

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Fall 2022 Contemporary Economic Policy Issues

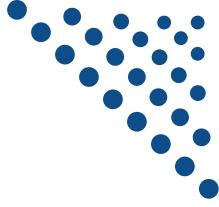
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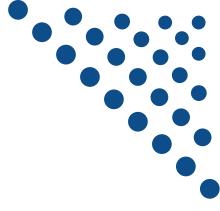


Contemporary Economic Policy

- Week 1 (9/23): Economic Update (Jon Haveman, NEED)
- Week 2 (9/30): Trade and Globalization (Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan)
- Week 3 (10/7): Autonomous Vehicles (Jon Haveman, NEED)
- Week 4 (10/14): Climate Change Economics (Sarah Jacobson, Williams College)
- Week 5 (10/21): The Federal Debt (Joseph Carolan, Oakland University)
- Week 6 (10/28): Trade Deficit and Exchange Rates (Alan Deardorff, Univ. of Michigan)

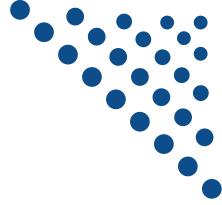


Submitting Questions



- Please submit questions of clarification in the chat.
 - I will try to handle them as they come up.
- We will do a verbal Q&A once the material has been presented.
- OLLI allowing, we can stay beyond the end of class to have further discussion.
- Slides will be available from the NEED website tomorrow (https://needelegation.org/delivered_presentations.php)





Trade and Globalization

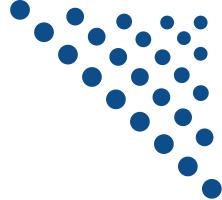
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How Russia-Ukraine war impacts globalization

- War itself disrupts trade, especially exports of

Ukraine: wheat

Russia: wheat, oil

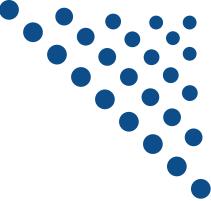
- Economic sanctions by governments disrupt

Financial linkages

Trade

- Private companies stop dealing with Russia





Financial sanctions by US, EU, UK, and others

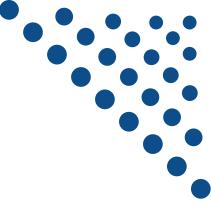
- Frozen foreign-held assets of individuals, Putin and dozens of others
- Restrictions on Russia's Central Bank's use of international reserves
- Several Russian banks removed from the Swift international payments system
- Cut off many Russian banks from transactions and operations
- Long list of Russian companies banned or restricted
- Possible restrictions on Russia borrowing from IMF and World Bank



Trade sanctions by governments

- Oil and other energy
 - Germany puts Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline on hold
 - US bans from Russia
 - UK to phase out Russian oil by end of 2022
 - EU to become independent from Russia by 2030
- EU bans steel imports from Russia
- US restricts exports to Russia, especially technology and military; later also to Belarus; later also luxury goods
- EU and UK impose export restrictions similar to US
- Ban on Russian air carriers by Canada, EU, US, UK
- G-7 to revoke Russia's most favored nation status
 - Permits them to raise tariffs on Russian goods







Russia Sanctions, Gov't



Countries		
Australia	Iceland	Singapore
Bahamas	Italy	Switzerland
Canada	Japan	Taiwan
EU	New Zealand	UK
Finland	Norway	US
France	Poland	
Germany	S Korea	

Source: Funakoshi et al, "Updated July 7, 2022" but

includes from July 29





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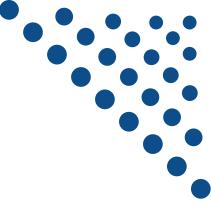
Russian Targets						
Airlines	2		Generals	1	Oligarchs	23
Banks	9		Government	1	Retail	1
Cnt. Banks	5		Lawmakers	2	Ships	5
Commodity	1		Lux. goods	1	Sv with fnd	1
Companies	19		Media	2	Tax service	1
Economy	3		Mil. Comps.	14	Tech	1
Entities	3		Mining	2	Transit	1
Finance	1		Oil	2		
Gas	1		Oil imports	6		

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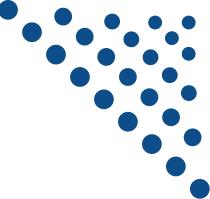


• Countries announcing they will <u>not</u> use sanctions against Russia:

NOT using sanctions		
India	Feb 24	
Mexico	Mar 1	
Brazil	Mar 1	
China	Mar 2	
Argentina	Mar 4	
Indonesia	Mar 9	
Turkey	Mar 13	
S Africa	Mar 17	
Serbia	Apr 21	

Source: Bown



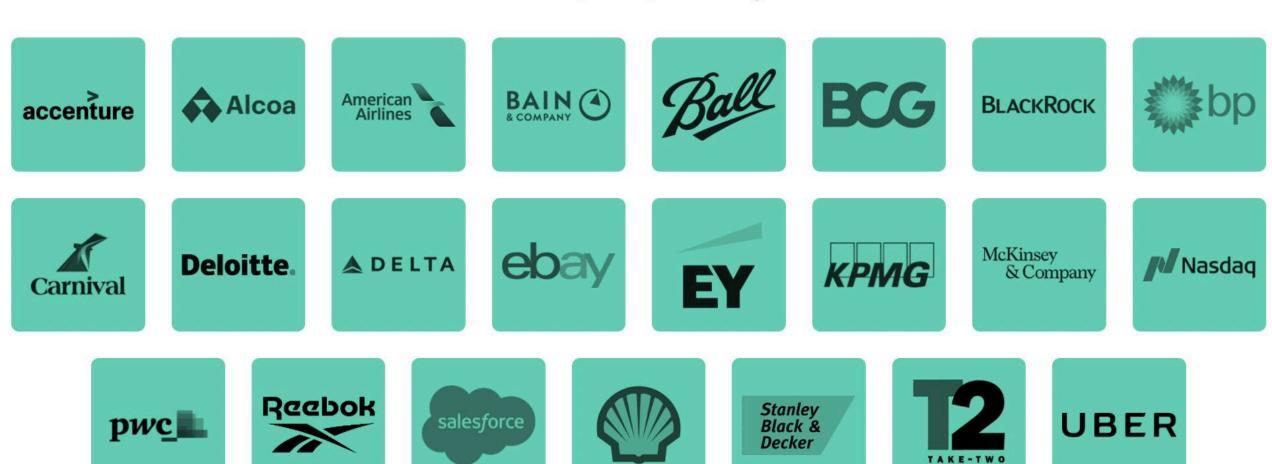


- Private Companies Stop Dealing in Russia, per NBC News updated Mar 16:
 - Automotive: Ford, GM, Toyota, ...
 - Aviation: Airbus, Boeing, American, Delta, United, ...
 - Energy: BP, ExxonMobil, Shell
 - Equipment: Caterpillar, Honeywell, Deere
 - Food & Bev: Burger King, Coke, McDonalds, Starbucks,...
 - Finance: Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Vanguard, ...
 - Consumer goods: Proctor & Gamble, Unilever, Mars, ...
 - Leisure: Airbnb, Hilton, Expedia, ...
 - Logistics: DHL, FedEx, Maersk, UPS
 - Media: Netflix, Roku, Disney, ...
 - Payment services: Amex, Visa, Western Union, ...
 - And many more: Consulting, Retail, Technology



