SYMPOSIUM TALK



Moving from Emergency Mode into the New Normal

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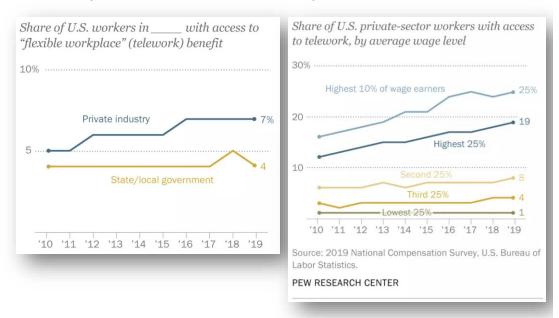
When We Last Left Our Heroes...

6.30.2020



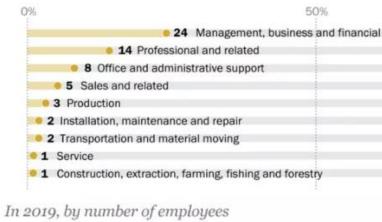
Remote Workers Prior To COVID-19 – 6.30.2020

Not many Americans can work remotely...



Infrastructure Support for Remote Workers has been traditionally limited due to the small population of users allowed to use the Tele-presence due to <u>high cost per person.</u>

In 2019, by selected occupational groups







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Regardless, results from numerous studies looking into employees who work from home don't lie. Let's take a look at more working from home statistics related to productivity.











Around 69% of workers believe technology has made them more productive, but nearly 25% believe technology will replace them in their jobs; and 83% of workers use technology to collaborate in real time, but 78% said technical problems disrupt the collaborative experience. — HR Dive

83% of employees feel they do not need an office to be productive. — Fuze

Two-thirds of employers report increased productivity for remote workers compared to inoffice workers. — **TECLA**



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Of Employees feel they do not need to go to an office environment to be productive.



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Investment Groups and Fund Managers are shifting capital away from real estate dependent companies to those with a robust remote worker capability which is reshaping companies market valuation.

-JP Morgan Analyst

The shift of
knowledge work
from
offices to home offices
represents the
Single Greatest

INCREASE

Of The Cyber Attack Surface

In History!



The Two Schools Of Thought On Threat Intelligence





Businesses Closed

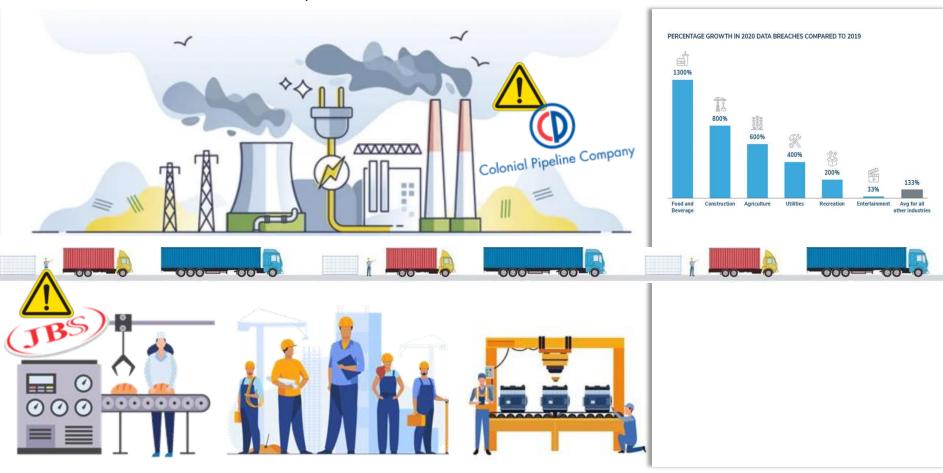


Explosive growth

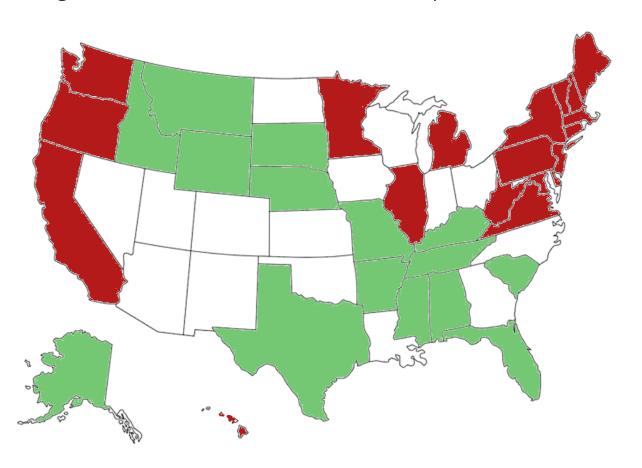
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Industries "Allowed" to Operate



