

Stock Market Briefing: S&P 500 Trailing P/E Ratios

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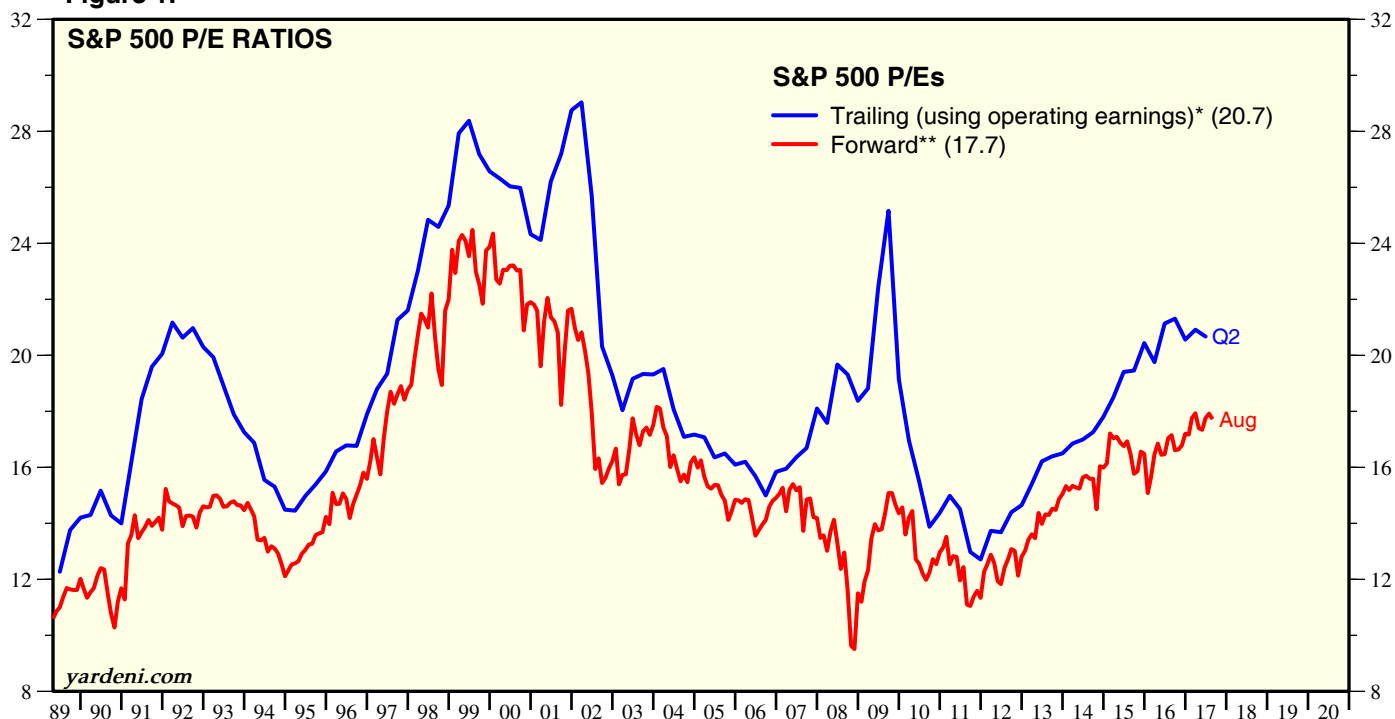
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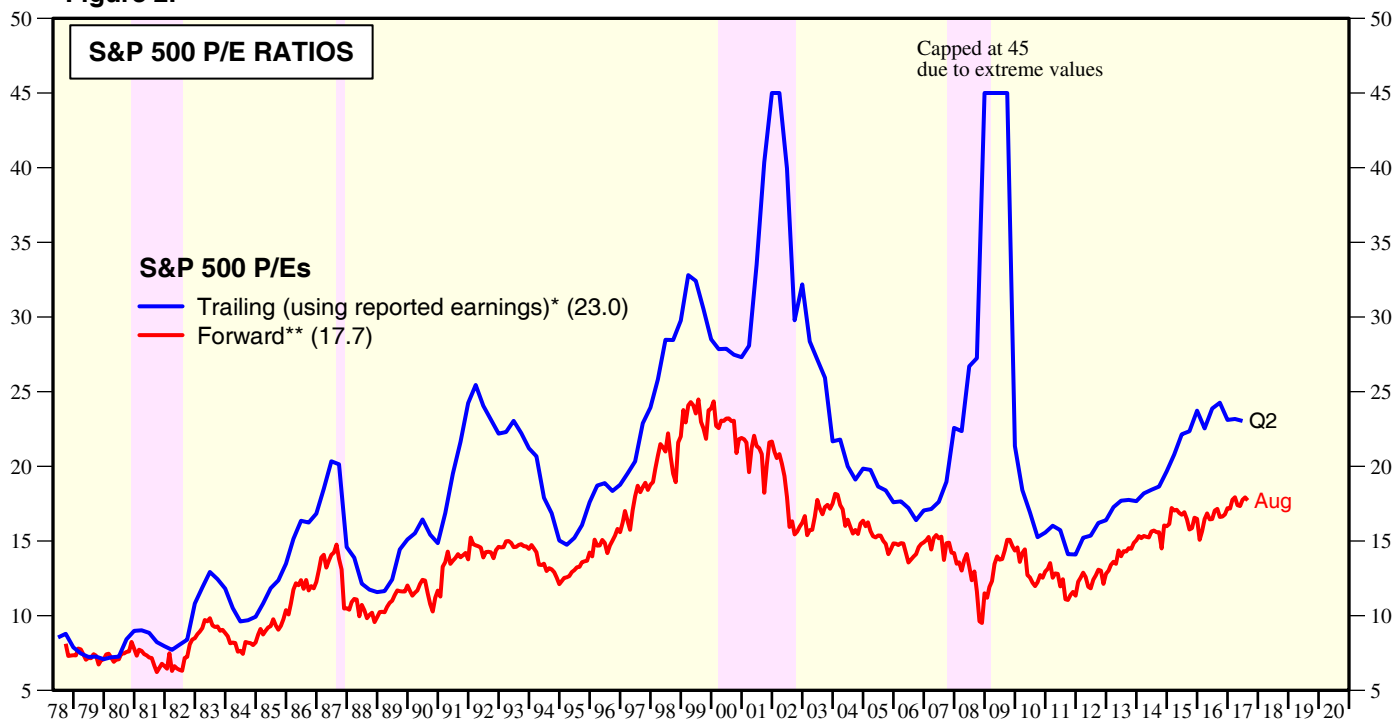


