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Our Speakers

Host

Jim Armstrong
Director, Fidelity Investments
Jim Armstrong is a director with Fidelity's Client Solutions Business team. Prior to this role, he was a marketing director, focused on creating educational content for workplace participants to help with retirement planning and other financial wellness topics. Formerly, Jim distinguished himself as an Emmy-winning journalist, spending 17 years as a television reporter for network affiliates around the country.

Special guest panelists

Jurrien Timmer
Director of Global Macro, Fidelity Investments
Jurrien Timmer is the director of Global Macro at Fidelity Investments. In this role, he is part of Fidelity's Global Asset Allocation group, where he specializes in asset allocation and global macro strategy. Additionally, he is responsible for analyzing market trends and synthesizing investment perspectives across Asset Management to generate market strategy insights for the media as well as for Fidelity's clients.

Leanna Devinney, CFP®
Vice President, Branch Leader, Fidelity Investments
Leanna Devinney is responsible for leading one of Fidelity's Investor Centers. In this role, she offers our clients financial and investment guidance, including one-on-one retirement planning, wealth management, income strategies, and college planning services as well as integrated employer benefits solutions.

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Make the Most of Extra Payments

Snowball Method	Avalanche Method
Start with the smallest loan.	Start with the highest interest rate.
Put extra payments toward the loan with the smallest balance until it's paid off.	Put extra payments toward the loan with the highest interest rate until it's paid off.
Then move to the next smallest loan. Pay the minimum plus the amount you were paying on the first loan.	Then move to the loan with the next highest interest rate. Pay the minimum plus the amount you were paying on the first loan.
Keep going until all your debts are paid off.	
Benefit: Helps build momentum and it's satisfying to see $0 balances.	Benefit: May save the most on interest, especially if your loans have a wide range of rates.

[1] Consumer Price Index as of 2/14/2023.

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