Leaving Russia

253 companies, including ...



Suspending activity

248 companies, including ...









































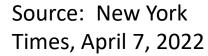








Sold all stores May 20. Stores will operate under new brand.













Scaling back activity

75 companies, including ...





























Halting investments

96 companies, including ...

























Staying the course

162 companies, including ...







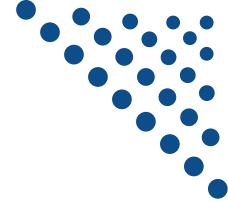








Effect of Sanctions

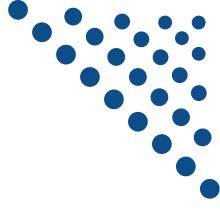


Too soon to know fully

- Will they stop Russia?
 - Clearly no, or at least not yet
 - Sanctions in the past have only sometimes worked
- Will they reduce trade?
 - They already have
 - But Russia's role in trade is not large in most products
 - Short-term effects are greater from the war itself



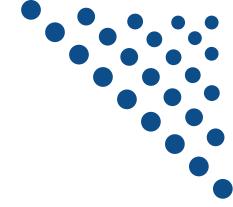




- What is Globalization?
- Pros and Cons of Trade
- Trade Policies
- The Role of Trade Agreements & WTO (if time)



What Globalizations Is

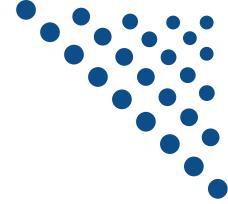


Growth over time of many interactions between countries

- Trade
- Global Value Chains
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Financial Flows
- International Travel
- Migration
- I will focus here on trade







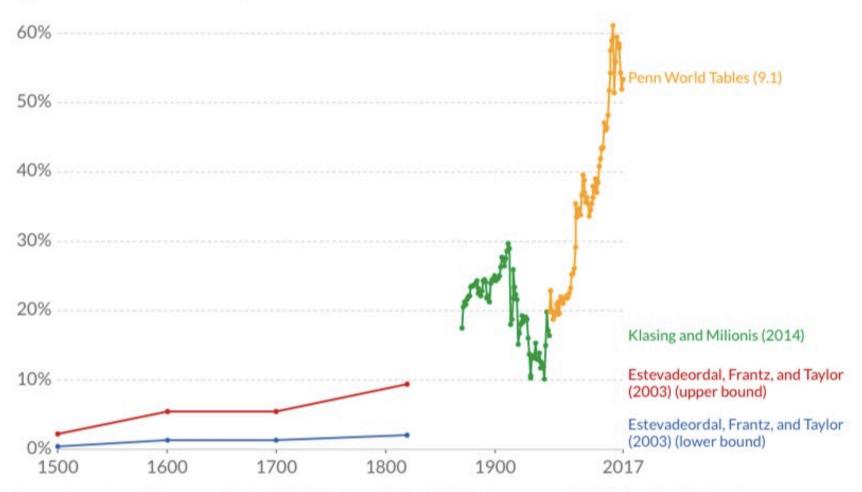
Trade



Globalization over 5 centuries



Shown is the "trade openness index". This index is defined as the sum of world exports and imports, divided by world GDP. Each series corresponds to a different source.

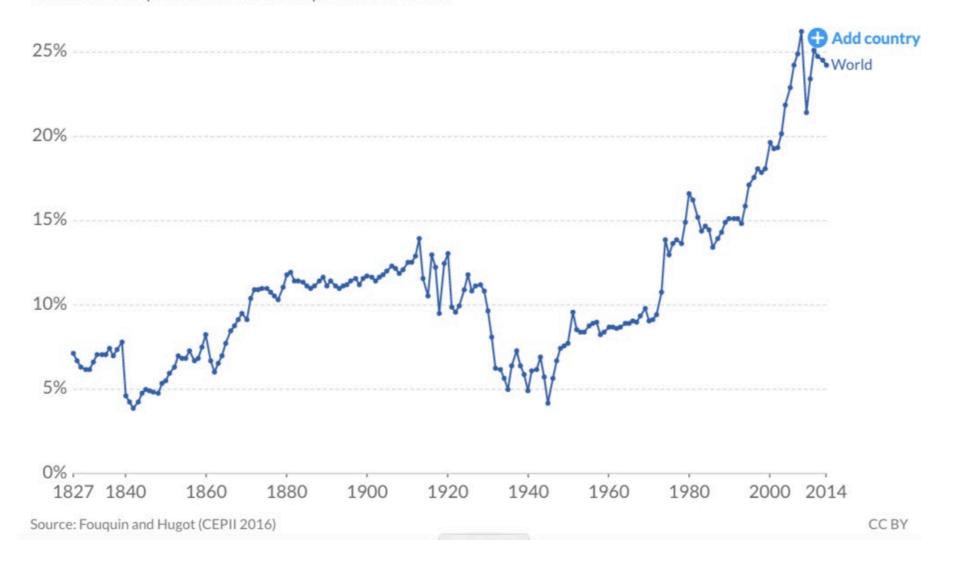


Source: Estevadeordal, Frantz, and Taylor (2003), Klasing and Milionis (2014), Feenstra et al. (2015) Penn World Tables 9.1

