Research Project 1: The National Debt

During the Great Recession, like any other economic downturn, unemployment rises, aggregate income declines, and there is a major decline in tax collections. At the same time, increased unemployment causes spending on safety-net programs to rise. In response to these situations, government appears to have only two options (neither good) to stabilize the national economy: either put in place severe austerity measures (cut spending), or increase borrowing. Of course, it is very difficult to defend cuts in the federal government programs and especially programs geared to sustain a minimum standard of living for the poor, but increased borrowing has major adverse impacts on the national economy.

Write an essay analyzing

· Different theoretical views on national debt,

· Long-run costs of high national debt,

· Costs of eliminating the budget deficit solely through (1) personal tax increases, and/or (2) through spending cut by decreasing in transfer payments (i.e., Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid) and in discretionary spending (such as defense and education budgets).

Complete this essay in a Microsoft Word document, APA formatted which will automatically submit it to "TurnItIn" for plagiarism review. Please note that a minimum of 800 words is required.

Research Project 2: The FED Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Its Intent and Its and Consequences.

During the COVID-19 pandemic that began to adversely impact the U.S. economy in early 2020, the Federal Reserve took a number of actions to attempt to ameliorate the impact of the COVID virus on the economy.

Complete an essay in which you:

1. Identify and describe the specific actions that the Federal Reserve took to ameliorate the negative impact that the covid virus had on the economy.
2. Using the concepts of monetary policy that were covered in the course, explain how the actions of the Federal Reserve affected aggregate demand.
3. Explain how the actions that were taken by the Federal Reserve might result in inflation or stagflation.

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[**W4: Price-Wage Rigidity**](https://myclassroom.apus.edu/d2l/le/59109/discussions/topics/500017/View)

Classical economists believe that prices and quantities adjust to changes in supply and demand and that the economy produces its potential output in the long run. On the contrary, Keynesian economists believe the economy's equilibrium output in the long run may be less than its potential output due to price and wage rigidities. What is price-wage rigidity? Do you agree with Keynes assessment that wage-price rigidity requires government's involvement in the markets? Why? Why not?

[**W5: Impact of expansionary fiscal policy on business environment**](https://myclassroom.apus.edu/d2l/le/59109/discussions/topics/500018/View)

What is fiscal policy? What are the tools of fiscal policy? Discuss the impact of expansionary fiscal policy and specifically the fiscal policies used during the Great Recession of 2008-2009 on operation of business operation. Have we seen other significant fiscal policies enacted even more recently than 2008-9?

[**W6: Impact of monetary policy on business environment**](https://myclassroom.apus.edu/d2l/le/59109/discussions/topics/500019/View)

Discuss what monetary policy is. Discuss different instruments of monetary policy. Discuss the impact of expansionary and contractionary monetary policy, specifically the change in interest rate and credit availability, and the process by which these changes impact business's decision making process.

[**W7: Long-term economic growth's impacts on businesses**](https://myclassroom.apus.edu/d2l/le/59109/discussions/topics/500020/View)

Discuss the differences between long-term and short-term economic growth. What are the determinants of long-term growth? Discuss the impact of long-term economic growth and the determinants of it on business.

[**W8: Course Reflection**](https://myclassroom.apus.edu/d2l/le/59109/discussions/topics/500021/View)

**Course Reflection**: What is the most important economic principle you learned from the course? How did this information improve your understanding of macroeconomics, and what is its application in the macroeconomic environment?