

American stock indexes were divergent on Friday. The day before, U.S. President Joe Biden approved a new stimulus package, and investors were securing recent days' profits for most positions.

As at 7:15 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 index lost about 0.4%, Dow Jones, in contrast, grew by 0.5%, and NASDAQ technology index dropped 1.5%.

Key indicators as of Friday evening (March 12th, 2021):

- S&P 500: -0.4%
- Dow Jones: +0.5%
- NASDAQ: -1.5%
- IMOEX: +0.88%; RTSI: +0.95%
- Gold: \$1,710 (-0.7%)
- Copper: \$9,062 (+0.03%)
- Brent: \$69.44 (-0.27%)
- USD/RUB: RUB 73.4 (+0.05%)

Under the new bill, most Americans will be receiving direct payments from the government already next weekends. The amount will be **\$1,400** per individual. As the experts say, a part of this money may go to stock market.

This may support the market the next week. However, we shouldn't rush into conclusions as the market has been highly volatile recently. This trend may well continue.

The resumed growth of U.S. Government bonds yield puts pressure on the market today as well. Ten-year U.S. Treasuries bond yield at the moment is about 1.61% as compared to 1.54% as of Thursday closing.

Consumer confidence index in the U.S. increased in March to the maximum for the last 12 months; however, the market ignored that. The indicator reached **83 points** as compared to **76.8 points** in February. The experts expected the index to grow to **78.5 points**.

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