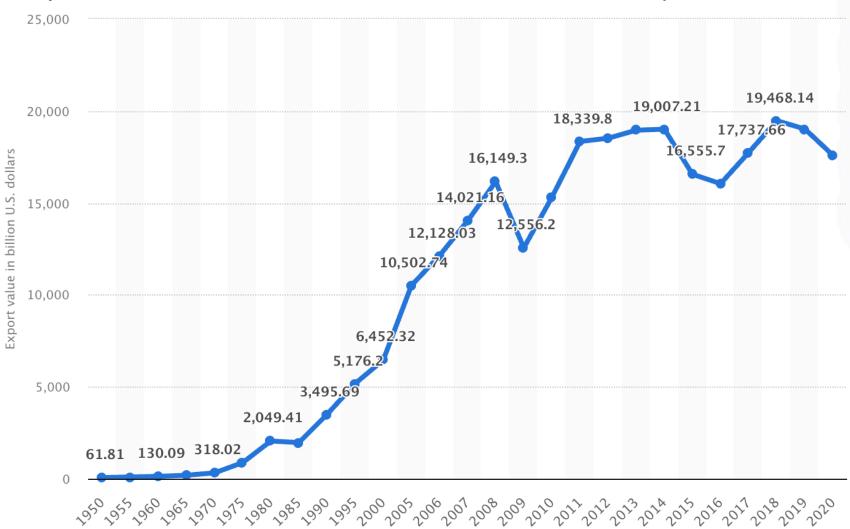
Value of exported goods as share of GDP

Our World in Data

Estimates correspond to merchandise export-to-GDP ratios.

