META) social media dominance. Trump has a contentious history with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The chief executive suspended Trump from his platforms following the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. Trump later threatened to jail Zuckerberg.

In January, Meta agreed to pay \$25 million to settle a lawsuit Trump filed over the suspension.

Trump, however, had a change of heart on the app after crediting it with drawing young voters to his reelection effort. He went on to invite the company's CEO, Shou Zi Chew, to his inauguration alongside other tech leaders, including Apple (AAPL) CEO Tim Cook, Google (GOOG, GOOGL) CEO Sundar Pichai, and Zuckerberg.

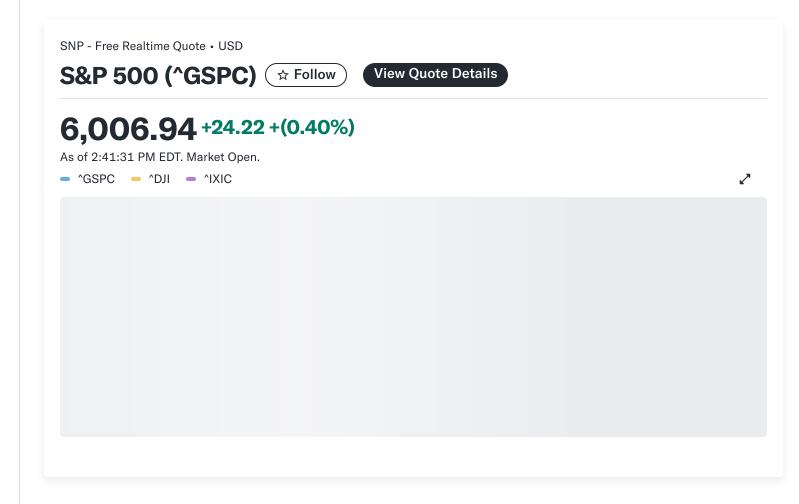
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Stocks open lower

US stocks slid on Tuesday as President Trump played down the prospect of a truce between Israel and Iran and retail sales came in below expectations.

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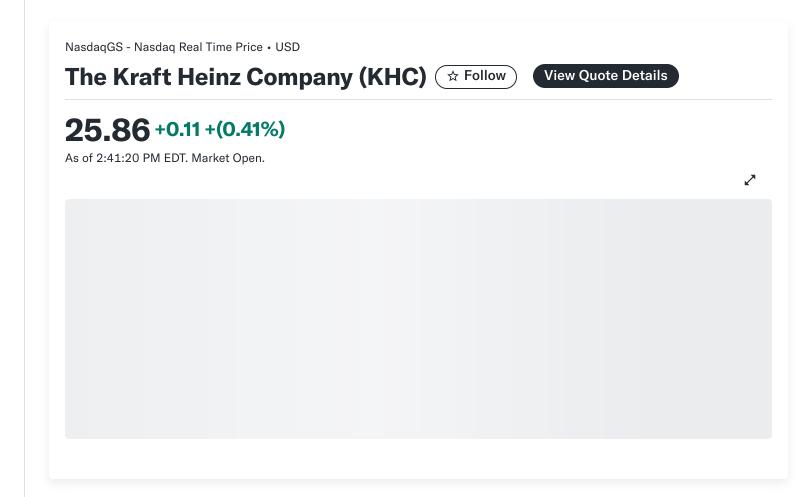
Kraft Heinz to remove all food dyes, stock roughly flat

Kraft Heinz (KHC) stock edged higher after the maker of Kool-Aid and Jell-O said it's eliminating synthetic dyes across the remaining 10% of its US portfolio that contains them.

Yahoo Finance's Brooke DiPalma reports that Kraft Heinz will replace artificial dyes with natural colors or reinvent items with new colors. The company will also refrain from launching new products that contain food additives.

This announcement comes amid growing scrutiny of food additives. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has said he wants to remove artificial coloring from the food supply by the time he leaves office.

