The Impact of Postponing Announced Unconventional Fiscal Policy on Consumption Expenditure

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Citations and Innovation

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A Nature Experiment from Japan

• In 2009, to win the election, Japanese government promised not to raise the consumption tax for the next four years. However, in 2012 June, they ate their own words and passed a bill to increase the tax to 8% in April 2014 and 10% in October 2015. Due to Japan's economic situation, the government has decided to delay the tax increase to 10% until April 2017. In 2016, a second postponement was announced, which pushes the increase to October 2019.

Data source

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Questions

Thank you!