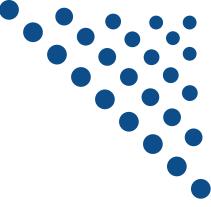


Export Volume Worldwide in Billions of US Dollars, 1950-2020



Source: Statista

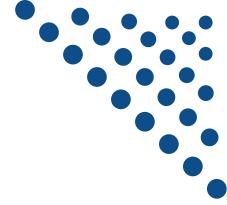




Global Value Chains



Effects on Economies

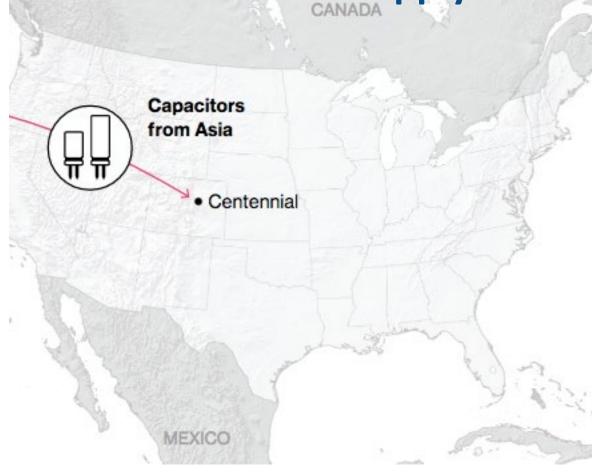


Supply Chains

- Globalization has created long and complex international supply chains

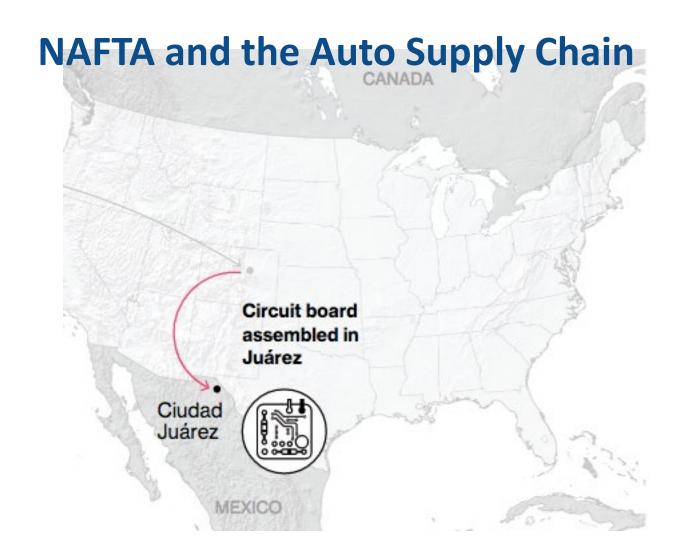






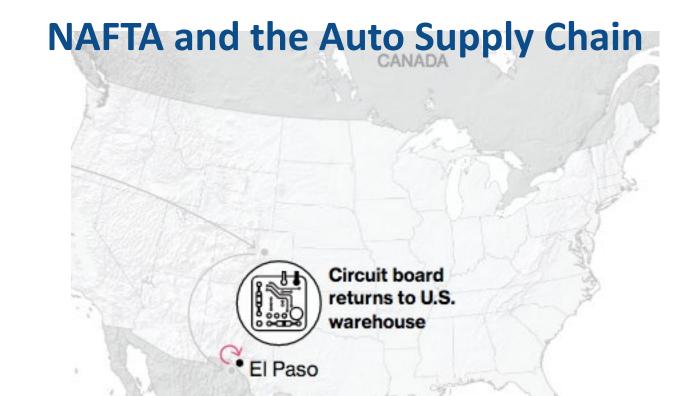






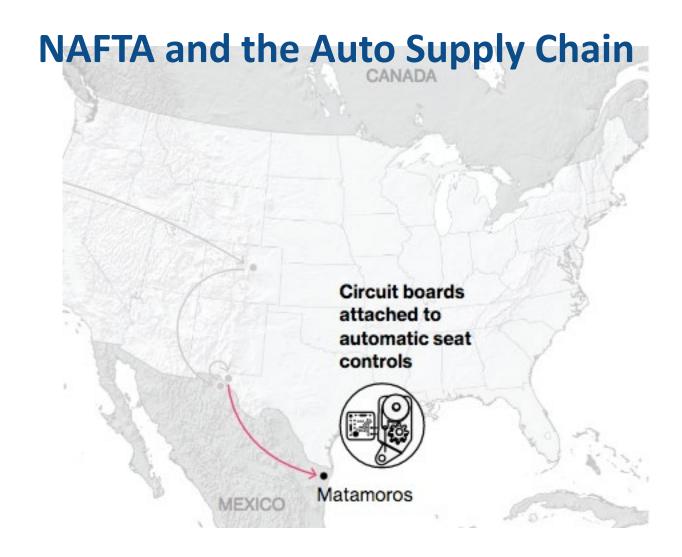






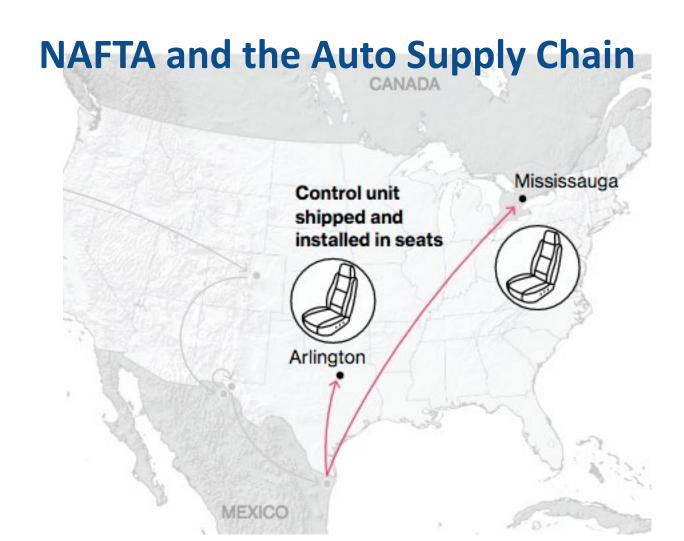
















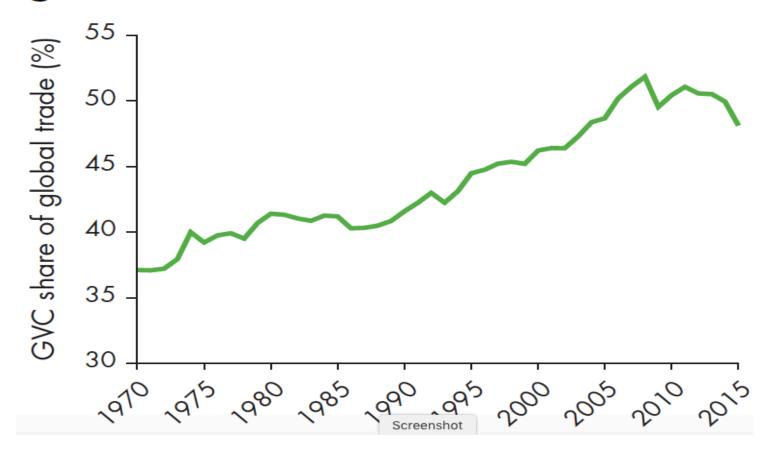






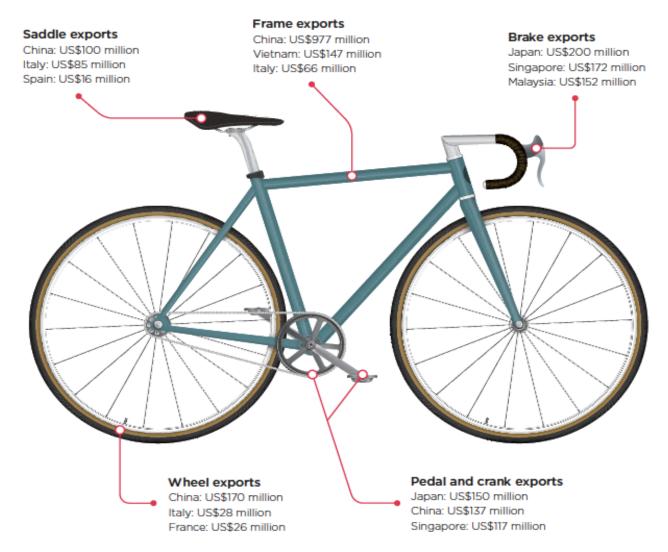
Growth of Global Value Chains, 1970-2015

Figure 1.2 GVC trade grew rapidly in the 1990s but stagnated after the 2008 global financial crisis



Source: World Development Report 2020

Figure 1.1 Where do bicycles come from?



Countries mentioned:

- China
- France
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Spain
- Vietnam

Source: World Development Report 2020



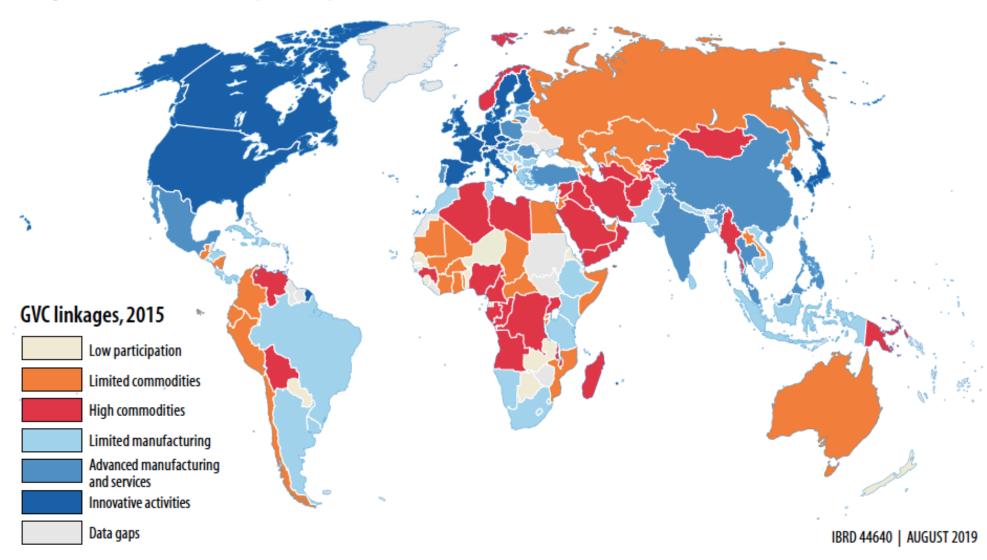
• Example: The iPhone assembled in China from parts:

Part	Come from
Accelerometers	Germany, the US, South Korea, China, Japan, and Taiwan.
Audio chips	US, UK, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Singapore.
Batteries	Samsung (South Korea), which has factories in eighty countries.
Cameras	Qualcomm (US) and Sony (Japan), both with plants in many countries
Chips for 3G/4G/LTE networking	Qualcomm (US)
Compasses	AKM Semiconductor (Japan) with plants in the US, France, England, China, South Korea, and Taiwan.
Glass screen	Corning (US) with plants in twenty-six countries.
Gyroscopes	Switzerland
and many more	

