

# Stock Market Briefings: S&P 500 Earnings Yield

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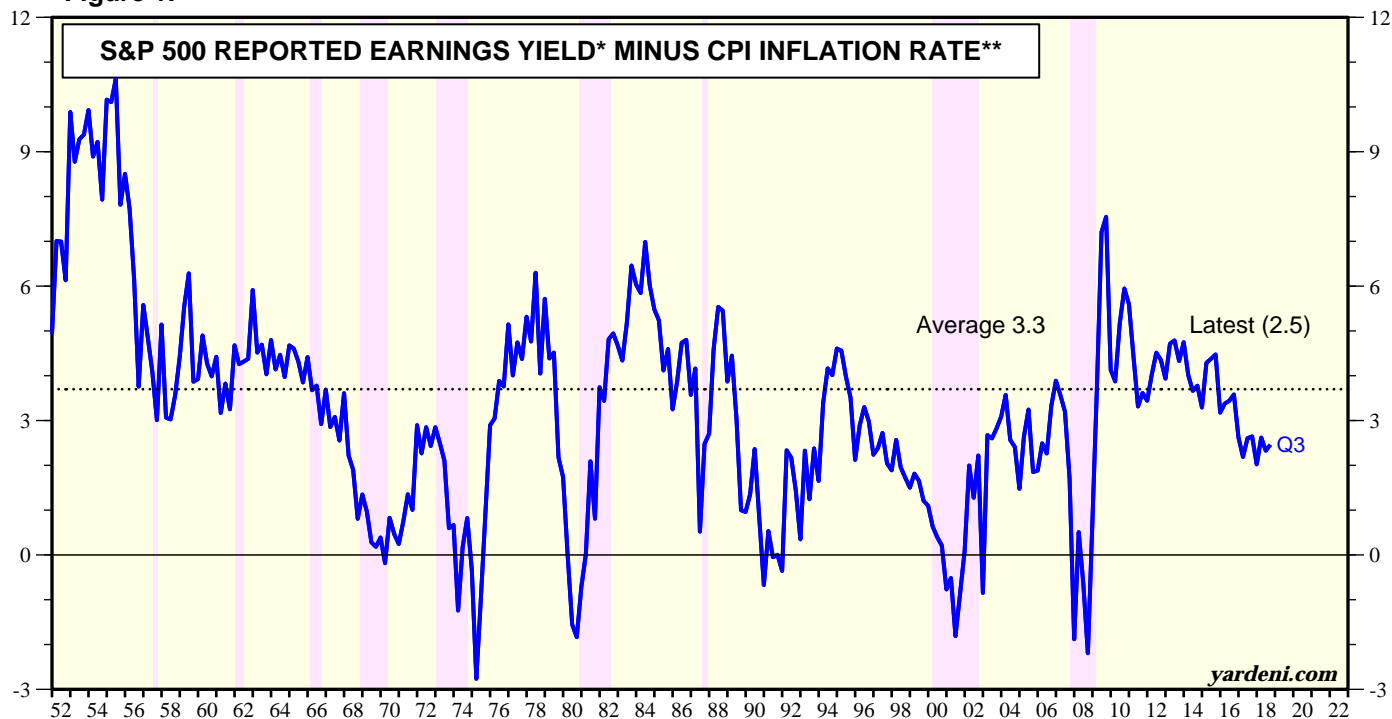
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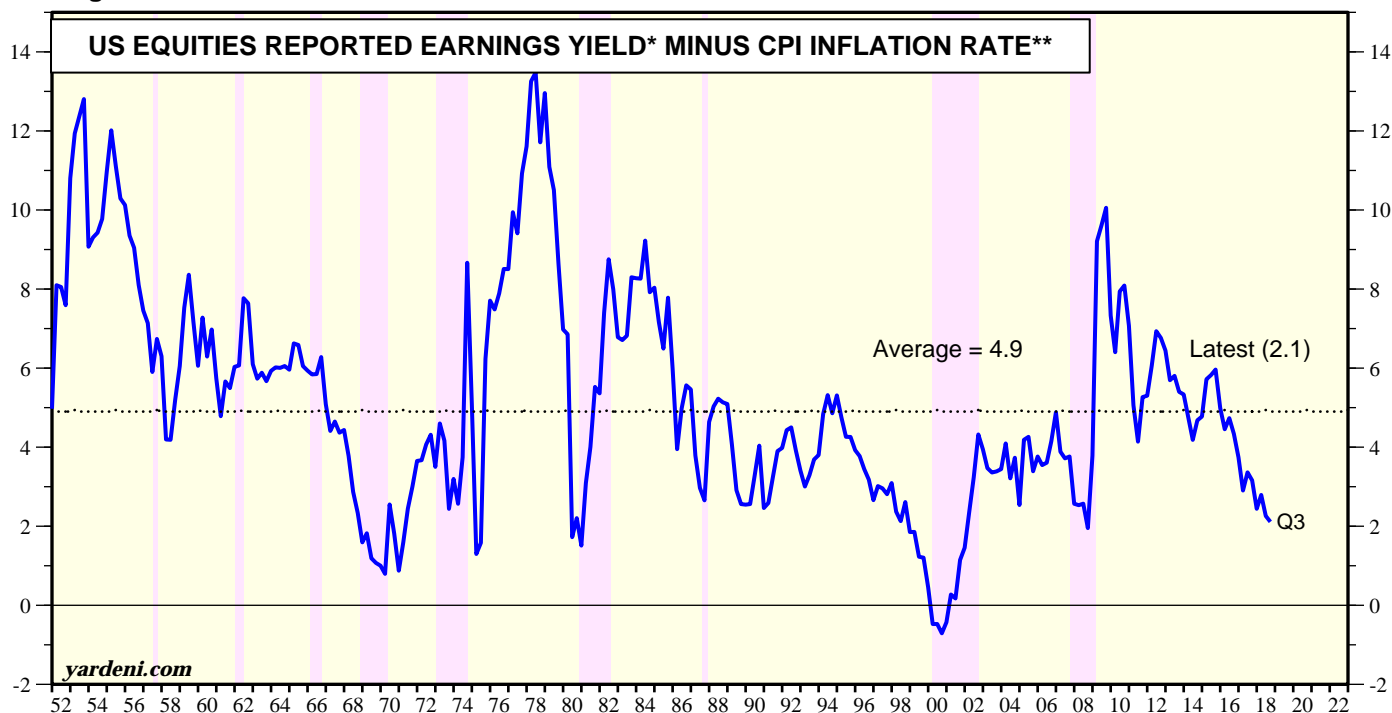
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\*\* Year-over-year percent change in three-month average of each quarter.

Note: Shaded red areas denote S&P 500 bear market declines of 20% or more. Yellow areas show bull markets.