Largest A/B Test in US Political History

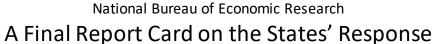


Covid Lockdown States

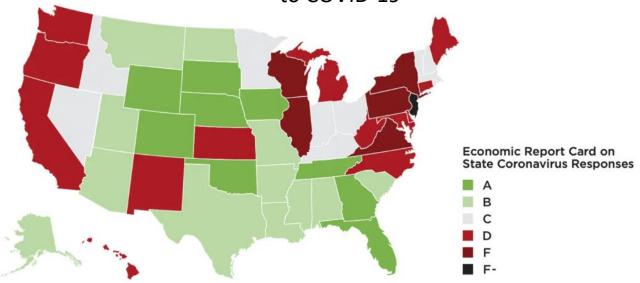
Covid Open States



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to COVID-19



Phil Kerpen, Stephen Moore, and Casey B. Mulligan NBER Working Paper No. 29928 April 2022 JEL No. E01,I18,I28 A Overall, the bottom 10 on the study's "report card" were dominated by states that had the most severe pandemic lockdowns and were among the last to finally reopen schools.

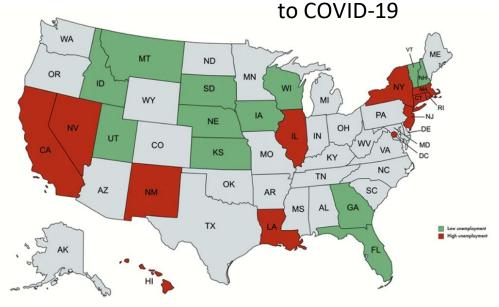
"Shutting down their economies and schools was by far the biggest mistake governors and state officials made during COVID,"

-Stephen Moore, one of the study's authors.



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National Bureau of Economic Research A Final Report Card on the States' Response

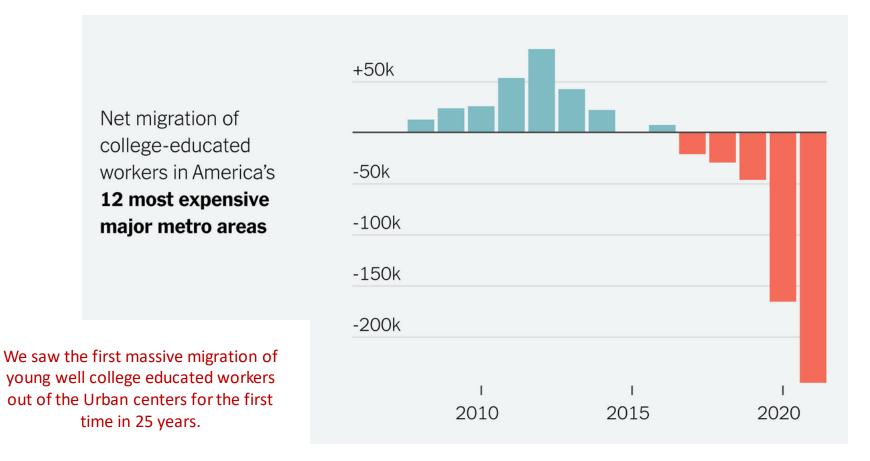


"Open States" Faring Far Better Than Lockdown States in **Unemployment Stats**

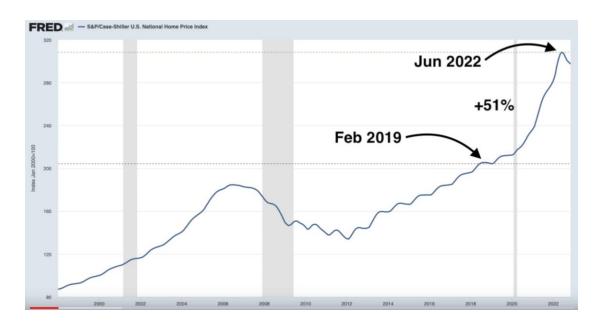
The results are in and they overwhelmingly vindicate the Open states over the authoritarian "lockdown" experiments.

