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How has the fall of Bitcoin punished global liquidity/wealth?

- Bitcoin is now down by more than 63% from its all-time highs reached in December
- A staggering \$220 billion in market cap has been erased in a little over one month.
- Of course, the fall does not leave anyone indifferent. But think well of what happened. We've had plenty of negative coverage:
 - Numerous reports about how governments, such as South Korea's (one of Bitcoins best markets), have been cracking down on Bitcoin exchanges, miners, and other crucial factors in Bitcoin's infrastructure.
 - Then there are the hacks. The cyber thieves that have made off with hundreds of millions in someone else's Bitcoins.
 - 3. Also numerous stories about consumers taking out cheap credit to buy expensive Bitcoins

My question is: Is Bitcoin doomed to deflate into nothingness?

I am not in a position to answer this question today. But let me tell you something. If society (and the investment community), as a whole, continues perceiving Bitcoin just as an asset (and not money), then it will probably continue trading like the worthless instrument so many of its skeptics claimed it to be.

To change this, it would be necessary for some official regulator (preferably a prominent one) to contemplate today the possibility of the Bitcoin sharing the status of official money. Something that, given the dynamics in terms of global demands on transparency, I see it fairly complicated.