Source: Standard & Poor's and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 2.



\* Ratio of after-tax corporate profits as reported to the IRS divided by market value of US equities traded in the US excluding foreign issues.

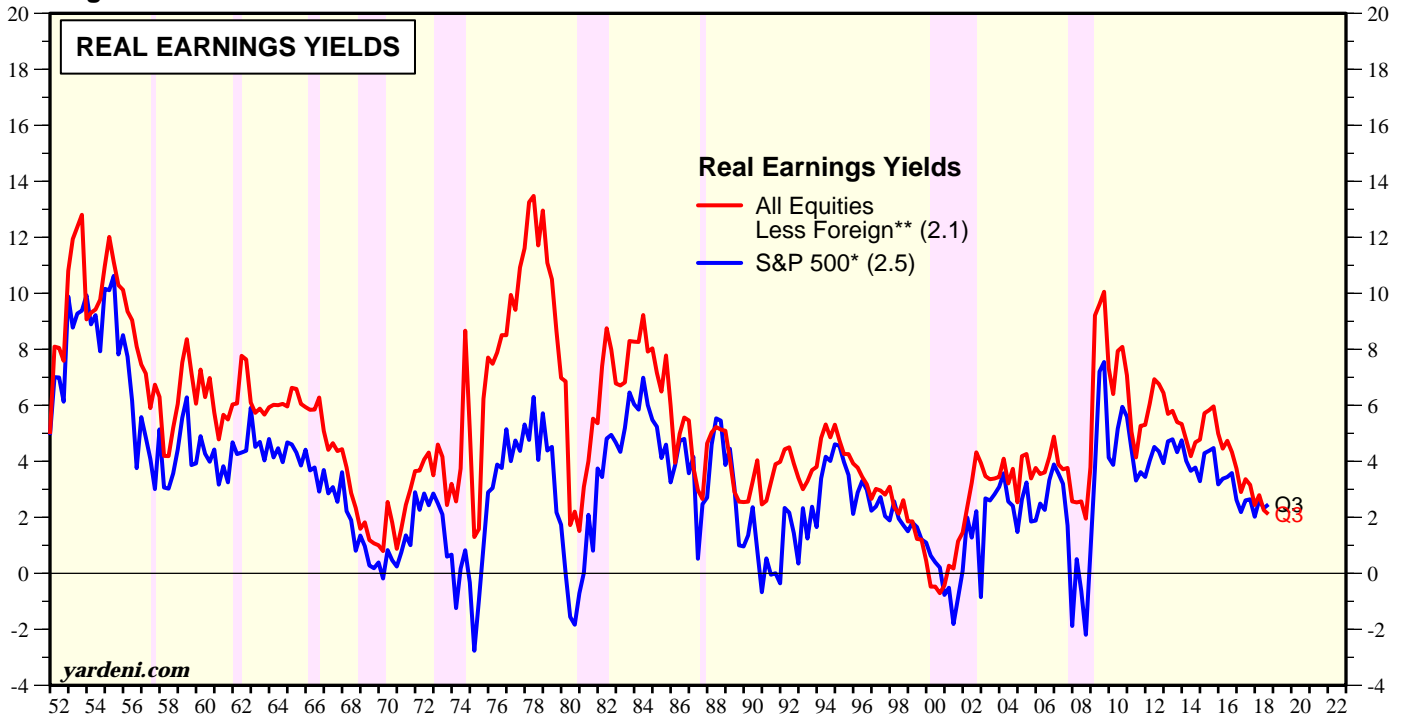
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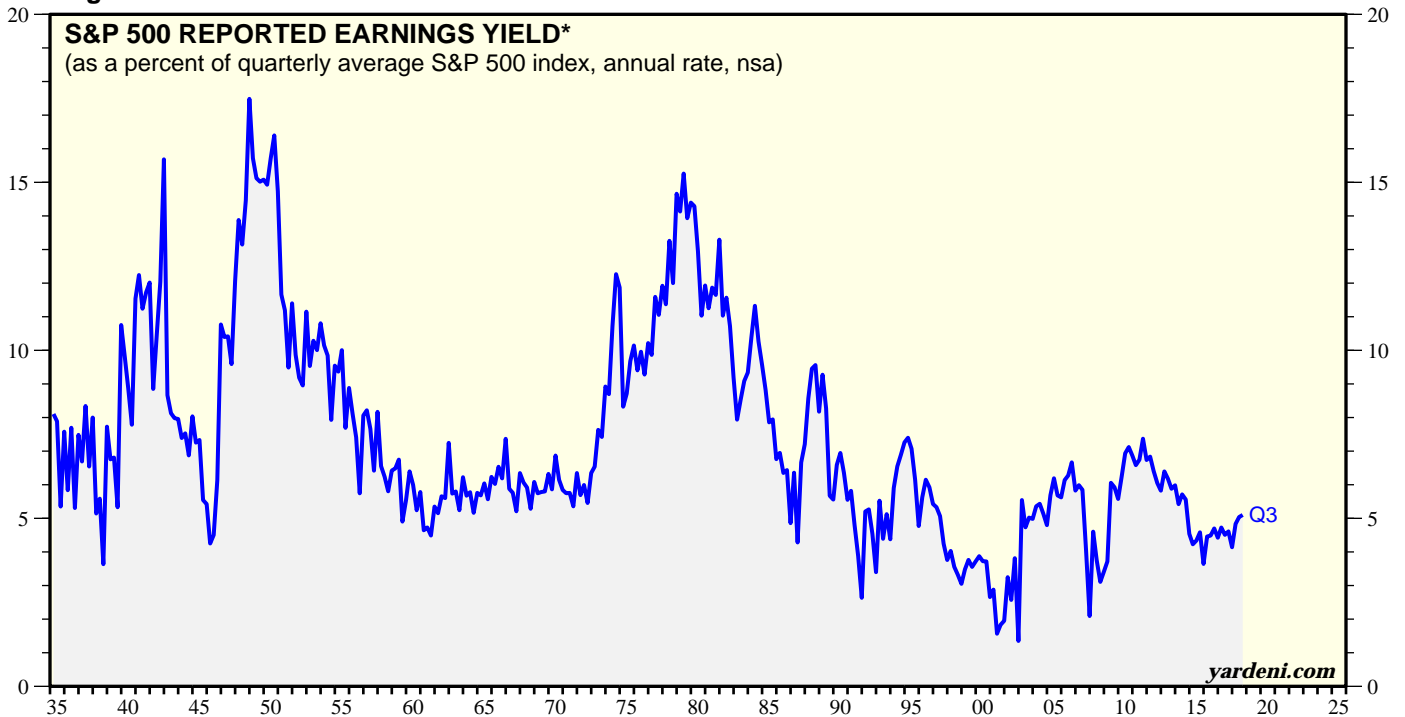
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\* After-tax corporate profits as reported to the IRS as a percent of market value of US equities traded in the US excluding foreign issues minus CPI inflation rate (y/y in quarterly using 3-ma). \*\* S&P 500 reported earnings as a percent of quarterly average S&P 500 index minus CPI inflation rate (y/y in quarterly using 3-ma). Q4-2008 dropped because of negative value.  