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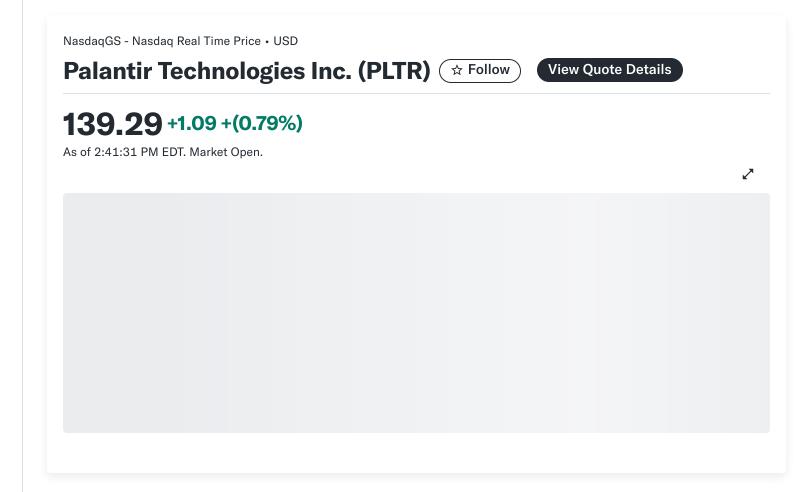


OpenAI's new \$200 million defense deal 'could signal increased competition' for Palantir

The US Department of Defense announced Monday that it awarded OpenAI (OPAI.PVT) a \$200 million contract to "develop prototype frontier AI capabilities to address critical national security challenges in both warfighting and enterprise domains."

"This contract is one of the largest Department of Defense contracts given to a software provider when measured by annual contract value," William Blair analyst Louie DiPalma wrote in a note to clients Monday.

DiPalma said that the "contract announcement could signal increased competition from OpenAI going forward" for Palantir (PLTR) "if OpenAI moves into Palantir's ontology territory." Ontology refers to an operational layer in Palantir's platform.



DiPalma noted that Palantir paved the way for OpenAl and others.

"Palantir has pioneered software providers serving as prime contractors for Department of

Defense programs," DiPalma wrote. "Traditionally, software providers served as subcontractors to systems integrators. Under the new administration, the Department of Defense is looking to contract directly with commercial software providers when possible."

Palantir rose less than 1% on Tuesday.

In December, Palantir shares dropped as much as 5% when defense tech firm Anduril (ANIN.PVT) announced a partnership with OpenAI to "develop and responsibly deploy advanced artificial intelligence (AI) solutions for national security missions."

Retail sales slide in May on lower gas, auto sales amid tariff uncertainty

Retail sales fell in May, dragged down by declines in gas and auto purchases during the second month that a wide array of President Trump's tariffs were in effect.

Headline retail sales declined 0.9% in May, surpassing economists' expectations for a 0.6% decline month on month. By comparison, sales decreased 0.1% in April, according to revised Census Bureau data. A 2% decline in gasoline sales, a 3.5% slide in auto purchases, and a 2.7% decline in building materials drove the May headline number lower.

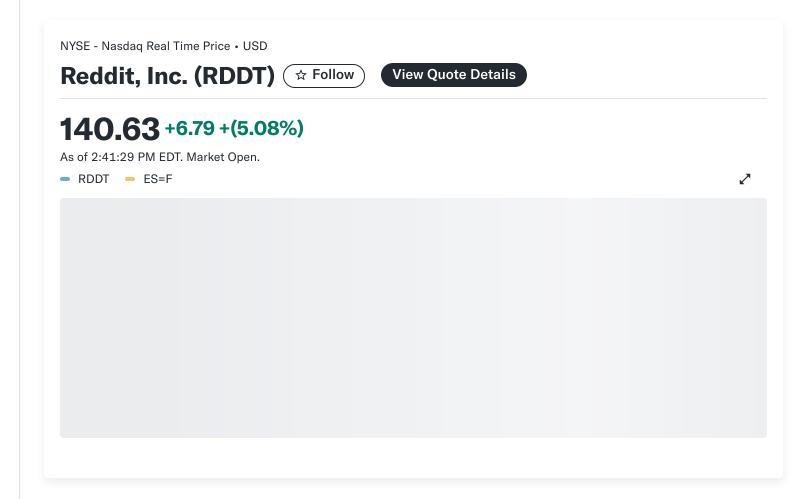
There was some positive news in the release: The control group in Thursday's release, which excludes several volatile categories and factors into the gross domestic product (GDP) reading for the quarter, rose 0.4%. That compares with a 0.1% decrease seen in April. Economists expected a 0.3% increase.

May sales, excluding auto and gas, declined 0.1%. Economists had expected a 0.3% rise. In April, sales excluding auto and gas rose 0.1%.

