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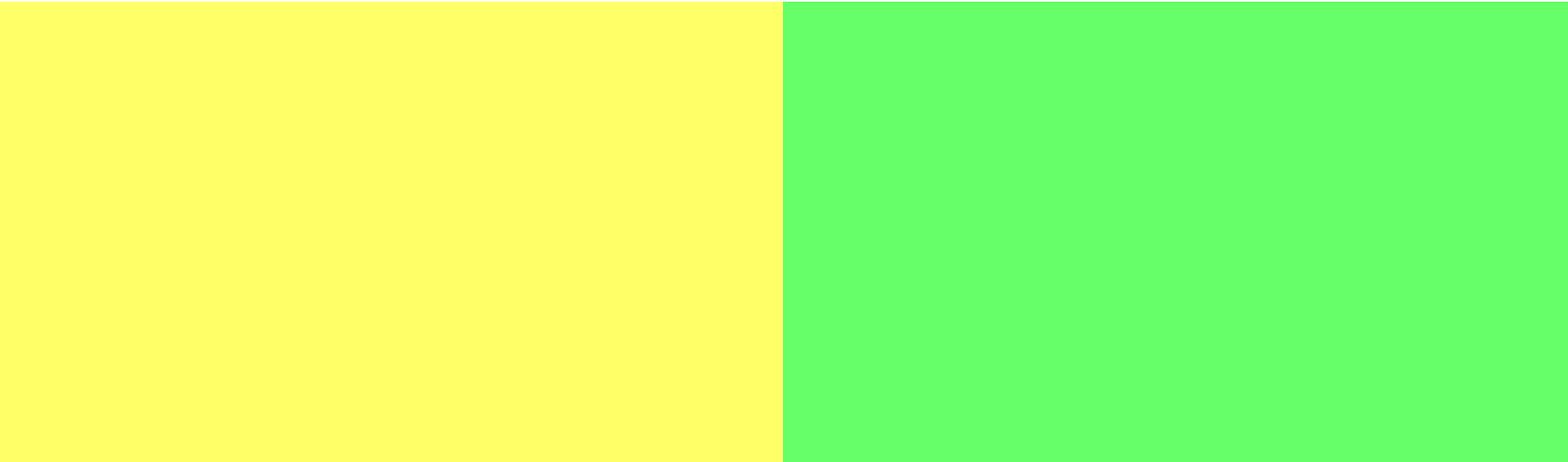
Spending

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Output

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Inflation

Zone

Unemployment Zone

**Healthy
Economy**

Zone

Spending < Output

Inventories rise

Firms lay off workers

Output falls

Spending > Output

Inventories fall

Firms hire workers

Output rises

1

The government increases defense spending in order to fight terrorism.

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Businesses begin to worry about future sales and reduce expenditures on factories and machines.

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Congress passes a large tax cut.

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After Europe slides into a recession, European consumers don't buy as many of our exports.

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Congress passes an investment tax credit.

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Consumers feel more confident about the economy and step up their purchases of goods and services.

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Congress raises income taxes.

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In order to reduce the budget deficit, Congress cuts spending.

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Interest rates rise, so businesses cut back on investment.

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Consumers worry that a recession is on the horizon, so they begin saving more.

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Interest rates fall, and firms respond by increasing investment spending.

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Japan's economy booms and Japanese consumers begin buying more consumption goods, including products made in America.

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The government increases the payroll tax rate in order to finance social security.

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The United States goes to war.

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The stock market crashes, and people lose a lot of wealth.

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Thanks to low interest rates, people are able to refinance their mortgages and get cash out of their homes. Many people use the cash for home improvements.

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Congress passes a prescription drug benefit, allowing Medicare patients to purchase drugs at lower cost.

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The dollar falls, making foreign goods more expensive. American consumers respond by buying more American-made goods.

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Higher interest rates make it harder for consumers to afford car payments.

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Europe implements a trade embargo on American products.

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The President declares a war on crime and boosts federal spending on law enforcement.

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The capital gains tax is cut.

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The dollar rises, making foreign goods less expensive.

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Social security benefits are eliminated for high income Americans.