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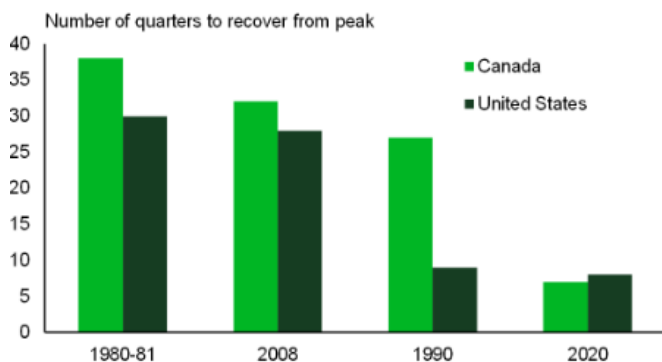
Here are this week's featured market charts:

Welcome to "Charting with Karim" - a bi-weekly document that showcases a collection of interesting and informative charts. In this bi-weekly report, I aim to provide readers with a collection of charts on the markets and the economy that I hope you will find engaging and informative. Whether you are a seasoned investor, a market enthusiast, or simply interested in staying up to date with the latest data and trends, "Charting with Karim" has something for everyone. So, sit back, relax, and join us on a journey through the week's most fascinating chart. I welcome any suggestions or feedback you have.

ONE:

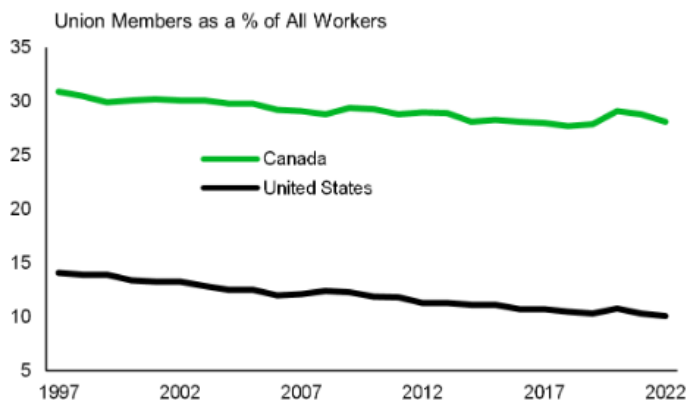
Canada's unionization rate (see chart below from **TD Economics**): "One indicator of the flexibility of a labor market is how fast it responds to economic shocks both on the way down and on the way up. **U.S. tends to cut and add jobs faster than Canada.** Different labor laws between the two countries may part of the reason. This, plus higher rates of unionization in Canada may be part of the reason.

Chart 4: Unemployment Rate Shocks Have Taken Longer To Heal in Canada



Note: Data reflects the number of quarters for the unemployment rate to move from its peak back to pre-recession levels or business cycle trough. Source: BLS, NBER, Statscan, TD Economics.

Chart 5: Canada Has a Higher Unionization Rate than the United States



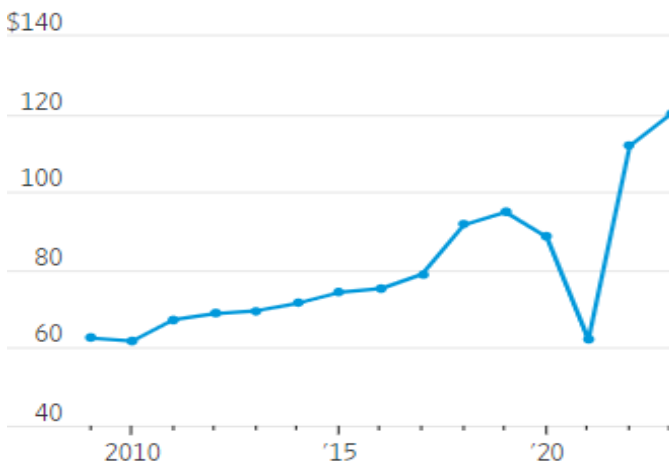
Source: BLS, Statistics Canada, TD Economics.

TWO:

Funflation - I may be dating myself here but I remember going to see some of the legends (the Stones, Zeppelin, Neil Young, Dylan, Pink Floyd) for what a good hamburger cost now. However, (see chart below from the **Wall Street Journal**): Ticket for live entertainment events, from Taylor Swift concerts to NFL football games are at staggering this year. Americans were on track to spend about \$95 billion this year on tickets to watch movies, live entertainment, and sporting events, according to August data. This can buy lots of gourmet burgers.