Source: Krueger 2020, International Trade (What Everyone Needs to Know), p. 254

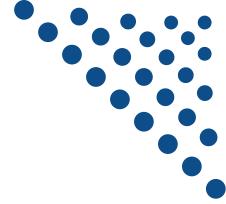


Map 1.1 All countries participate in GVCs—but not in the same way



Source: World Bank

Pros and Cons of Globalization



Pros and Cons of Globalization

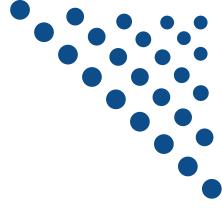
- Gains from Trade
 - Theory of Comparative Advantage
 - Other Sources of Gain from Trade
- Costs of Trade



Gains from Trade Theory of Comparative Advantage



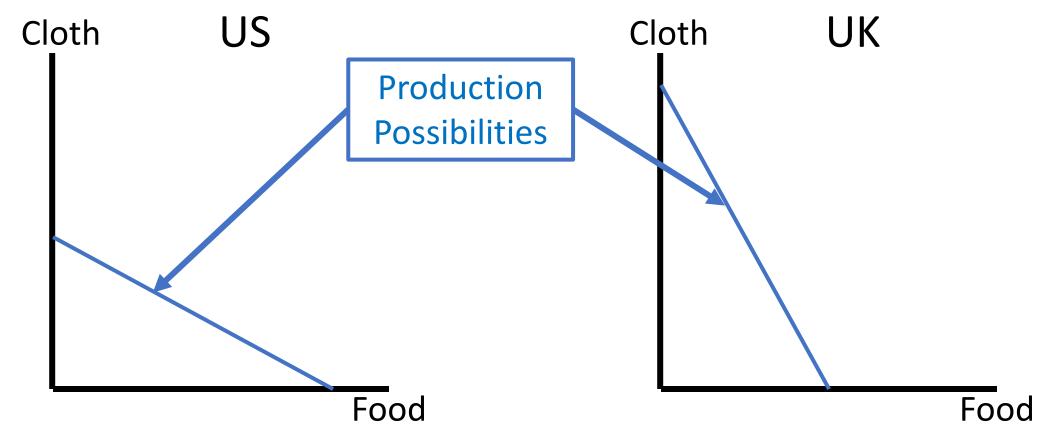
Comparative Advantage



- The Theory of Comparative Advantage says:
 - Countries can gain,
 - By producing
 - More than they need of what they do relatively best, and
 - Less than they need of what they do relatively worst
 - And exporting the extra to other countries in exchange for what they need
 - By doing that, ALL countries can
 - Get more of everything, if that's what they want, and therefore
 - Gain from trade
- Illustration with a graph of just 2 countries & 2 goods



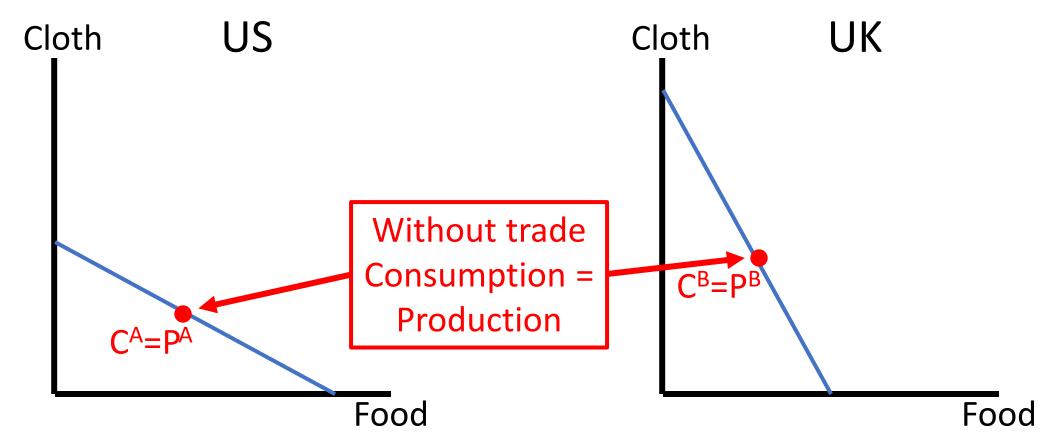






Comparative Advantage

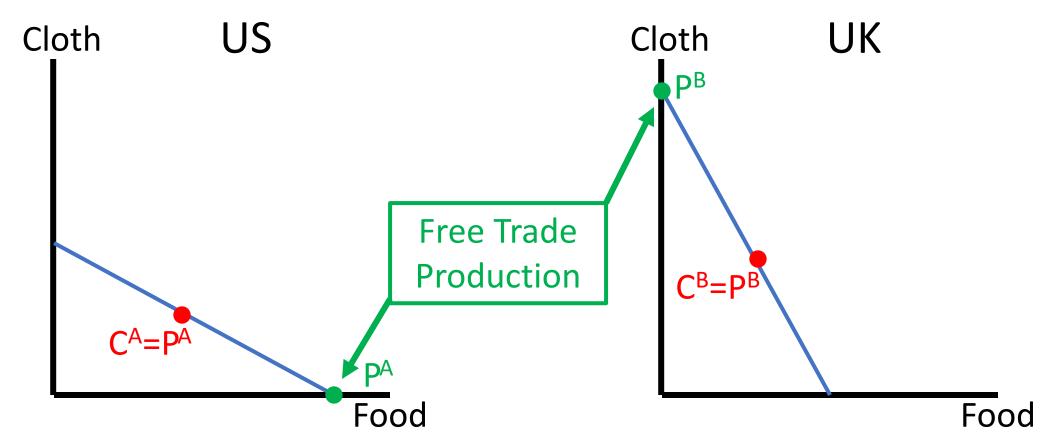
... Without trade, their consumption will also differ...





Comparative Advantage

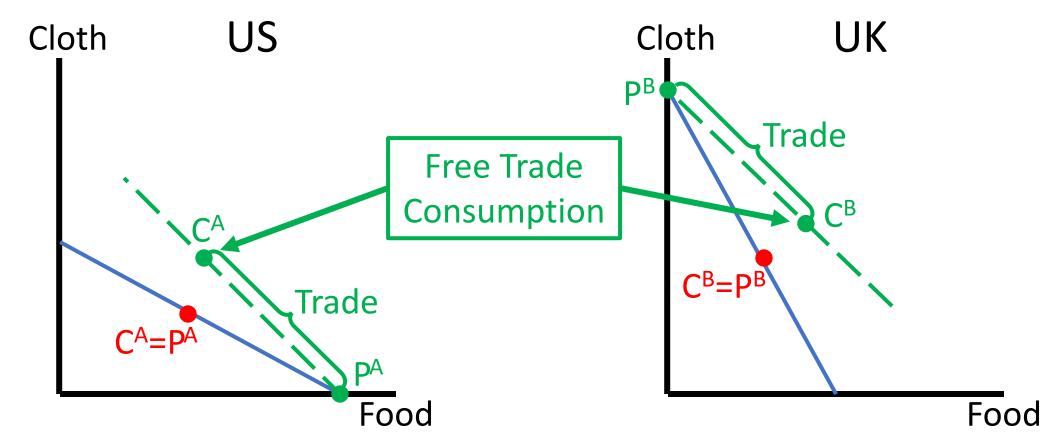
... With free trade, they specialize in what they do best...