Low

Unemployment High Unemployment



Everyone Has To Buy A House Right Now





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51%



Unprecedented rise in home prices as people fled urban living for suburban and rural lifestyles with more square footage, yards and less restrictions.

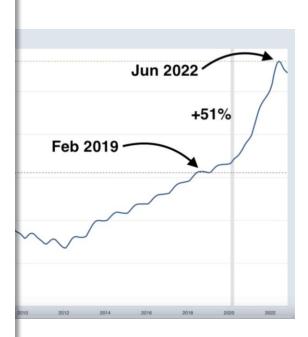


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Massive Spike in

Wire Transfer Fraud





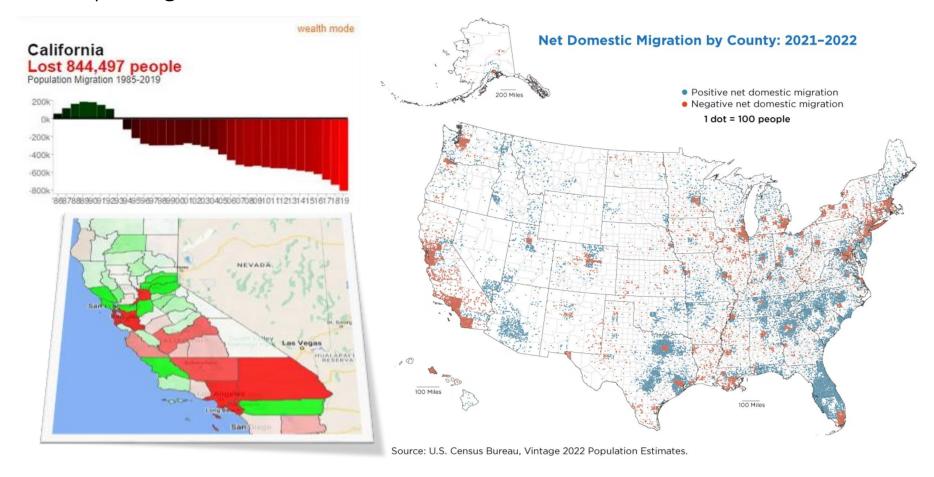


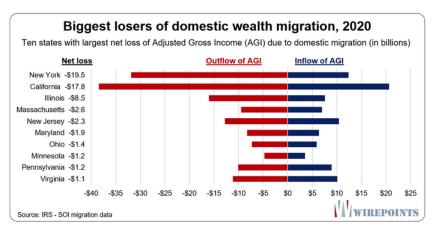
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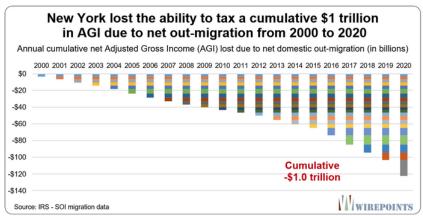


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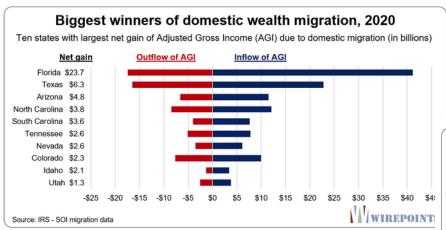
Who's On the Move?