Reddit stock rises for second day after launching new Al ad tools

Reddit stock (RDDT) rose roughly 5% in premarket trading on Tuesday following the social media platform's release of new Al ad tools at the Cannes Lions festival for marketers on its platform.

Meanwhile, broader S&P 500 futures (ES=F) fell by 0.3%.



The gain follows Reddit's 6.8% jump Monday, after media reports spotlighted a recent analysis from data analytics firm Semrush, showing that Reddit is the second most cited website in Google AI overviews.

"Reddit may also perform well because Google has a partnership with Reddit and uses Reddit data to train its systems," Semrush analyst Rachel Handley wrote in the June 9 analysis. Google announced its \$60 million deal with Reddit last February.

Despite Reddit stock's climb this week, shares are far below their high of above \$230 in

February. The stock traded at around \$131 before the market open Tuesday.

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Investor optimism rolls over another geopolitical catalyst

Yahoo Finance's Hamza Shaban writes in today's Morning Brief newsletter:

For several months, the broader macro environment has functioned like a grab bag of justifications to close out and watch from afar. Trade uncertainty, an unmoving Fed, and turmoil in the Middle East have kept money on the sidelines. And by the time you are reading this, those storylines will have already changed.

For those surprised at how resilient the markets have been despite the swirling geopolitical headlines, analysts have pointed to several factors that are motivating investors. Jeff Buchbinder, chief equity strategist at LPL Financial, wrote in a note on Monday that the parties behind the hostilities between Israel and Iran are likely interested in keeping the conflict contained, and that investors are also banking on limited disruption of oil production facilities.

As for the Fed, many central bank watchers expect officials to stick with their cautious approach, even or perhaps especially because of heightened uncertainty. Bill Adams, chief economist for Comerica Bank, wrote in a note on Monday that the Fed is likely to adhere to a plan of "patience" and "wait and see" as officials analyze how the mix of higher tariffs and tax cuts will impact the economy.

The Fed isn't coming to the rescue, at least for a few more months. But as far as the stock market is concerned, even with mounting external events, there isn't much that needs rescuing.

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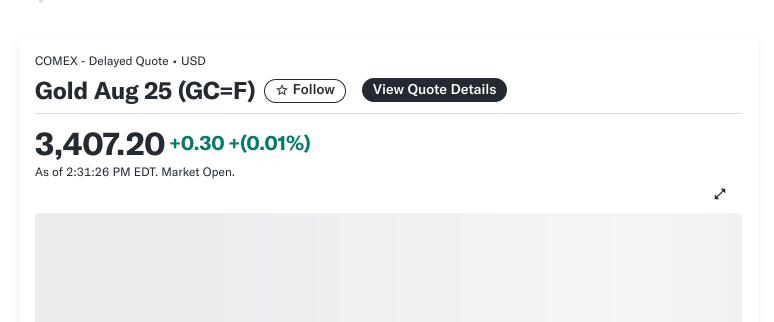
Citi calls time on gold rally amid slumping demand and Fed rate cuts

A standout record-setting rally in gold (GC=F) is about to peter out, Citigroup strategists said as they forecast a slide back below \$3,000 an ounce for the precious metal in coming quarters.

Bloomberg reports:

"Our work suggests that gold returns to about \$2,500 to \$2,700 an ounce by the second half of 2026," analysts including Max Layton said in a report. The slump may be driven by weaker investment demand, improving global growth prospects, and rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, they said.

Bullion has soared almost 30% this year, setting a record in April, as US President Donald Trump's disruptive trade policies and the crisis in the Middle East spurred haven demand. The metal's ascent has also been underpinned by concerns about the US deficit and assets, as well as by consistent buying by central banks as they sought to diversify reserves.





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Jenny Declining investment demand for gold from the fourth quarter of 2025 may

Good morning. Here's what's happening today. as a stimulatory US budget takes effect, and Trump's trade and other policies Economic datae Betae and they Citicuralize to select to neutral." they added.