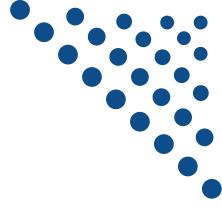
... And can consume more by trading.

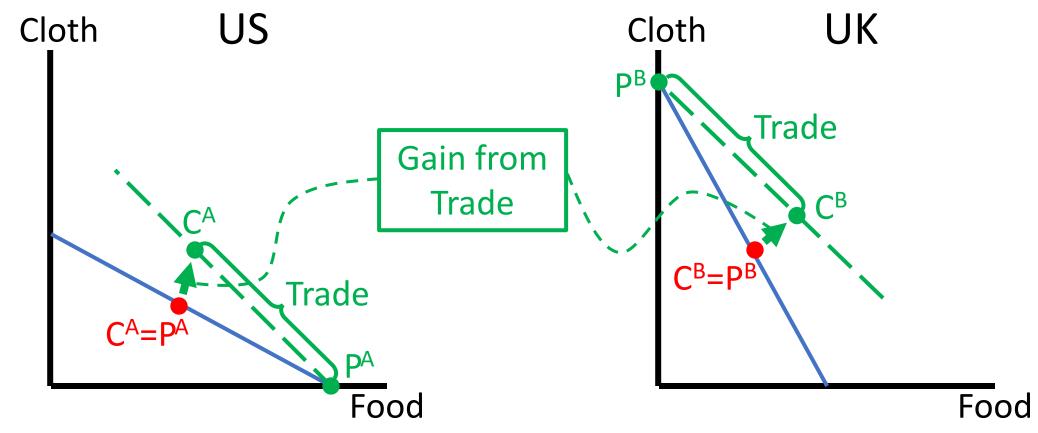






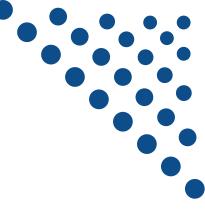
Comparative Advantage Thus countries both Gain from Trade







Generality of Comparative Advantage



The Theory of Comparative Advantage requires:

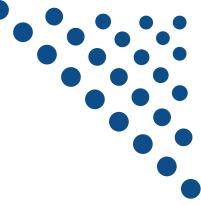
- "Perfect competition" (i.e., all buyers and sellers are very small)
- Absence of market "distortions" (externalities, etc.)
 - i.e., reasons why supplies and demands don't reflect true costs and benefits

The Theory of Comparative Advantage does <u>not</u> require:

- Any limit on numbers of goods, factors, and countries
- That only final goods are traded (thus consistent with supply chains)
- That factors (labor, capital) be immobile between countries
 - (However, the gains from trade then accrue to countries including their mobile-factor owners.)

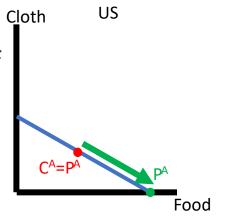


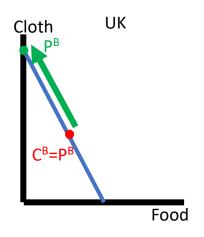
Generality of Comparative Advantage



But note:

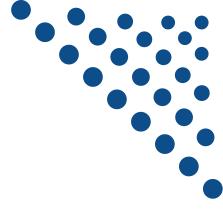
- Nothing in the theory says that everyone in each country gains
- Opening to trade requires
 - o Some industries to shrink or disappear while others expand
 - Firms and workers in shrinking industries
 - Certainly lose during the transition
 - May be permanently worse off
 - o In example, losers are producers of
 - Cloth in US
 - Food in UK







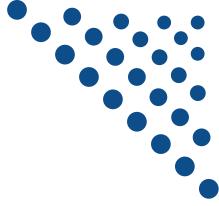




Gains from Trade Other Sources of Gain from Trade

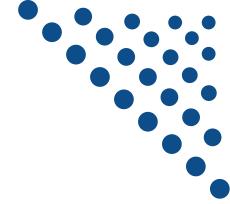


Other sources of Gain from Trade



- Productivity (most productive firms expand and export)
- Returns to scale (small countries can support larger firms)
- Competition (monopolies in small countries lose market power)
- Variety (buyers, both consumers and firms, can access more choices)
- Supply chains (firms can source parts from cheapest or best sources)
 - (That's really just the above, but within industries and firms.)
- Technology (producers get access foreign technologies)





Costs of Trade



But there are Costs

• Economic:

- When trade expands (or contracts)
 - Some firms lose market share or shut down
 - Other firms supplying inputs to those firms shrink or shut down
 - Workers in <u>both</u> lose jobs
 - And their communities lose customers
- Macroeconomic cost: Vulnerability to foreign recession/inflation
- Dependence on other countries' willingness to trade
- Vulnerability to trade disruption
 - Crisis induced (earthquake, flood, disease, war)
 - Policy induced (sanctions, tariffs, export bans)

Non-economic

- Loss of cultural differences
- Spread of invasive species and plant disease
- Spread of human disease







