Subject: Re: Modern Monetary Theory

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That is not spin. The spin is what the deficit hawks use to inspire paranoia for the future of our children. Consider Japan and their debt to GDP ratio. The highest in the world at 235.54% with a population of 127 million. For decades main stream economists have like end of the world religious kooks, been wagging their fingers at them that the end is near and doom will follow. We're at number 8 per debt to GDP per population.

We haven't been in this kind of debt before because we haven't wasted so much money before with bail outs for financial malfeasance such as the GFC, (global financial crisis) to the tune of 29 trillion caused by the greed of the real estate and banking institutions. 20 year wars in the middle east for over 6 trillion. Military budgets, for this year alone that approach what is allocated for our infrastructure for 10 years.

As pointed out by Mr. Wray in his article:

Since the founding of the nation, the

Treasury has ended most years with a deficit, so the outstanding stock has grown during just about 200 years (declining in the remainder). Indeed, it has grown faster than national output, so the debt-to-GDP ratio has grown at about 1.8 percent per year since the birth of the nation.

If something trends for over two centuries with barely a break, one might begin to consider it normal. And yet, strangely enough, the never-achieved balanced budget is considered to be normal, the exceedingly rare surplus is celebrated as a noteworthy achievement, and the all-too-common deficit is scorned as abnormal, unsustainable, and downright immoral.

Apparently we have a belief system in our economic dogma that runs counter to what the data points out and prioritizes a false reality.

I'll put my stock in MMT and ditching the Neoliberal system we have been in since the late 70's. What we have is not working for the majority and needs to be changed.