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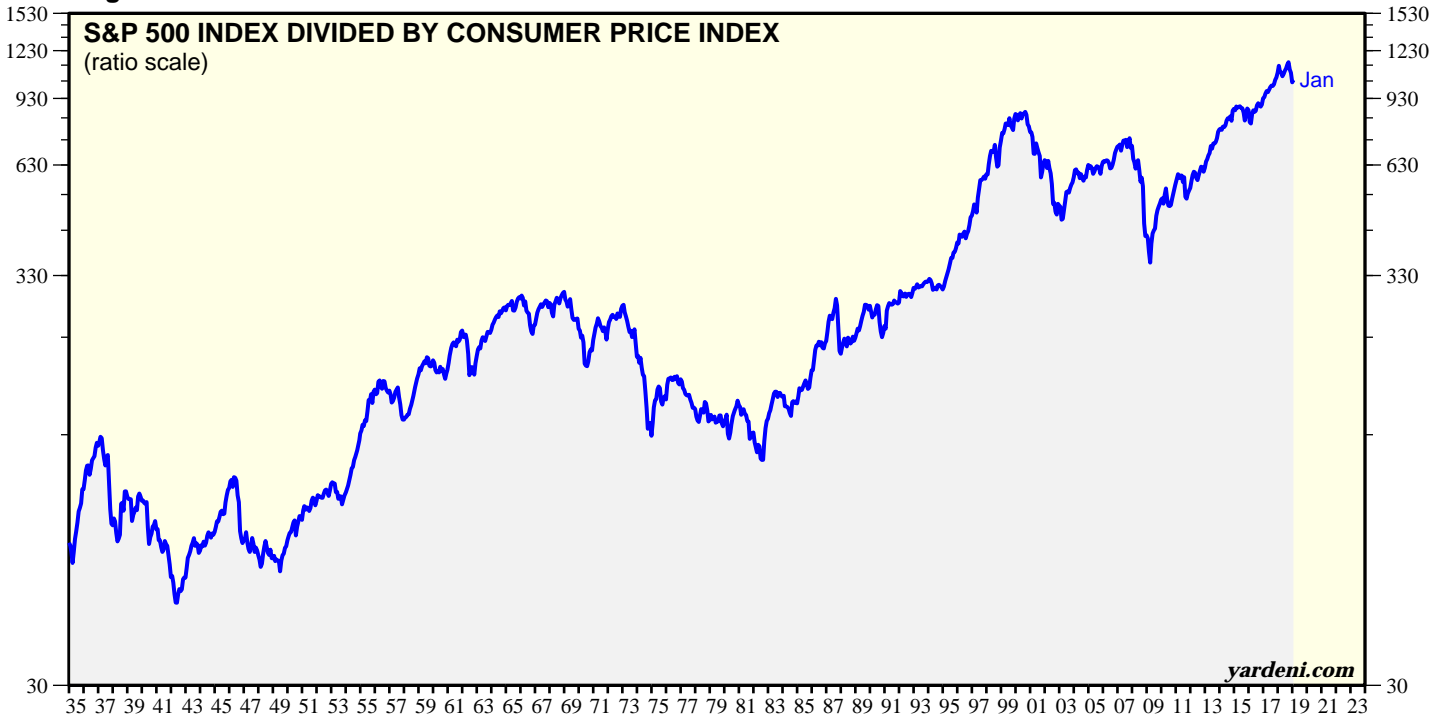
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\* S&P 500 reported earnings as a percent of quarterly average S&P 500 index. Q4-2008 dropped because of negative value.  
