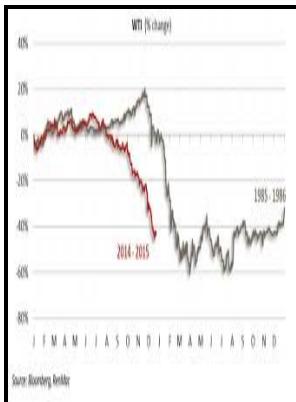


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. They believed or hoped that the long run trend rate of economic growth had increased from 2. No economy is ever perfect, and all leaders including her leave a mess, but the mess she left was substantially better than the mess she inherited Anonymous said.

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Now that was pure luck, but she saw the opportunity and took it. The ability to buy council houses was a way to create a society that had pride in their accommodation, and hence look after it themselves unburdening the councils from an inefficient repair workforce. Mrs Thatcher also benefited greatly from the longest global bull market run the stockmarket has even seen.

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Its ironic that the very institutions she was committed to cutting saved her reputation! However, these improvements were nothing like enough to enable a 'supply side miracle'. By 1988 and 1989, the economy was growing at 5% a year almost double the long run trend rate Despite signs of overheating, the government were reluctant to react. The main lesson of the Lawson boom was that the government made a big mistake in allowing the economy grow too fast, leading to inflation and an unsustainable boom

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