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My wife and I made a rather quick trip to Ireland. I'm always encouraged when visiting Europe. Even though we Americans are like a child of theirs, they look to us for leadership. And I'm bugged by the possibility of our society going like theirs. Giving up independence for the social good. They can't understand our proclivity toward guns, and we can't understand their fear of war.

There is a story behind why we have the opportunity to make this trip and reasons why we make this trip a priority. But one result is that I'm encouraged to believe in the power of our economy to meet the needs of people. And I appreciate that I can invest in public (scrutiny) markets.

When there, I see lots of people who want new Nikes. I was thinking that I didn't see much of Disney this time and then I remembered Star Wars everywhere. And don't leave home without the Visa.