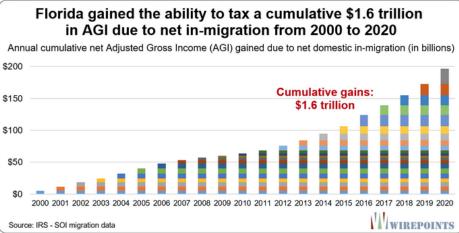
250K to 500K

AGI earners



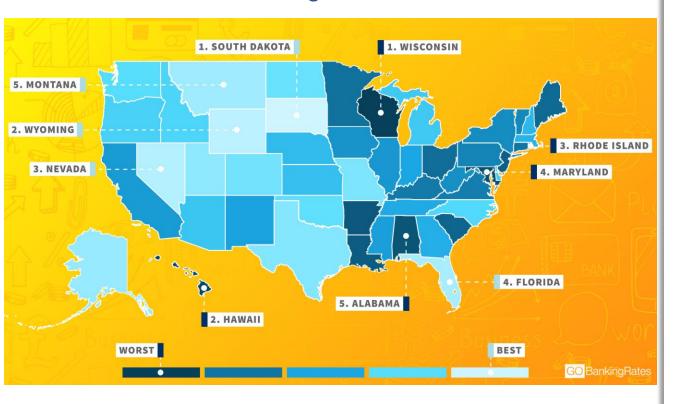






What are These People Doing After They Move?

Starting Businesses.



2020

4.4 Million

new businesses

2021

5.4 Million

new businesses

2022

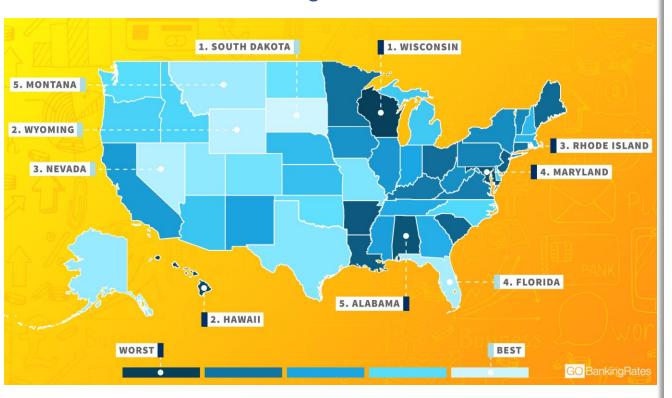
5.0 Million

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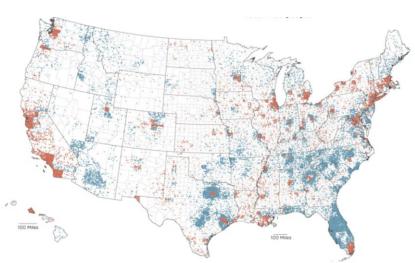
Starting Businesses.



The Small & Mid
Market Business
in the United States
account for
50% of all
Cybersecurity
related
Financial Losses.

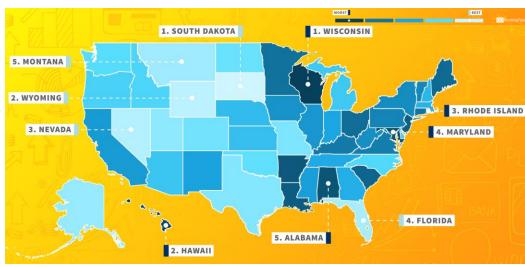


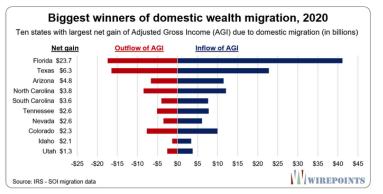
Please Note the High Correlation



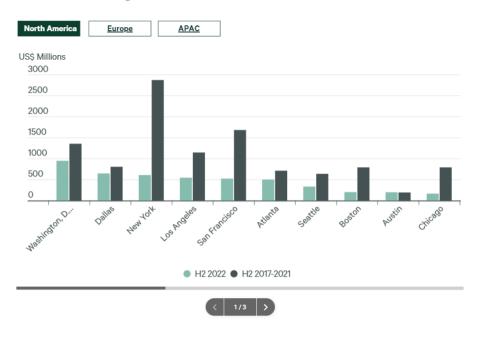
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates.

People with high AGI, are moving in large quantities to states that are more friendly to Small Business and they are landing in more rural areas.





Are We Going Back To The Office – NO!



There has been a noticeable drop in cross-regional investment volume to the North American office sector, largely due to still-prevalent hybrid working pattens causing less occupier demand. In the five years leading up to the COVID pandemic, 46% of cross-regional flows to North America targeted office assets. In H2 2022, this share dropped to 29%.

CBRE Global Commercial Real Estate
Capital Flows
report states that

Investors withdrew \$25.6 Billion in assets in 2022.

2023 is on a pace to exceed that level of Capital Flight.