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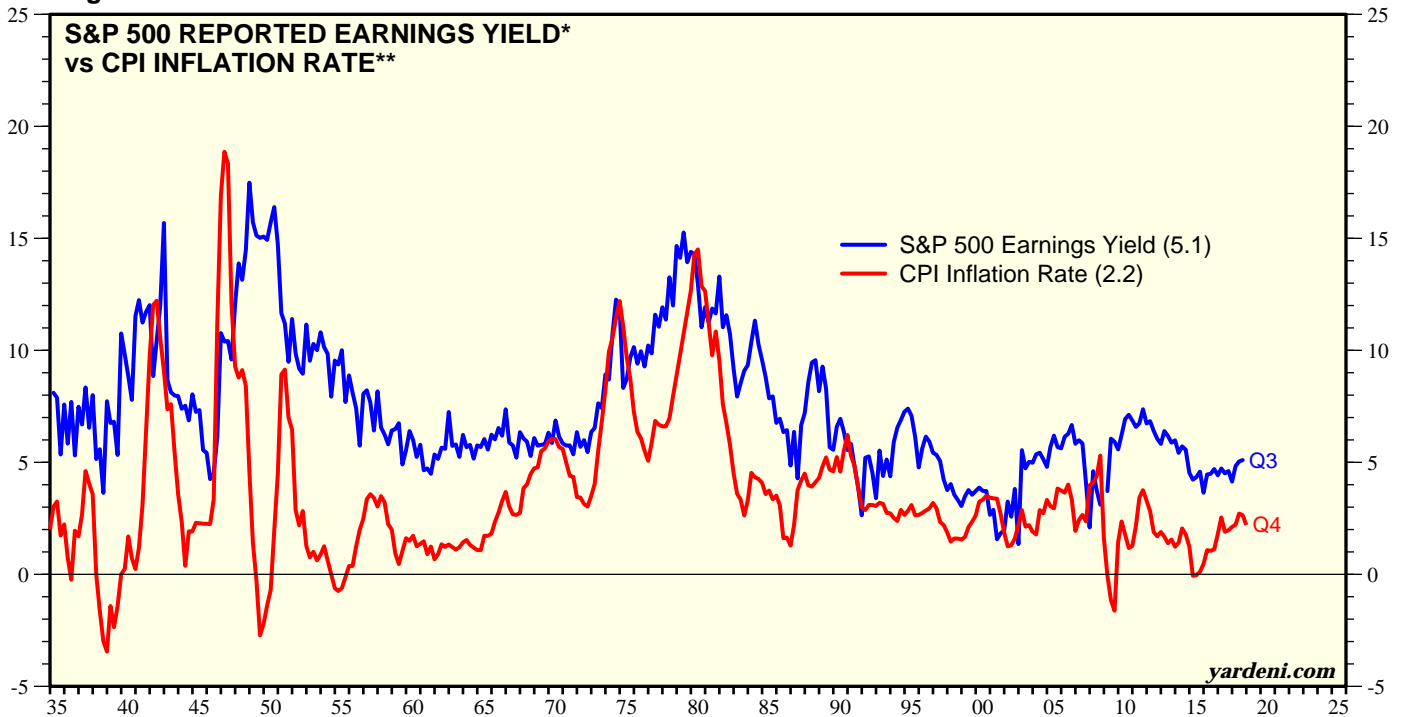
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Source: Standard & Poor's and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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