

TPA Analytics: Economist Explains Why Economy May Be Rough

ECONOMIST EXPLAINS WHY THE 2020 4th QTR AND 2021 1st QTR ECONOMY MAY BE ROUGH TPA draws on this week's presentation by Benjamin Tal, Economist at CIBC, to describe what is in front of us for the 4th quarter of 2020 and the 1st quarter of 2021. In an hour-long presentation, Tal explained that the U.S. has performed much better economically than the rest of the world. This was because of the decisions it made when faced with the trade-off between *lives and livelihood*. Throughout the pandemic, the U.S. has remained more open than most countries and, as a result, has the worst health record. The U.S. also has a lower level of economic devastation as a combination of fewer restrictions and huge economic stimulus.

2-Recoveries

He further described the recovery as 2 recoveries. A *V-shaped recovery for two-thirds of the economy* and an *L-shaped recovery* for the services sector. This is actually the K-shaped recovery that TPA discussed on 9/8 in [WHAT A K-SHAPED RECOVERY MEANS FOR INVESTORS.](#) Tal went on to say that small businesses have been hit the worst and larger companies. Like AMZN, actually benefited from the situation.

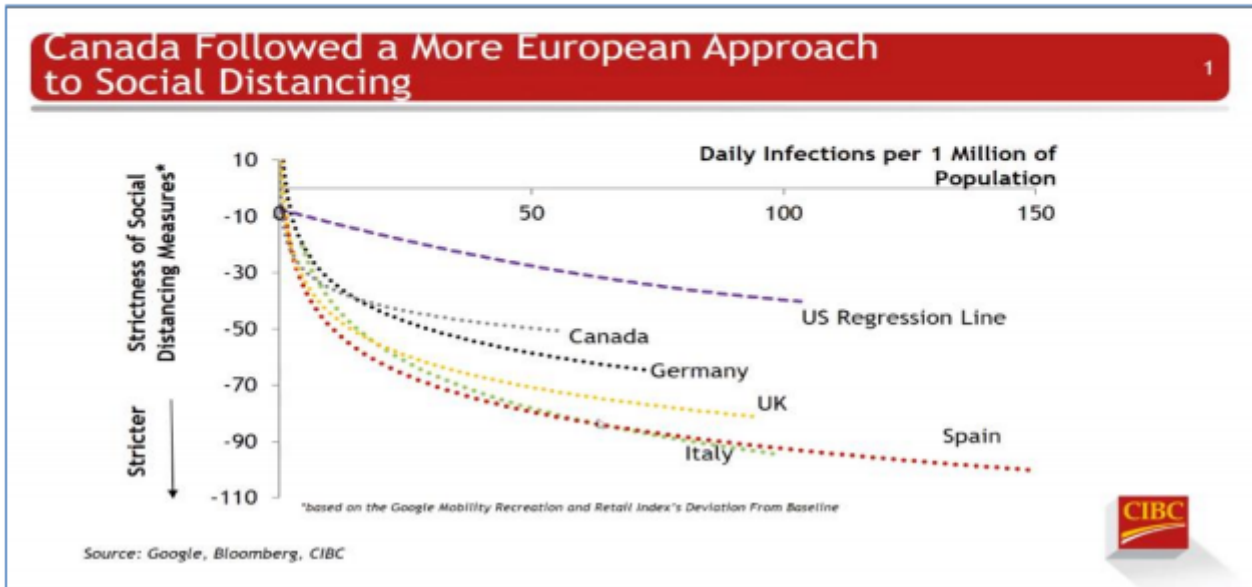
A U.S. Problem

Tal concludes that the 4th quarter of 2020 and the 1st quarter of 2021 could be a problem in the U.S. for several reasons:

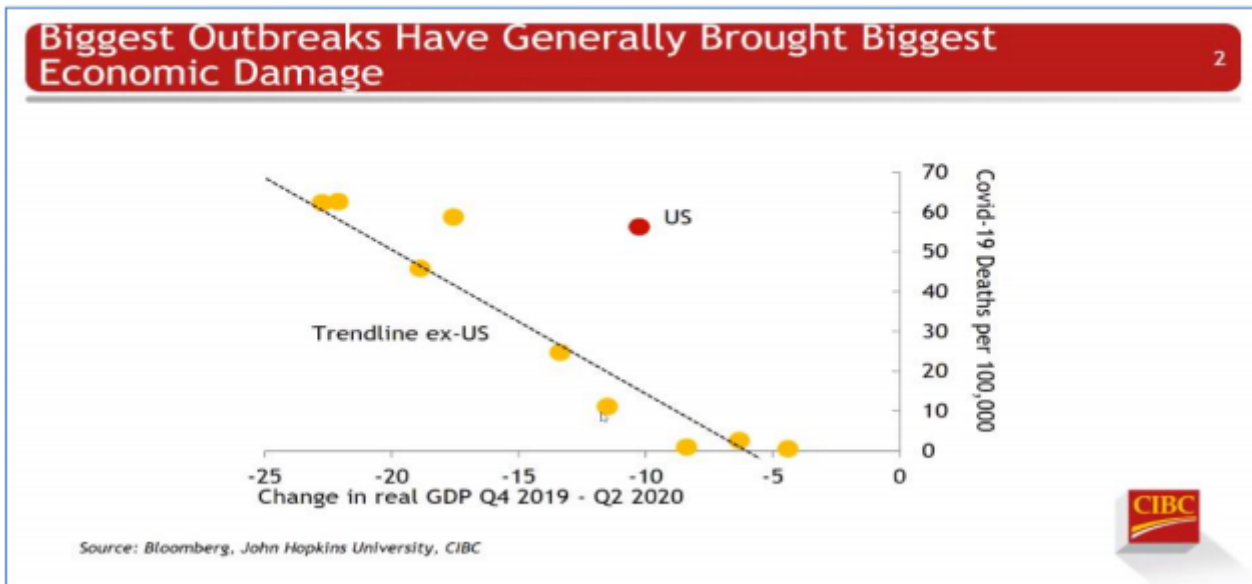
1. *After hundreds of conversations with the medical community, the consensus forecast for a safe and effective vaccine and widespread delivery in Spring 2021. That means over 6 months more without a vaccine.*
2. *Once there is a vaccine, the question will be how many people will be willing to get the vaccine.*
3. *Much of what has sustained the U.S. consumer during Covid-19 has been stimulus in the form of direct payments and beefed-up unemployment. Tal does not see any new stimulus until, at least, after the election due to politics and disagreement over the possible negative effect of additional unemployment payments. (This was discussed on 4/27 in the World Snapshot entitled 'CARES MAY ACTUALLY DELAY THE RECOVERY?')*
4. *The stimulus payments are mostly gone as it can be shown that most of the payments went for essentials to keep people afloat. Without these payments, these people will be in even more dire circumstances.*
5. *The pattern of Covid-19 versus the Spanish Flu shows that another wave is likely and that it will overlap with the normal Flu season.*

TPA will use some of CIBC charts to follow this logic below.

1. The chart below shows that the U.S. less restrictive measures resulted in more daily infections per million than other western economies.



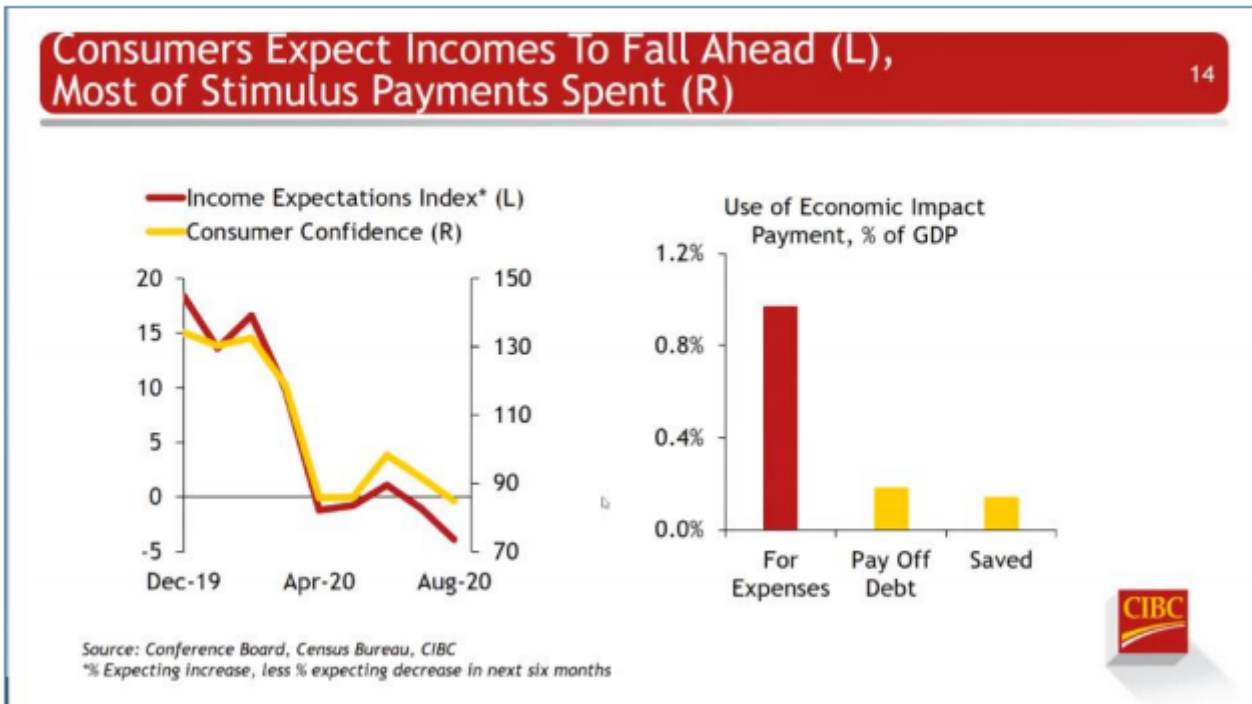
2. The U.S. deaths per 100,000 people and change in GDP is an outlier versus the rest of the world. The U.S. as sacrificed health for economics.