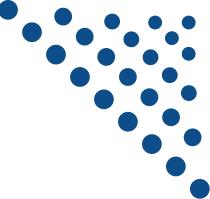


Pause for

- -Questions
- -5-Minute Break
- Next: Trade Policies



Trade Policies that Affect Globalization



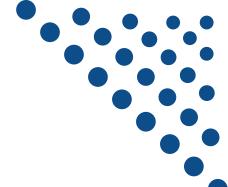
Policies that <u>En</u>courage It

- Tariff Reductions
- Trade Agreements
- Other

Policies that <u>Dis</u>courage It

- Trump's Tariffs
- Trade War

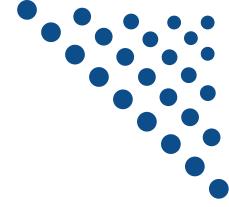




Policies that Encourage Globalization

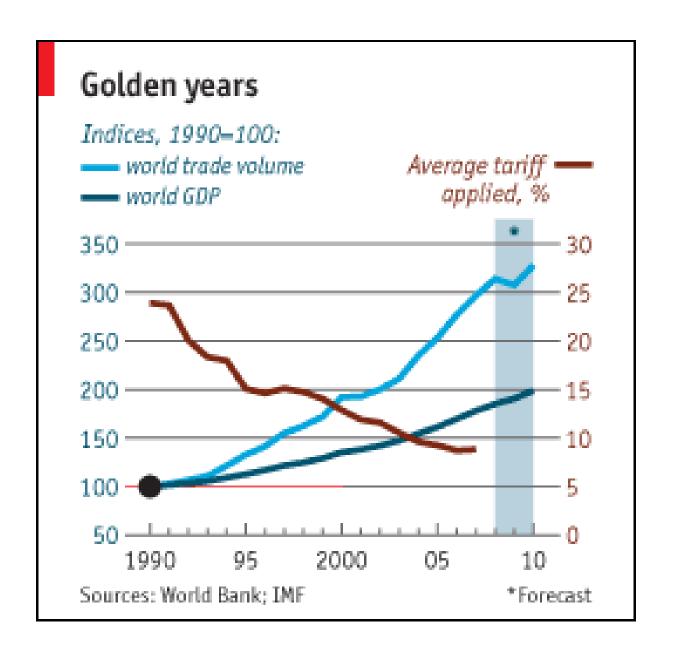




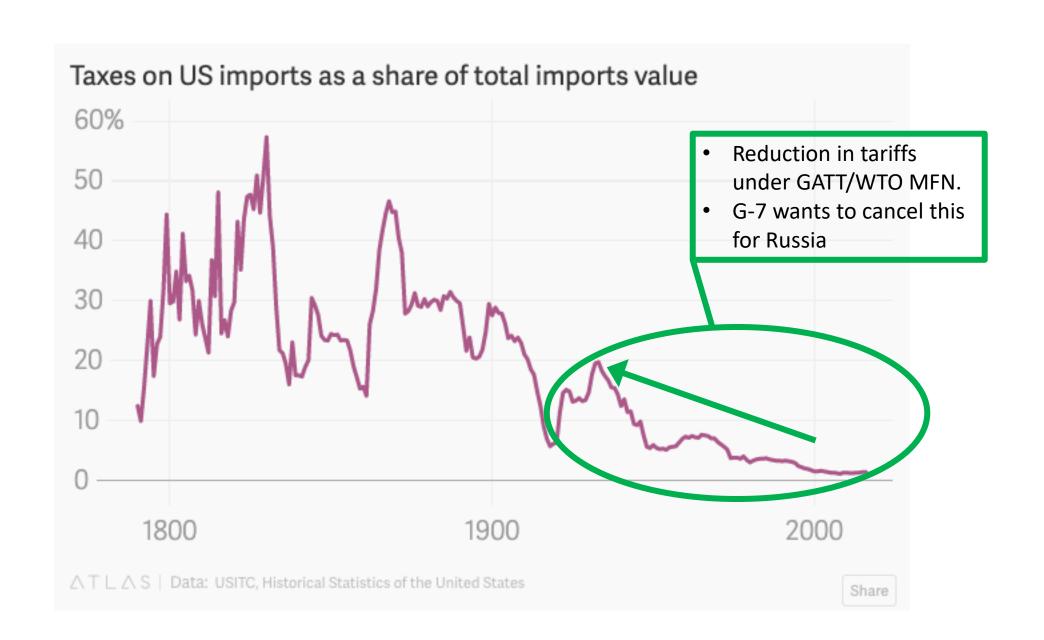


Tariff Reductions



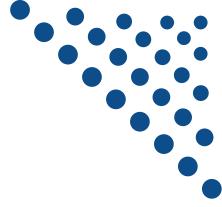


Source: Economist



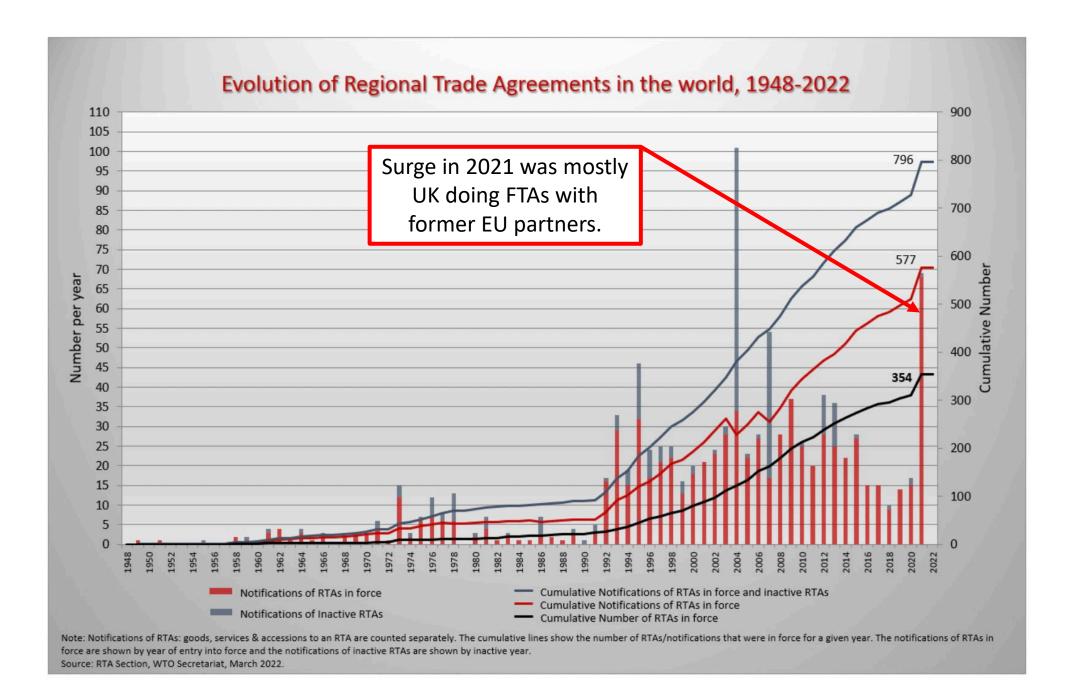
Source: Quartz 2018





Trade Agreements





Source: WTO

European Union



Source: Europa.eu

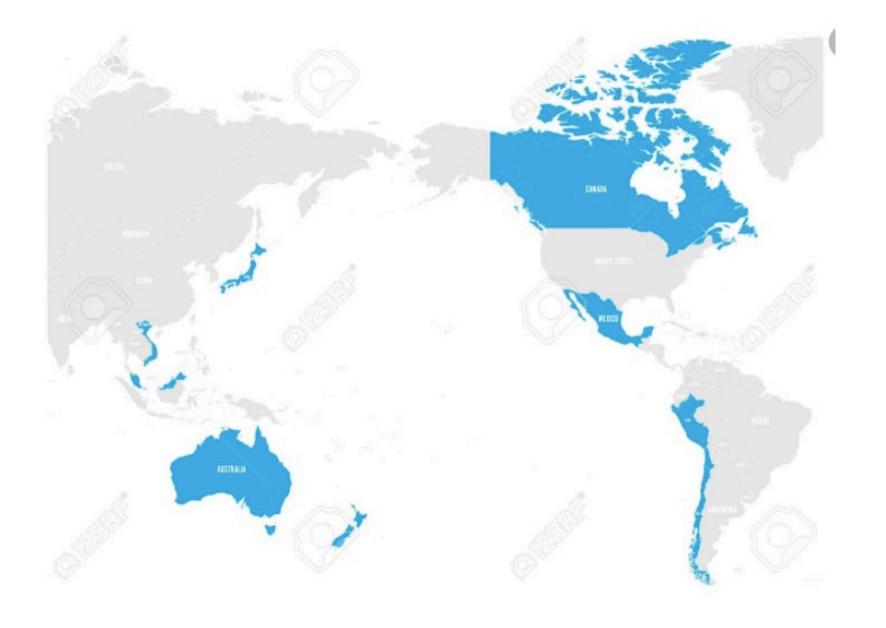
NAFTA (now USMCA)



MERCOSUR



CPTPP
=
Trans-Pacific
Partnership
minus US