Hot Tickets

Average ticket price for top 100 North American tours



Note: Pollstar years start in November. Data for 2023 covers November 2022 through May 2023.

Source: Pollstar

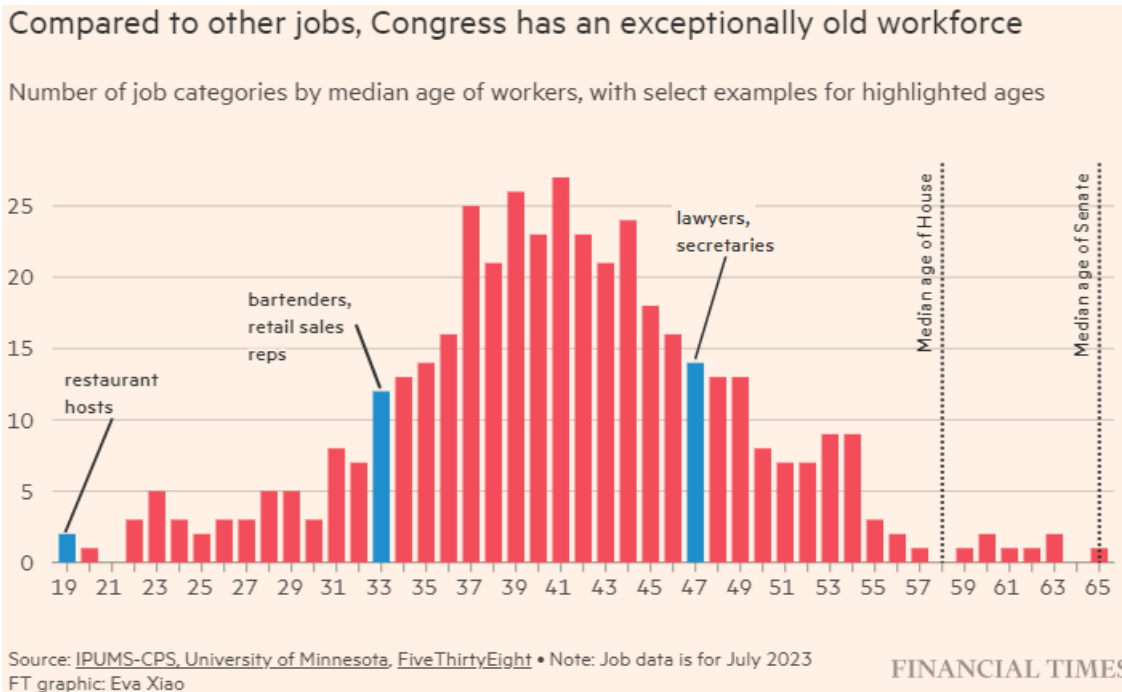
THREE:

Sleep - Which countries get the gold medal in sleep? (see chart below from **The Economist**): “The researchers found that sleep patterns vary considerably across countries. Not surprisingly, the worst sleepers are mainly in Asian countries. The best sleepers are in – (drum rolls please) mainly in northern European countries (Estonia, Finland, Ireland, and the Netherlands) and in Australia and New Zealand.

Ranking By time spent sleeping on weekdays	Weekdays Time spent sleeping, hours	Sleep efficiency* %	Weekend Time spent sleeping, hours	Sleep efficiency* %
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1 New Zealand	7.0	85.8	7.3	85.5
2 Finland	7.0	86.8	7.4	86.4
3 Netherlands	7.0	85.9	7.3	85.5
4 Ireland	7.0	85.6	7.2	85.3
5 Estonia	7.0	86.5	7.4	86.2
6 Australia	7.0	85.6	7.2	85.2
7 Belgium	6.9	86.1	7.3	85.7
8 Britain	6.9	85.8	7.2	85.4
9 Canada	6.9	85.8	7.2	85.5
10 Russia	6.9	86.2	7.2	86.0

FOUR:

US Congress – This institution is dominated by senior citizens. (see chart below from the **Financial Times**): Compared to peer countries, the U.S. is especially dominated by older elected officials; one in five congresspeople is over the age of 70, making it one of the nation’s most elderly professions. We could possibly have 2 presidential candidates who are around 80 years of age.



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