

# Fiat is Fake

## *The Simple Guide to Opting Out and Stacking Real Money*

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### The Problem: Your Money is Melting

In [1971](#), the U.S. dollar officially left the gold standard. This meant dollars were no longer backed by anything scarce or tangible. The government could now print money at will. Since then, [the U.S. dollar has lost over 85% of its purchasing power](#).

So, when you save in dollars, you're not saving—you're slowly bleeding wealth. Your \$20 bill today buys what \$3 did back then. That's not "inflation." That's theft with extra steps.

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### Fiat Horror Stories

- [Argentina](#) (2020s) – Triple-digit inflation. People's life savings lost half their value in a year. Bitcoin became a lifeline
- [Lebanon](#) (2020s) – The banking system imploded. Accounts frozen. Savings gone. Bitcoin holders? Still had access
- [Nigeria](#) (2023) – Cash withdrawals banned. CBDC forced. Bitcoin adoption soared
- [Canada](#) (2022) – Protestors had their bank accounts frozen. Bitcoin wallets stayed untouched
- [Zimbabwe](#) (2000s & 2020s) – Hyperinflation turned the local currency into a joke. Bitcoin emerged as digital gold
- [Turkey](#) (2021-2023) – The lira crashed. Bitcoin became a hedge against collapse

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## The Solution: Bitcoin

Bitcoin is digital money with fixed rules:

- [Only 21 million](#)
  - [Decentralized](#)
  - [Secured by math](#)
  - [Permissionless](#)
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## What It Means to Truly Own Your Money

When your Bitcoin is in a cold wallet:

- No one can [freeze it](#)
  - No one can [inflate it](#)
  - No one can [seize it](#)
  - It's not in a bank. It's not on a website. It's [yours](#)
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## Cold Wallet vs. Savings Account

Feature	Cold Wallet (Bitcoin)	Bank Savings Account	Crypto on Exchange
Ownership	You	The bank	Not really you
Access	24/7, global	Bank hours	24/7 (if online)
Inflation	None (fixed supply)	~3-10% loss	Depends on asset
Seizure Risk	Zero (if keys secured)	High (court, gov, fees)	Moderate (exchange risk)
Fees	One-time wallet cost	Monthly, overdraft	Trading/withdrawal fees
Privacy	High (if done right)	Low (fully monitored)	Low (KYC linked)

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## Why Traditional Retirement Might Not Work

- [3% inflation](#) means \$1M today = ~\$412K in 30 years
- At 6%, that's [less than \\$174K](#)
- Most retirees need [\\$60K+/year](#)
- Healthcare [costs will double](#)
- Housing and food are [outpacing wages](#)
- [Global instability](#) isn't slowing down

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## The Day Trading Trap

- 80-90% of day traders [lose money](#)
- [Algorithms and insiders](#) run the show
- You're not Warren Buffett. You're [just feeding the casino](#)

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## Bitcoin vs CBDCs (Central Bank Digital Currencies)

- CBDCs are [programmable money](#)
- China's [Digital Yuan](#) = surveillance finance
- Bitcoin is permissionless, borderless, [uncensorable](#)

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## Volatility Is a Feature, Not a Bug

- Bitcoin is early. So was [Amazon](#)
- Volatility is [price discovery](#)
- Volatility = [opportunity](#)

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## DCA Works

- [DCA \\$20/week since 2015](#) = \$70K+ today
  - Savings account? [Maybe ~\\$11,000](#)
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## Bitcoin vs Other Assets: 10-Year Comparison

Asset	10-Year Return	Barrier to Entry	Custody Risk	Liquidity	Control
Bitcoin	40-200%+	Low	Low (cold)	High	Total
S&P 500	~11%	Medium	Medium	High	Low
Nasdaq 100	~13%	Medium	Medium	High	Low
Dow Jones	~9%	Medium	Medium	High	Low
Real Estate	~4-6%	High	Medium	Low	Low
Gold	~1-2%	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium

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## Common Misconceptions (Debunked)

- [“Used by criminals”](#)
  - [“Bad for the environment”](#)
  - [“Too late to buy”](#)
  - [“Quantum threat”](#)
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## What If Bitcoin Fails?

- Bitcoin has “died” [400+ times](#)
- Quantum? Still [speculative](#)
- Custodial bans? Tech failures? Better money? [Bitcoin still wins](#)

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## How to Start

1. [Emergency fund](#)
2. Pick an exchange → [Swan](#), [River](#), [Strike](#), [Cash App](#)
3. [DCA](#)
4. Cold storage → [Ledger](#), [Coldcard](#), [SeedSigner](#)
5. [Seed backup](#)

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## What's a Satoshi?

- 1 BTC = 100,000,000 [sats](#)
- At \$80K/BTC, \$1 = [1,250 sats](#)
- You can [stack Bitcoin](#) with spare change
- Don't buy a whole coin, [stack sats instead](#)

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## What About Altcoins?

- [Altcoin failures](#) are the norm
- [ETH isn't BTC](#)
- Most tokens are [securities](#)
- Bitcoin has [no CEO or pre-mine](#)
- Solana goes down. [BTC doesn't](#)

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## Bitcoin Learning Resources

- [Bitcoin.org Guide](#)
- [Bitcoin is hope](#)
- [BTC Sessions](#)
- [21 Lessons](#)
- [River Learn](#)
- [Bitcoin Magazine](#)
- [Lopp's Security Checklist](#)
- [Bitcoin Standard Book](#)

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## Still Not Sold on Bitcoin? That's okay.

I still want you to win with money. These resources will help you save, invest, and maybe even escape the fiat matrix later.

- [Bogleheads Wiki](#) – Index fund investing, but make it culty (in a good way)
- [r/personalfinance](#) – The hive mind of decent money advice
- [JL Collins: Simple Path](#) – The OG FIRE strategy blog
- [Mr. Money Mustache](#) – Spend less, retire early, punch debt in the face
- [Ramit Sethi: IWTYTBR](#) – Rich life philosophy meets personal finance
- [ChooseFI](#) – Podcasts, hacks, and spreadsheets for financial independence
- [Nerdwallet Roth IRA Guide](#) – Still using a 401(k)? At least read this first
- [The Psychology of Money \(Summary\)](#) – For understanding your broke friends

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## Final Word

Bitcoin isn't just an asset. It's an exit plan. From inflation. From control. From the fiat hamster wheel. It's the first money in history that puts you in charge.

Opt out. Stack sats. Stay free.