* Using 4-quarter trailing operating earnings.

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Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S and Standard & Poor's.

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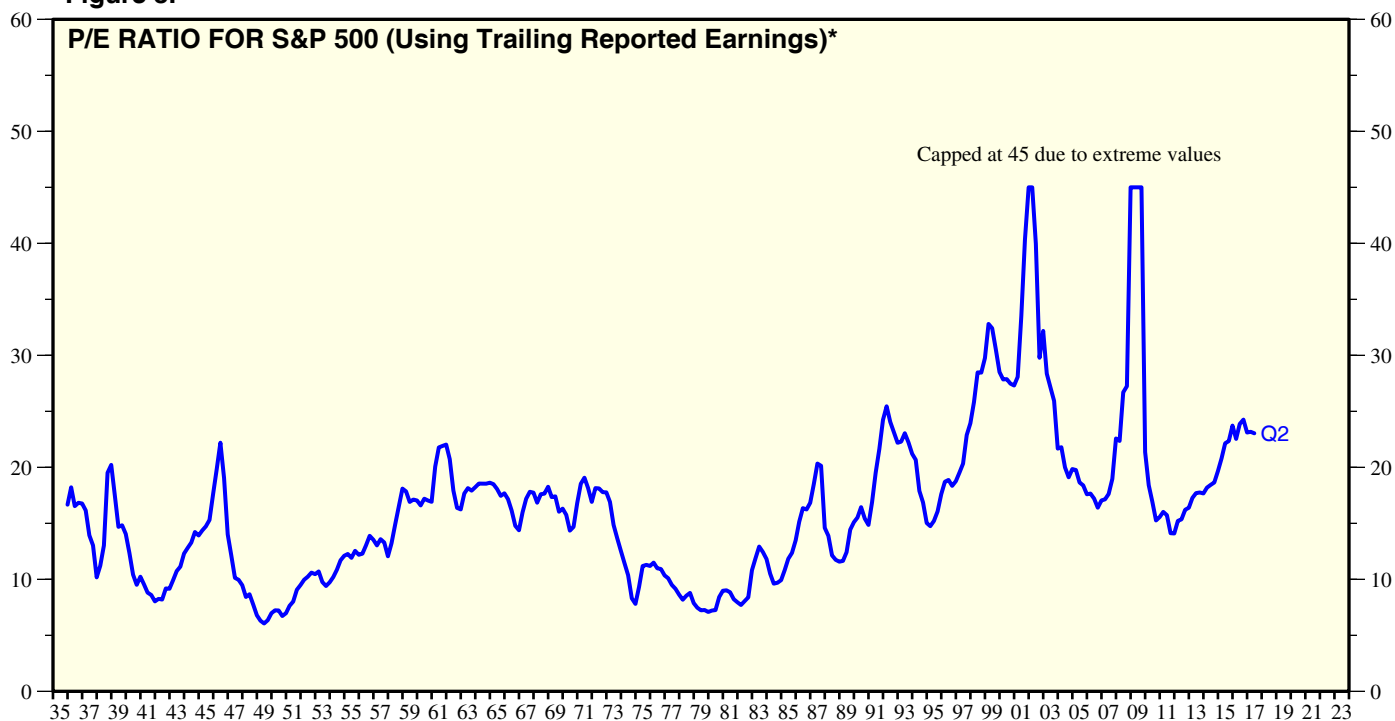
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Note: Shaded red areas denote S&P 500 bear market declines of 20% or more. Yellow areas show bull markets.

