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What Macroeconomic Variables Should We Be Watching in These Uncertain Times?

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John was the first speaker at our first Workshop in 2010. At that time, he accurately predicted that uncertainty would be major issue for our economy as it sought to climb out of the recession.