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# Stocks End the Day in an Ugly Way After Fed Minutes Show Taper Talk Is Serious

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The selloff was broad. About 83% of S&P 500 stocks fell on the day, according to FactSet. This dynamics often reflects concern about how the market will perform without the Fed there to support it.