

A Top-Down View

Since the Great Depression, the markets have seen 4 other major market declines. In each one of these pullbacks, no matter how severe, the markets have balanced themselves out and eventually rewarded investors with exceptional returns. Every crisis always results in the same fears and concerns, but eventually is relieved as the light starts to appear at the end of the tunnel. It is clear that history repeats itself as our economy does not always learn from our previous mistakes. As you can see, the life of every recession starts with an agonizing pullback followed by a slow climb back to ground zero. Thus, it is extremely important to not let emotions get the better of you during these times and to stay invested, even through trying periods of market volatility.

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