Earnings: La-Z-Boy Incorporated (LZB) *Read more here.*

Here are some of the biggest stories you may have missed overnight and early this morning:

Investor optimism has squashed another downbeat catalyst

Trump: EU not offering fair trade deal, Japan being 'tough' too

Trump says he wants 'real end' to conflict, not just ceasefire

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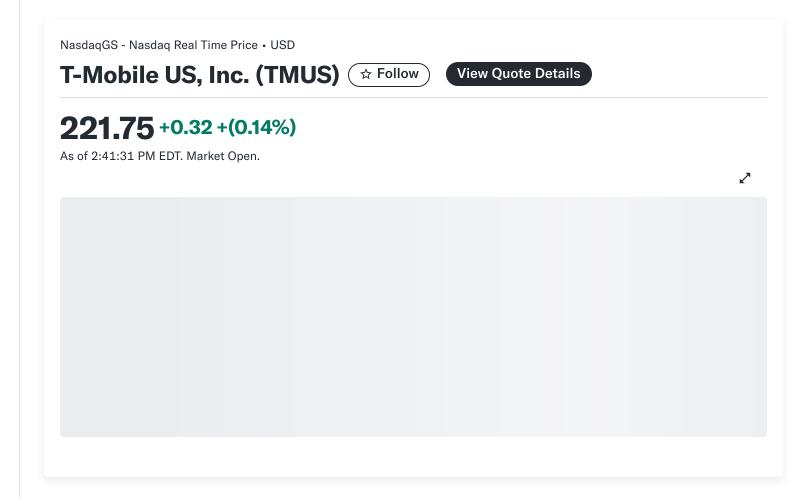
SoftBank sells T-Mobile stake for \$4.8 billion to fund AI push



Trending tickers: T-mobile, Microsoft and solar stocks

Here are some top stocks trending on Yahoo Finance in premarket trading:

T-Mobile US, Inc. (TMUS) stock fell 4% in premarket trading on Tuesday, after SoftBank Group Corp. (SFTBF, SFTBY) managed to raise \$4.8B via the sale of T-Mobile US Inc. shares. The move is set to help fund Softbank's plans for artificial intelligence.



Microsoft (MSFT) stock fell over 1% before the bell today following reports that the Big Tech's relationship with OpenAI has become "strained." Per The Wall Street Journal, OpenAI executives are weighing the option of whether to accuse Microsoft of anticompetitive behavior, according to people familiar with the matter.

Solar stocks dropped in premarket trading Tuesday after Senate Republicans released a bill that would end tax credits for wind and solar earlier that other sources. The news caused SunRun Inc. (RUN) stock to drop by 28% and SolarEdge Technologies Inc. (SEDG)

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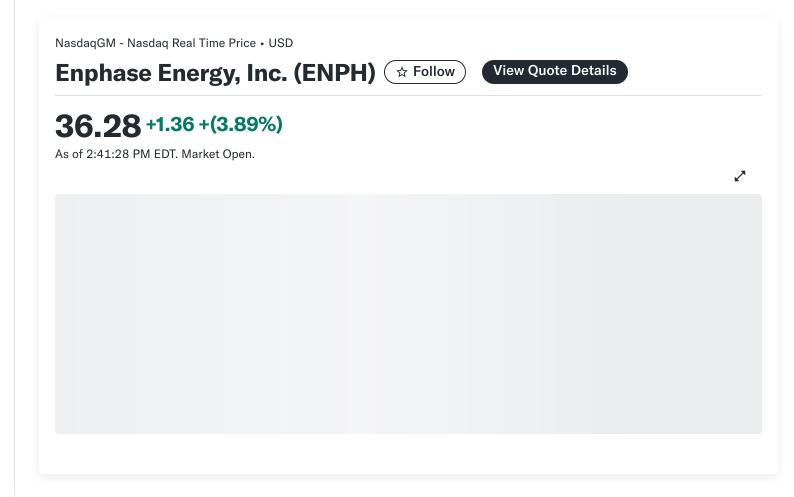
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Solar stocks tumble after Senate changes to Trump's tax megabill

US solar stocks have tumbled after a Senate panel released proposals for an early and full phase-out of solar and wind energy tax credits on Monday.

The plan to remove credits by 2028 are among the several changes put forward by a Republican-controlled panel to President Trump's "big beautiful" tax and spending bill.

Shares of Enphase Energy (ENPH), which makes solar inverters, dropped 17% before the bell.



Meanwhile, solar panel seller Sunrun (RUN) tumbled 26%, while its peer SolarEdge SEDG) sank more than 20%. First Solar (FSLR) pulled back 11%.

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