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I am very conscious of the risk of sounding pompous or even important (two things I pray I am not)
But I really want you to watch all of this video. Please promise me you will.
My dear Factor Members, this video is not about me, at least I do not want it to be and if it comes across that way I will feel bad about even composing this X post.
This video is about ABSOLUTE TRUTHS about market speculation
-Process
-Discipline
-Patience
-Emotional management
-Risk management
-Self transparency
These are truths that predate me. These are truths that thankfully were drilled into me by my faithful mentors
So I want you to ignore my face in this video. Just listen to what I am saying, not the fact that I am the one saying these things.
What drives me to continue the Factor is some mysterious (most often not welcomed) urge to share certain truths about trading, hoping that I can make a mental and emotional connection with somebody, anybody. I get super frustrated that I am failing to properly communicate things I know to be of importance. I apologize to any of you with which my only communications might be about charting or head and shoulders or moving averages or about the prospects of higher stock prices.
Frankly, the whole charting thing is the neon lights, but it is all the other things about the human pursuit of market speculation that I so desire to treat with respect and reverence.
Anyway, sorry for the rant.

> 🔵 **FactorMembers** ✓ 🔒 @factor_members · Apr 7
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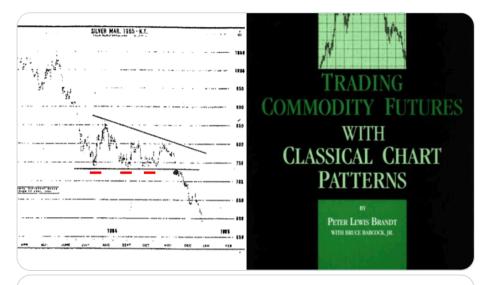> youtube.com/watch?v=O2tMCQ...

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Aksel Kibar, CMT ✓ @TechCharts · Apr 7

This descending triangle labelling is from @PeterLBrandt Trading Commodity Futures with Classical Chart Patterns. A similar descending triangle on Silver from 1984. Note the several test of horizontal lower boundary followed by a breakdown without much pullback.

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Key commodity... Failure to recover above 65.2 will be the tell. Weak sideways consolidation at current levels will suggest acceleration of downtrend after descending triangle breakdown. #CRUDEOIL

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Comment on emotional pulls
My emotions differ from my trading rules all the time. The reality is that I must trust my rules above any emotional urge I might have. I can almost always find a reason to ignore a rule. Denying self is of upmost importance

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Just to keep everyone posted
-Bleeding in retirement accounts
Prop acct now short London Coffee, stopped out of half of 5-Yrs and out of
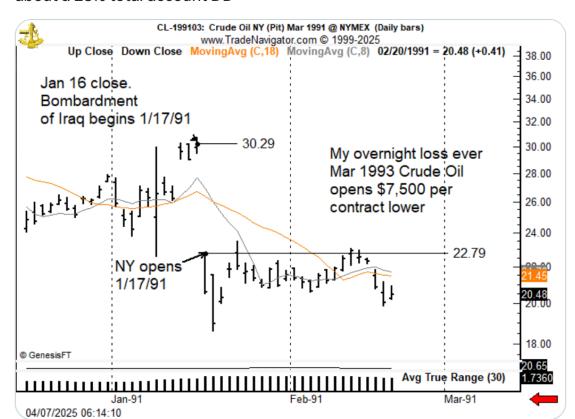10-Yrs Notes. Stopped out of Yen.

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1X is my target

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about a 23% total account DD

CL-199103: Crude Oil NY (Pit) Mar 1991 @ NYMEX (Daily bars)
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Up Close Down Close MovingAvg (C,18) MovingAvg (C,8) 02/20/1991 = 20.48 (+0.41)

Jan 16 close.
Bombardment
of Iraq begins 1/17/91

30.29

My overnight loss ever
Mar 1993 Crude Oil
opens $7,500 per
contract lower

NY opens
1/17/91

22.79

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Avg True Range (30)

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🔾 **Anmol Jain** @AnmolJa60391982 · Apr 7

Replying to @factor_members

Hello sir
What is the max loss (basis points) you have experienced due to a gap
down/up
And what was your assumed stop on that trade which didn't stop due ...

⇄ You reposted

Irene Zingg ✓ @ireneczingg · Apr 7

Replying to @factor_members

IMHO I believe we're at an inflection point where we will need to consider
major adjustments to better control risk. What today seems "un risky" may
soon become risky and vice versa.

ch @choedl · Apr 7

Replying to @factor_members

I'm thinking about going back to my roots as a buy and hold investor. Trading stocks is certainly possible, but it's very hard for me to follow the process due to their volatility and high correlation.

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Great question just now from Factor member

Of these, which does current environment most resemble:
S+P 500 Draw-Downs (Peak to Trough):
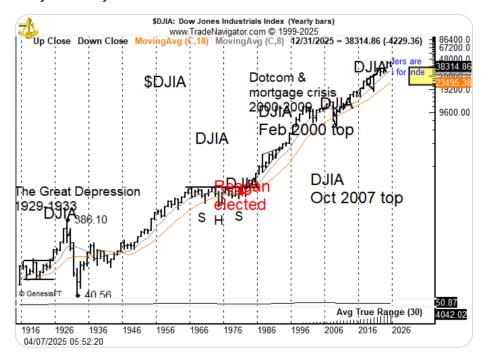2000 – 2002 (Nasdaq Mania) 50% Draw-Down
2007 – 2009 (GFC) 58% Draw-Down
2019 – 2020 (Covid) 35% Draw-Down
Jan.2022 – Oct.2022 (Inflation scare) 28% Draw-Down

My answer - none of above. I think it is like the stagflation of 1968 to 1982. Stock market went up and down and nowhere. Period came after massive bull run from 1930s to 1968

Sorry for messy chart

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Might rates bounce higher from here? Maybe. Yields are at a key level

PeterLBrandt published on TradingView.com, Apr 07, 2025 12:44 UTC
US Government Bonds 2 YR Yield · 1W · TVC O3.4670000% H3.6540000% L3.4460000% C3.6310000% −0.0130000 (−0.36%)
MA (8, close, 0, SMA, 8) 3.9183750%
WMA (18, close) 4.0167719%

US 2s

2.4418602%

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Irene, I will have two overall strategies going forward with passive money.
1. I have already begun to transition to high quality dividend stocks and will increase this
2. I will repatriate a large chunk and bring it back under my indirect control where I can better control risk

> **Irene Zingg** ✓ @ireneczingg · Apr 6
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> Replying to @factor_members
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> In this very uncertain environment it seems buying quality blue chip dividend stocks might be a safer way to go for long term risk.

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GM Factor world

So, Monday is here -- and I am not expecting Black Monday

I covered short S&P position on Friday - too early of course, but as a swing trader profits at a 2X target is the correct tactic.

Long 150% in Treasuries and it looks like short London Coffee will survive for at least today. Also bought Yen futures overnight. I have low expectations for this trade but the signal was clear to me and that is all that matters

As a swing trader I always have to look at what I actually have, not what I could have had as positions in a perfect world

There is never a perfect world in trading

In wild markets I always miss more signals than I catch, mainly because of my foxhole mentality

It is likely to be a crazy week. I will be shy in putting capital to work.

I am still willing to sell a retest of the ATR breakout in Bitcoin via futures.