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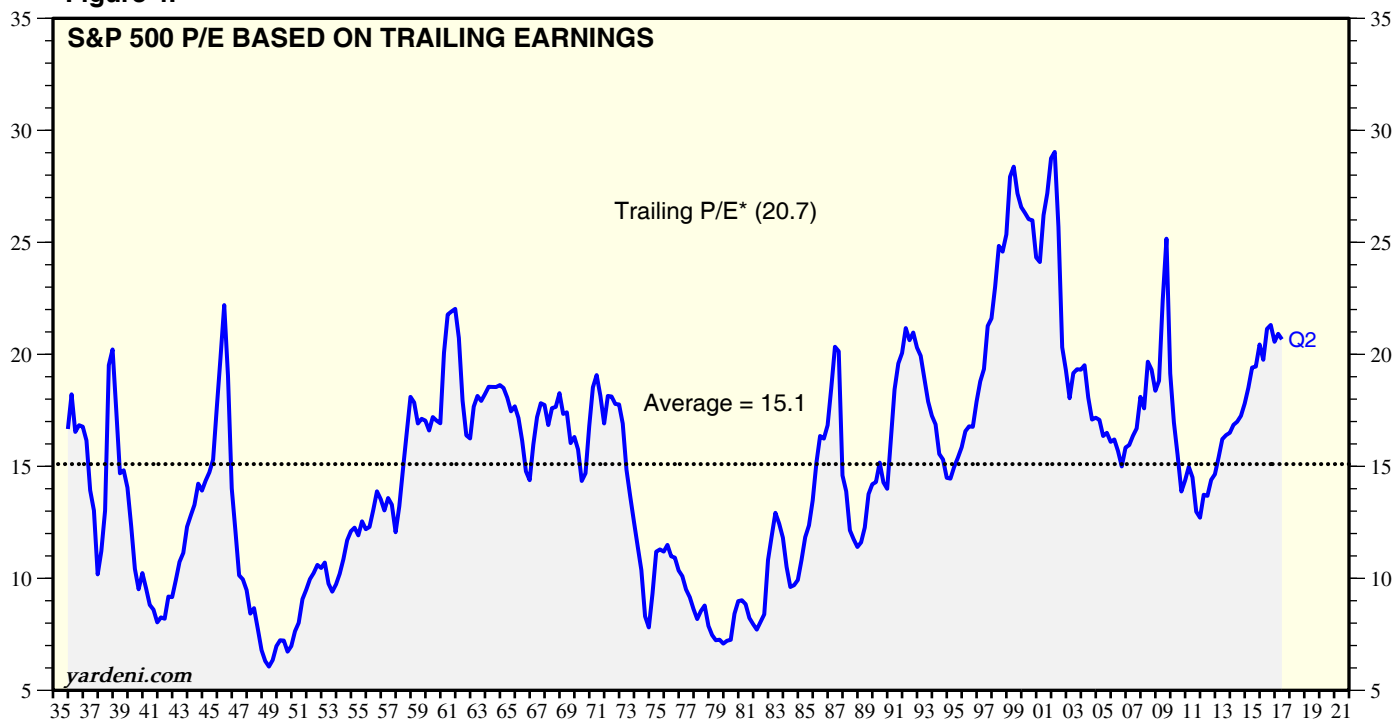
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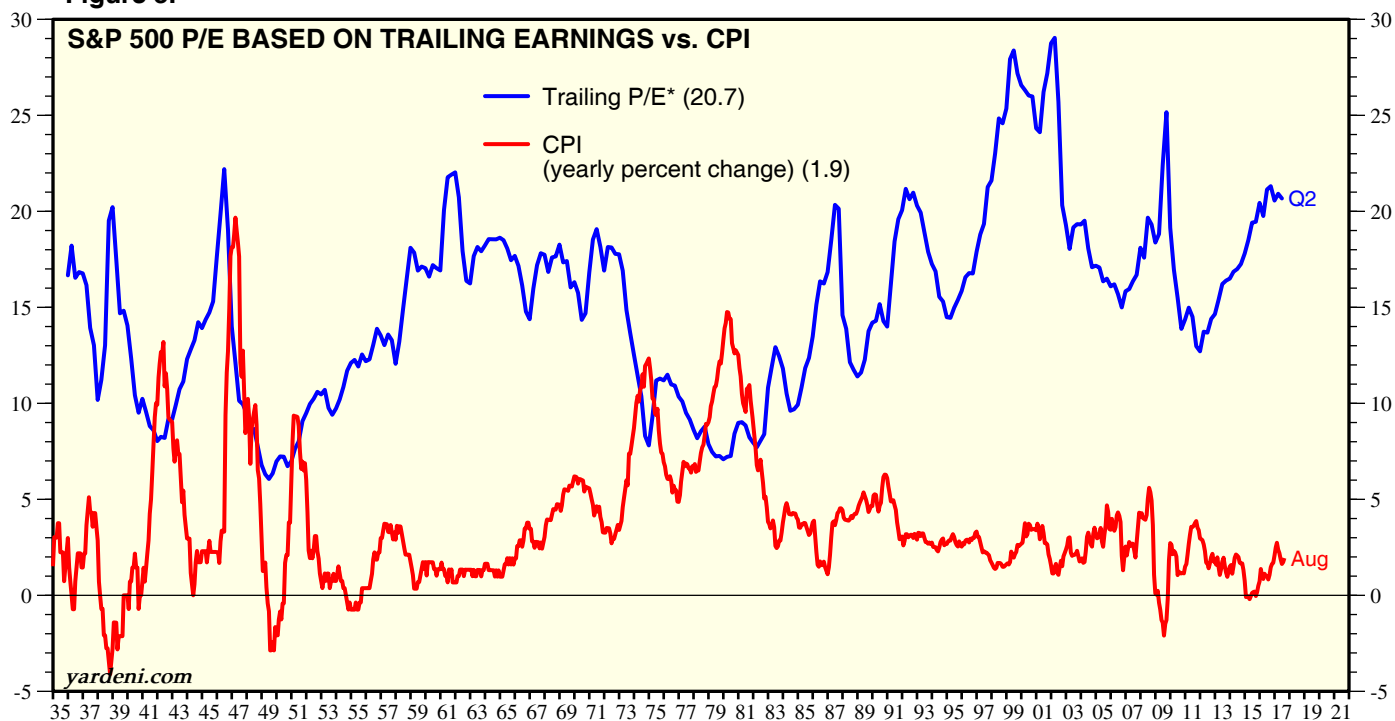
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Source: Standard & Poor's.