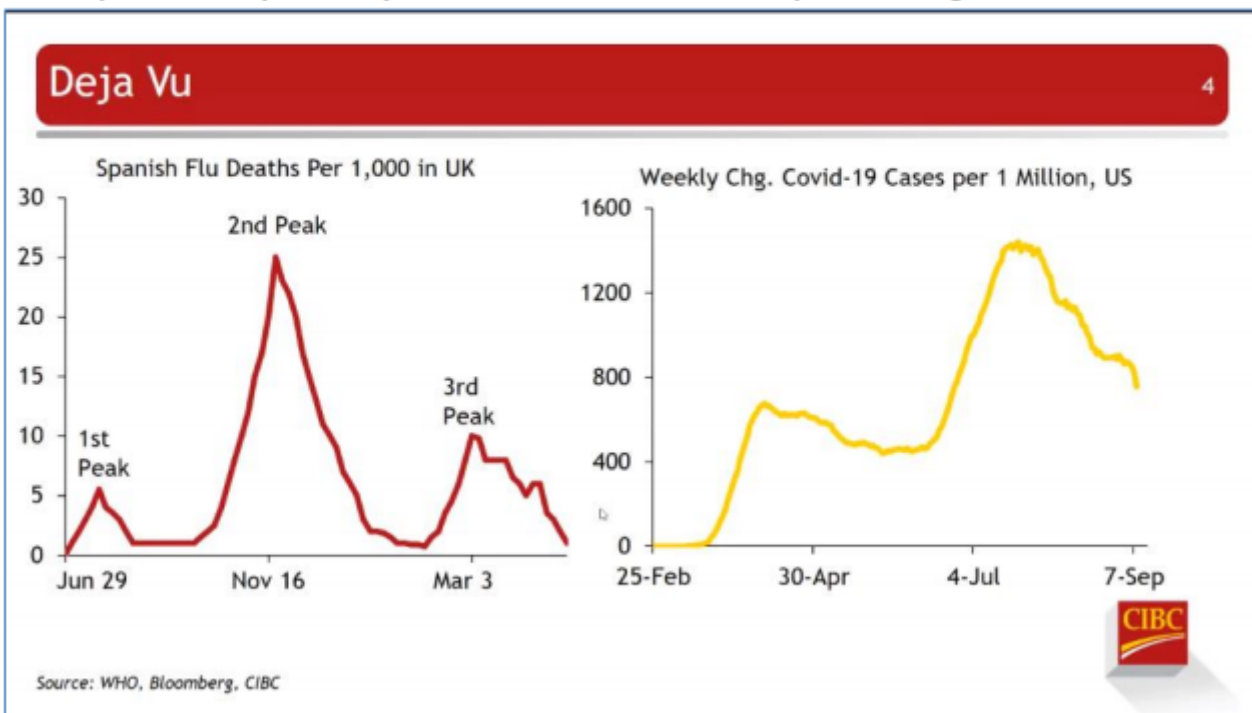
3. The recovery in durable and non-durable goods versus services shows the lopsided V and L recovery; the K recovery.



5. ...consumer income expectations and confidence are once again falling as stimulus ends and the money runs out.



6. Finally, the pattern of Covid-19 is very similar to the pattern for the Spanish Flu in the UK. This points to the probability of another wave that will overlap with the regular Flu season.



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Percent Stocks Above 50DMA	66.73%	15%	30%
Percent Stocks RSI above 70	5.35%	55%	40% TO 50%
Percent Stocks RSI below 30	0.79%	22%	
Percent Stocks 50DMA > 200DMA *	34.59%		
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		14 DAY RSI	49.58

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