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(**What follows is a "combo" of comments gathered from … Forbes / USA Today / J.P. Morgan / Financial Post, and other reliable sources**)

Are we "really" Headed for >> a CASHLESS Society?

Nope. We might "use" less cash, but our society still has a long, long way to go, before it is totally, and completely, CASHLESS. A "total" PLASTIC world is not on the horizon.

And just because some stores didn't want to accept DOLLAR BILLS for a while (and, maybe they still don't) - the "transition" to a CASHLESS Society is "ongoing".

However, it faces "significant challenges". And while many businesses are increasingly accepting DIGITAL payments - a true CASHLESS Society would completely eliminate physical cash, and coins - replacing them with a government-backed DIGITAL currency.

Currently, NO country is fully "cashless". The U.S. is "exploring" the idea of - a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) … but this is a "future potential" only.

In CANADA - 79% are saying they have NO plans to stop using CASH (taken from the Bank of Canada's 2025 "Methods-of-Payment Survey" – the evidence is strong, that CASH remains a cornerstone of Canada's payment system).

Despite the preference - by many - for "more" VIRTUAL / INTERNET / CREDIT CARD transcations … concerns about privacy, government control, and financial exclusion, are still prevalent … as CASHLESS transactions can … for just one example … "exclude" those who are seniors, unbanked, or unfamiliar with, DIGITAL payments.

The COVID pandemic greatly "accelerated" the shift towards CASHLESS transactions (Credit Cards / Online Transactions / etc) - but many people still prefer "physical cash" for personal, and privacy, reasons.

Overall, while CASH usage is declining, the transition to a CASHLESS Society is far from complete … there are still many critical "barriers" that need to be addressed …

Bottom Line - We'll be using a COMBO - of "both" CASH + PLASTIC - for some time.