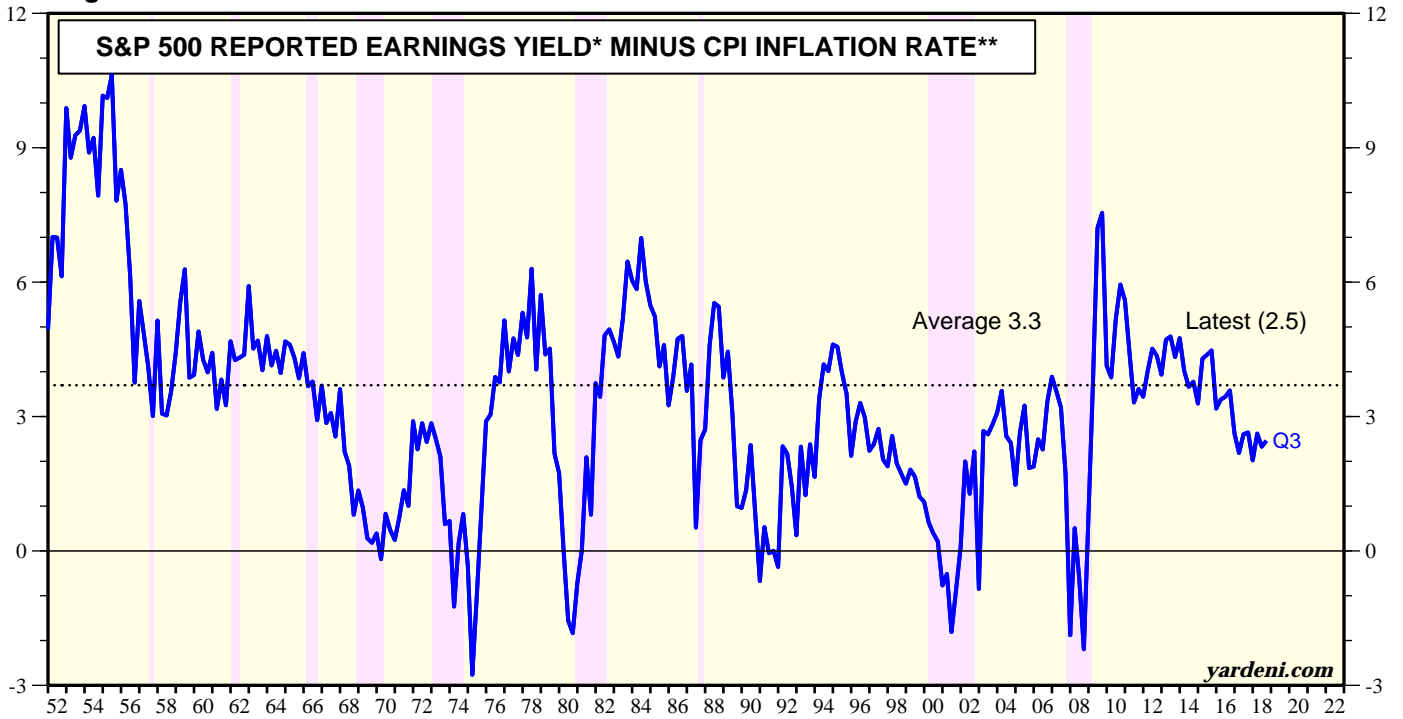
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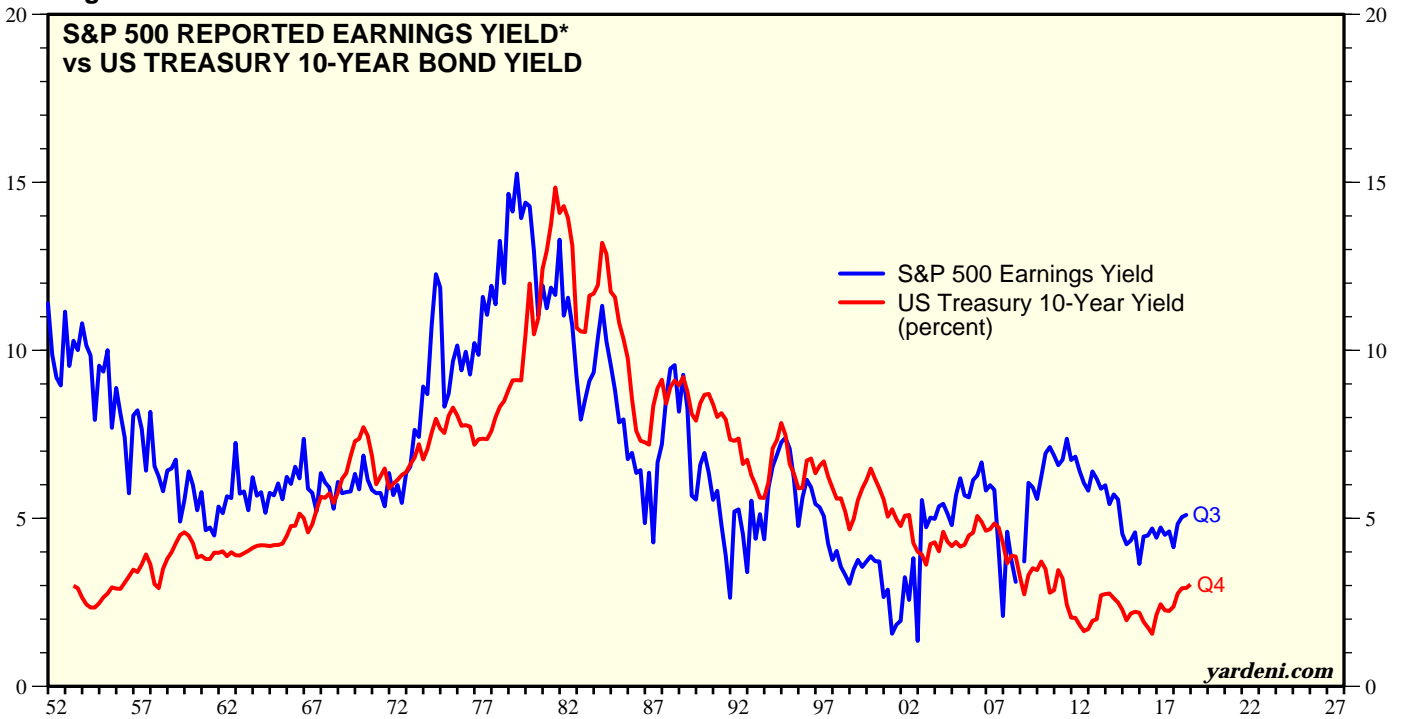
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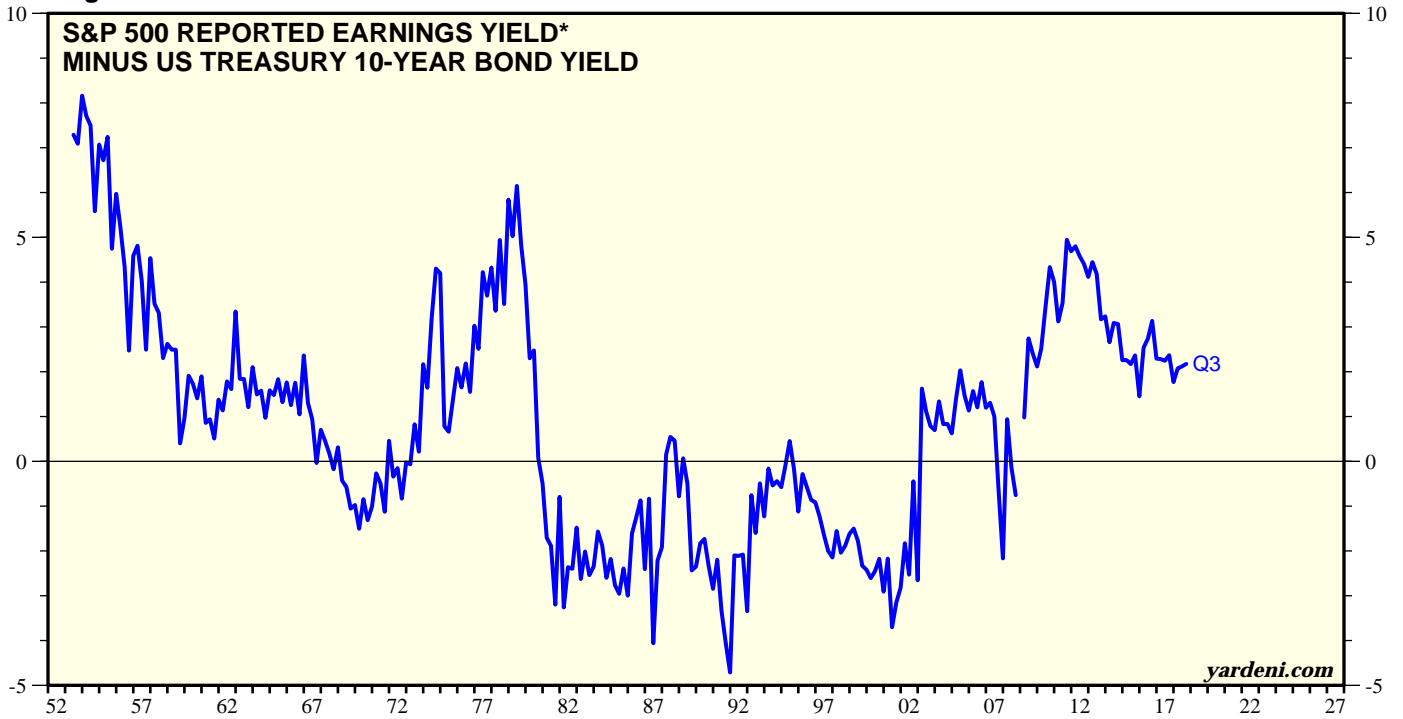
