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All the essays here have been revised and updated from their original appearance on the blog. In many cases I found errors in the old posts or changed my mind about things. In addition, while updating and editing these, I often added new material that was never on the blog (such as the Marx manuscript back to 1780). I haven't specified how the essays changed so as not to burden the text, but where there are conflicts I prefer the book version. I'm a little embarrassed at the prospect of people finding places where I now contradict myself or turned out to be wrong, but that's the price I pay for the great privilege of having conducted this work in public, with all the benefits that entails.

The data sources for the analyses in the book are in the footnotes, which sometimes point to blog posts for more detail. There isn't much complicated programming involved, but in a few cases I provide links to data and computer code for that as well. I made most of the figures using Microsoft Excel, which despite its annoying qualities seems to be the most efficient and versatile tool for data presentation that I happen to know how to use. I'm happy to share the underlying data files for any of these if I can find them, so feel free to ask.