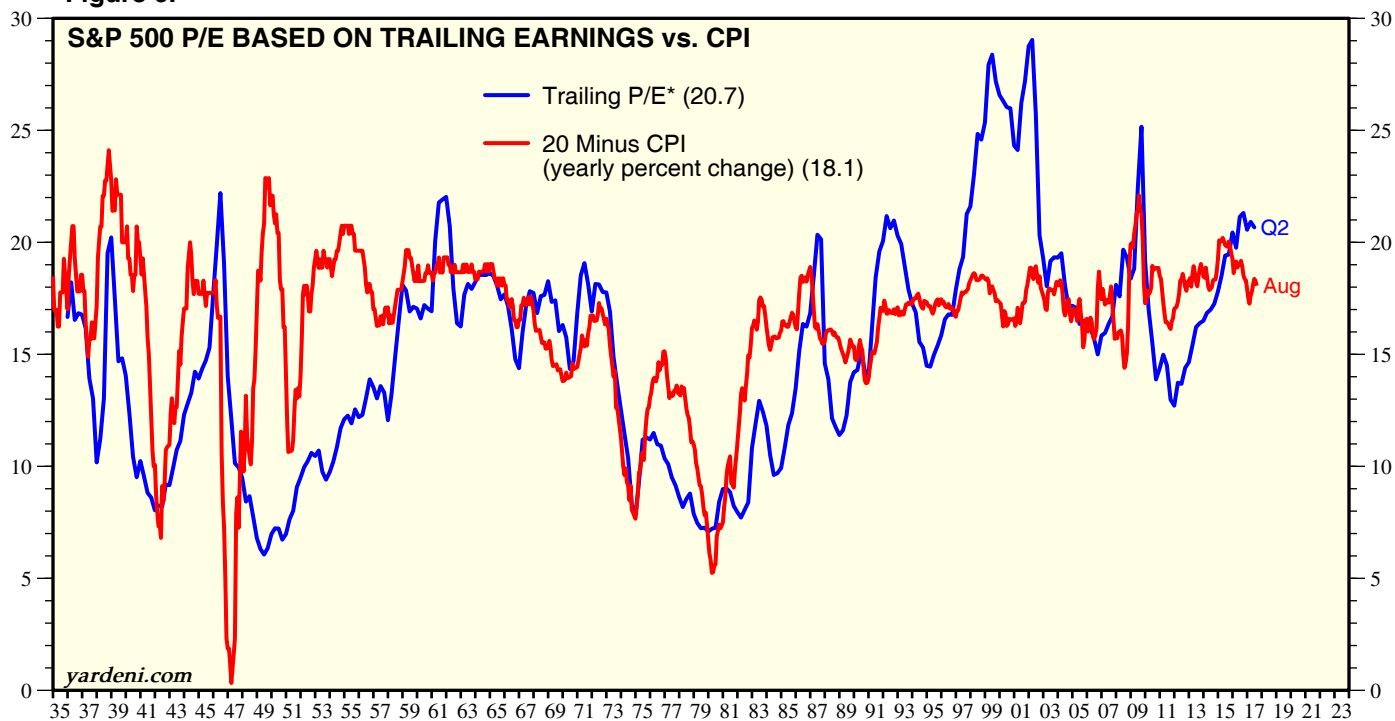
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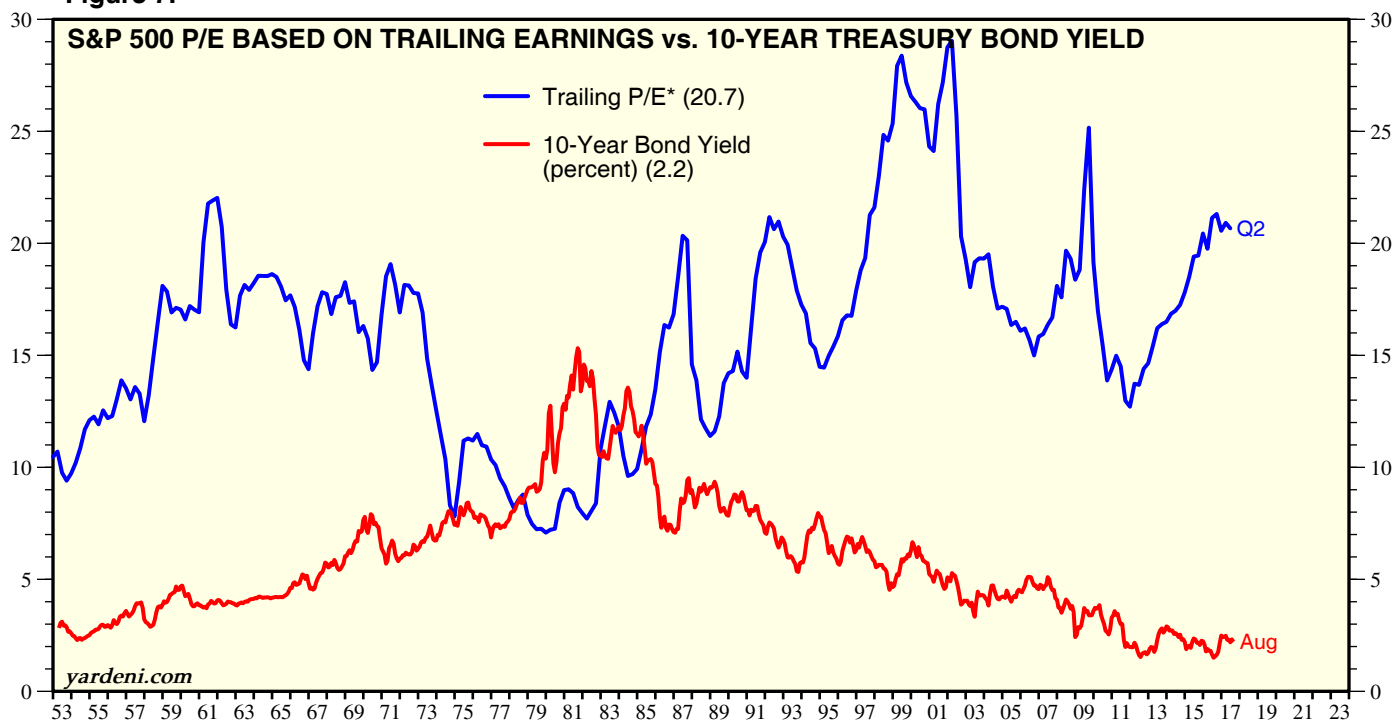
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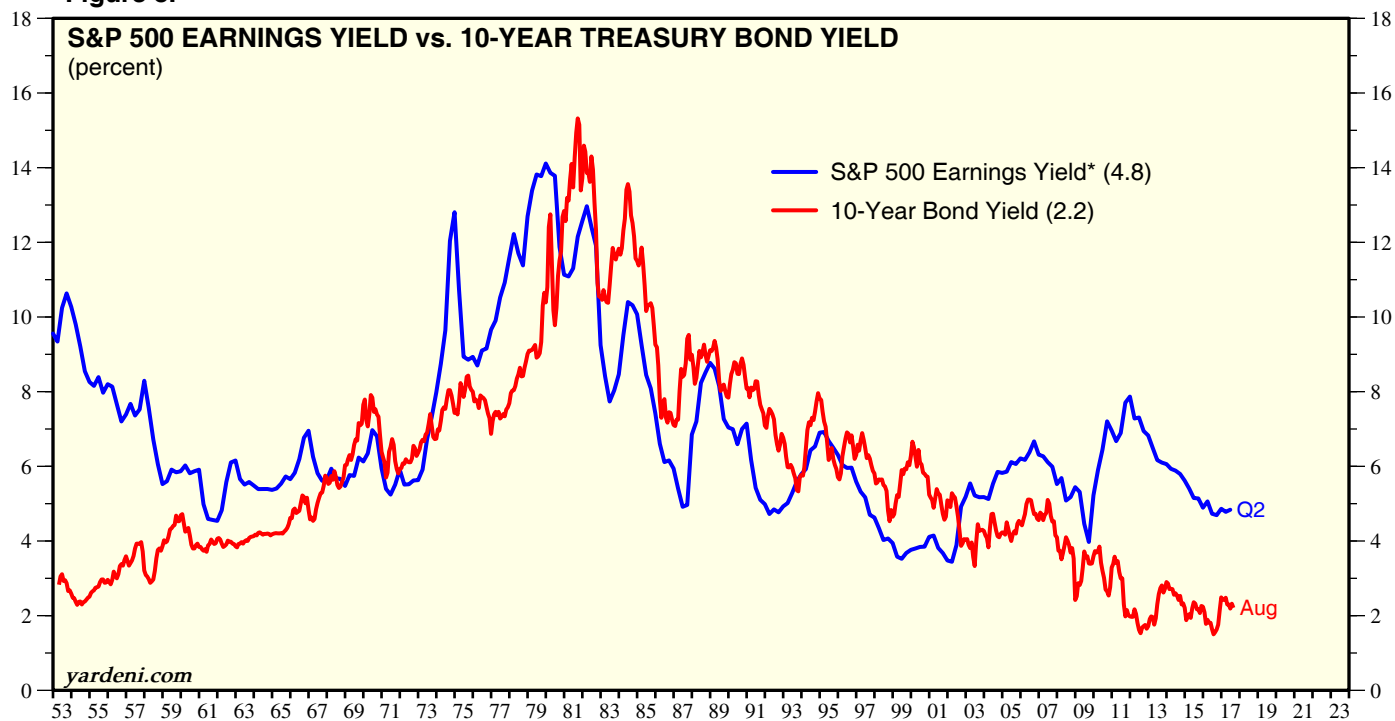
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* Using quarterly average of daily data for S&P 500 price index, and 4-quarter trailing reported earnings through Q3-1988, then operating earnings. Source: Standard & Poor's and Federal Reserve Board.

