Countries may use demonetization to achieve specific policy goals

Zimbabwe responded to the hyperinflation of the early 2000's by implementing large-scale demonetization in 2009 in an attempt to correct for the devalued currency. To curtail black market exchanges, India and Venezuela have recently abandoned older paper currencies and replaced them with notes that are more difficult to counterfeit.

Gross Domestic Savings (% of GDP)

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