“Explaining U.S. Economic Decline”

Key questions

1. Why was there so much money in the U.S. housing sector?
2. What is capitalized consumption?
3. What about the demand for real investment capital in USA?
4. What about investment by manufacturers?
5. What indicators show the decline of manufacturing in USA
6. Why so much money did flow into USA financial markets from foreign countries?
7. How “neoclassical thinking” might have influenced decision makers?
8. What are two key causes of the US competitiveness “decline”?
9. What do tell us key figures produced by BLS about manufacturing employment?
10. What are “doubts” about the decline theory by the so called “US economic elites”?
11. What about different “sectors” in terms of contribution to manufacturing trends and GDP?
12. How the computer sector has contributed within the manufacturing USA trajectories?
13. What do tell us “peaks of capital stock” by industries ?
14. What is the role played by offshoring of low/high technology?
15. Is U.S. offshoring similar to the German one?
16. What about the U.S. trade balance in advanced industries?
17. What indicators of innovation based capacity were adopted by ITIF (2011) to benchmark countries?
18. How do rank USA for rate of change?
19. What categories do show signs of innovative decline particularly?
20. What about R&D expenditure trends?
21. What about journal papers?
22. What about patents?
23. What about degrees in science or engineering and in general high school diplomas (and literacy)?
24. What about the “movement” of US workforce in terms of wages?