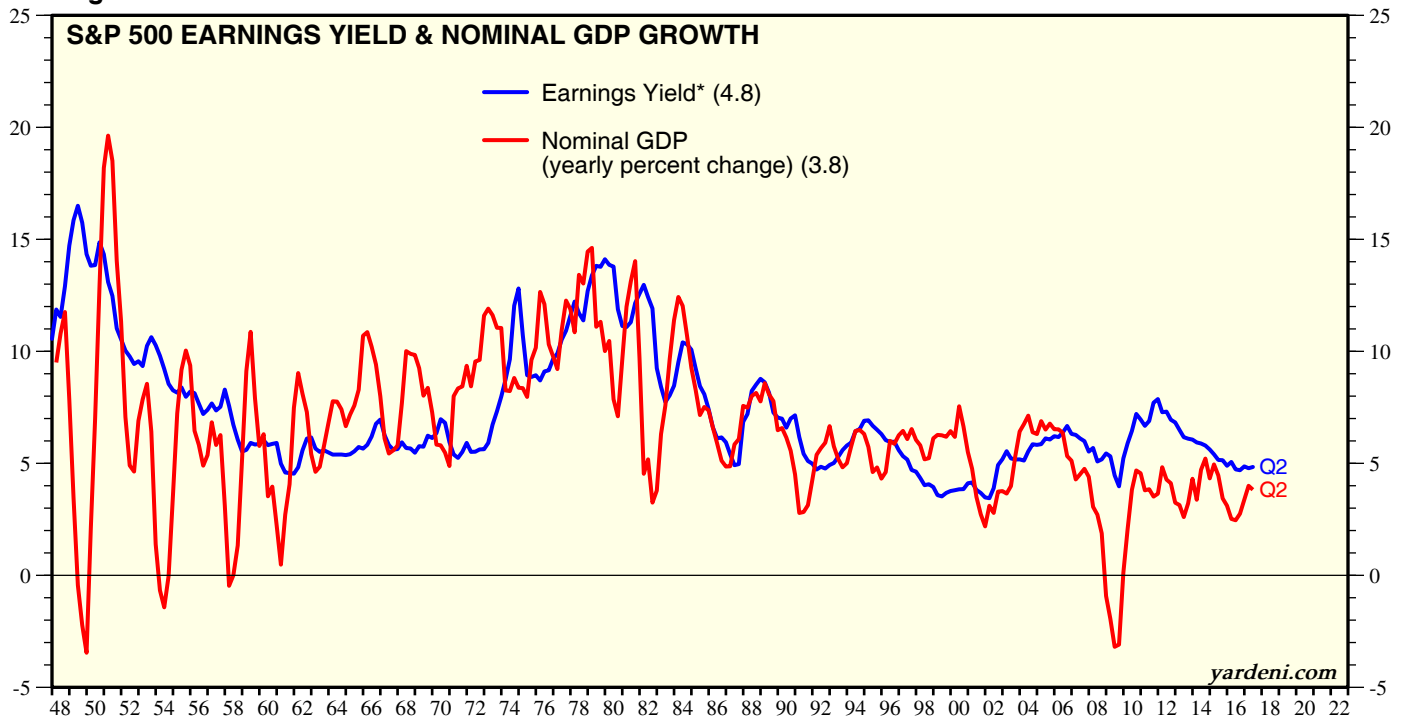
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* S&P 500 trailing earnings divided by stock price index. Using quarterly average of daily data for S&P 500 price index, and 4-quarter trailing reported earnings through Q3-1988, then operating earnings.
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