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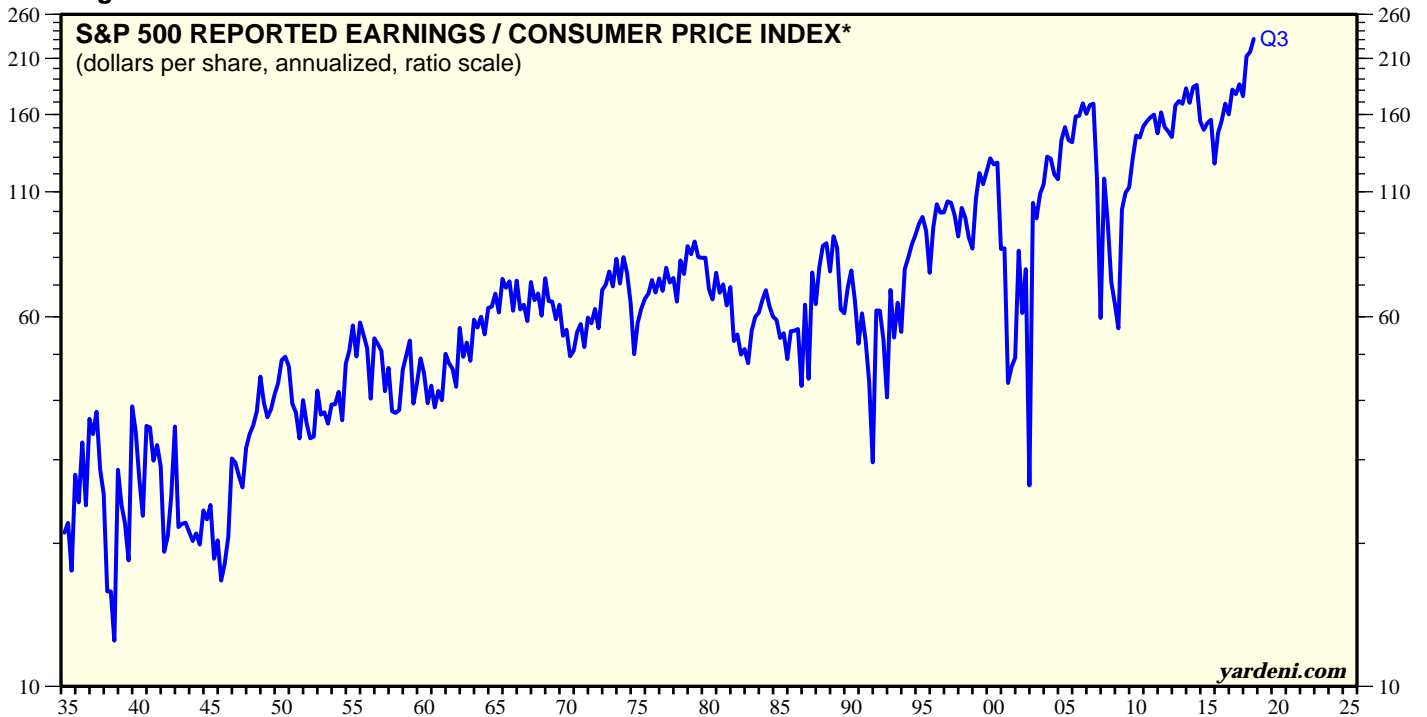
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\* S&P 500 reported earnings as a percent of quarterly average S&P 500 index. Q4-2008 dropped because of negative value.  
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Figure 10.



\* S&P 500 reported earnings divided by consumer price index (three-month average of each quarter). Q4-2008 dropped because of negative value.  
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