What Does This Mean For The Future Of Cyber?

• Small Business as a battle ground will grow exponentially.

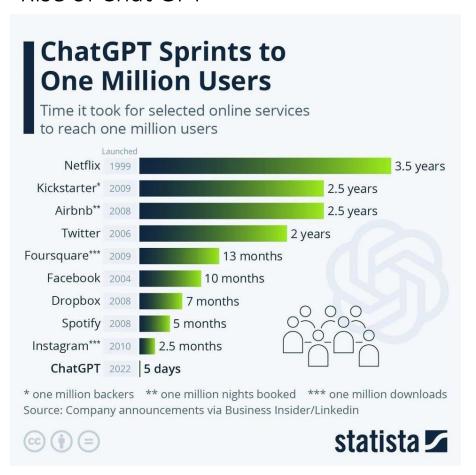
 Chat GPT and normative AI will be exploited before it can be harnessed for productive purposes.

The convergence of Operational Technology & Information
 Technology is the single greatest threat to our National
 Security and NOBODY is paying attention.





Rise of Chat GPT





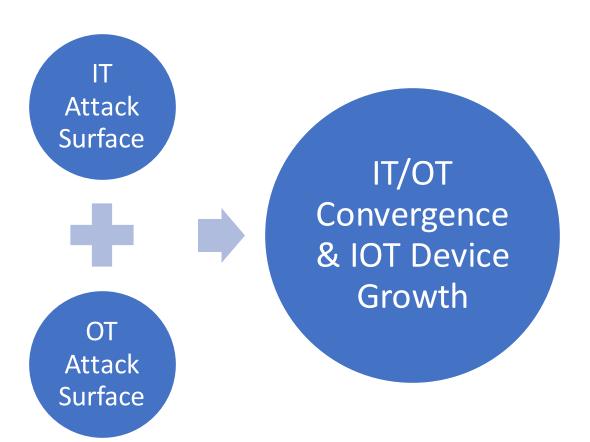
2022 **5 Days**

To Reach

1 Million Users



IT \ OT Convergence And The Explosive Growth Of IOT



IT / OT Attack Surface

The biggest threat to OT is its convergence with traditional IT Systems and the explosive growth of the Internet of Things (IOT) devices that are integrated into ICS & OT networks.

IT Attack Surface has traditionally been targeted by cyber criminals for economic exploitation.

OT Attack Surface has traditionally been attacked by more sophisticated Nation State APT.



IT \ OT Threat Actors and Attack Volume









IT / OT Threat Actors

CONTI GROUP has increased monthly targets from 43 to over 100 with an average payout rate of 50% with an average cost of \$700K. The US Cyber Ops have placed a \$10M bounty on the leaders.

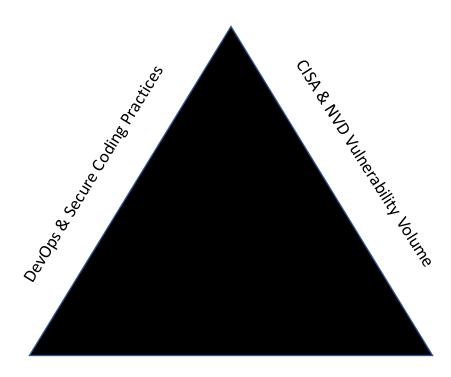
Berserker Bear targets critical Infrastructure in Energy, Transportation, Distribution, & Manufacturing.

Lazarus Group is primarily targeting energy sector in US, Canada, & Japan/

APT 36 (Cisco Talos Group)
Primarily targets Indian owned
companies and government agencies.
Use Office Docs & .Net to retrieve and run
RATS



IT / OT Security Issues = The Devils Triangle



Continuous Vulnerability Management Patch & Configuration Management

The Devils Triangle

The DevOps & DevSec practices used by most ICS & OT Programmers is rudimentary at best. Audits reveal that most OT developers repurpose open source code in "cut & paste" and never do OWASP style testing. Most OT Dev Teams don't even use central repositories or code hashing.

Over 80% of the OT Networks lack the CVM & and patch management systems that are common in IT Environments.

The result of the first two bullet points is that over 72% of the CISA critical vulnerabilities that result in network compromise are for ICS & OT Networks\Appliances.



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Thanks for you're your time

Questions

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