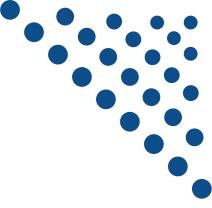


RCEP

Regional
Comprehensive
Economic
Partnership



Other Policies to **Encourage Globalization**



• IMF/World Bank

- Policy advice to open markets (the "Washington Consensus")
- Loans to countries conditional on
 - Reducing trade barriers
 - Permitting capital flows

• GATT/WTO (World Trade Organization) [More on this later, if time]

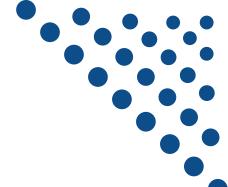
- Negotiate reciprocal trade liberalization
- Settlement of trade disputes (usually about interfering with trade)

Bilateral Investment Treaties

- Better treatment of multinational corporations



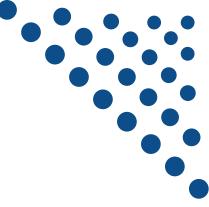




Policies that Discourage Globalization



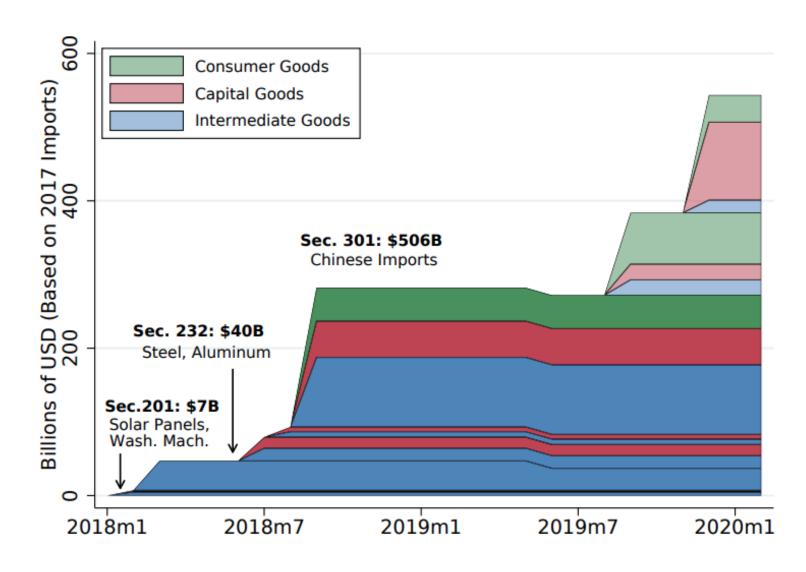




Trump's Tariffs and Trade War

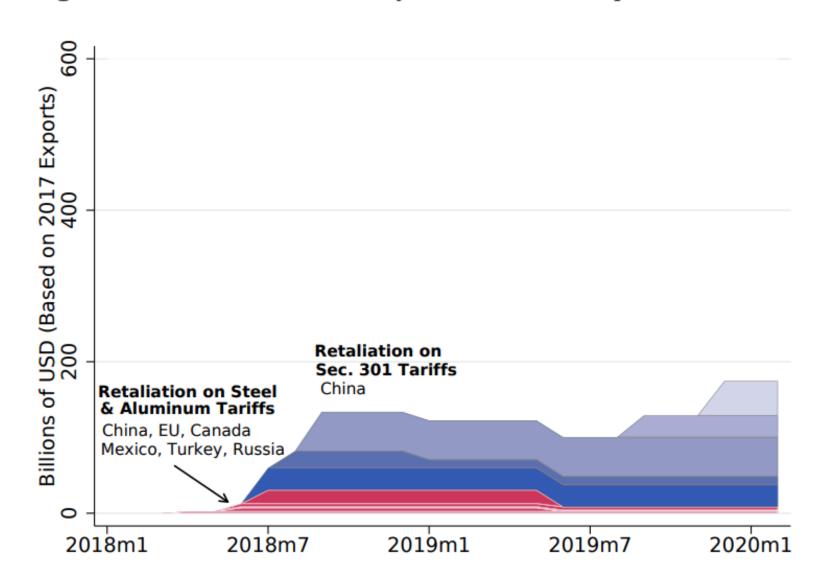


Figure B1: Composition of New U.S. Import Tariffs: 2018-2019

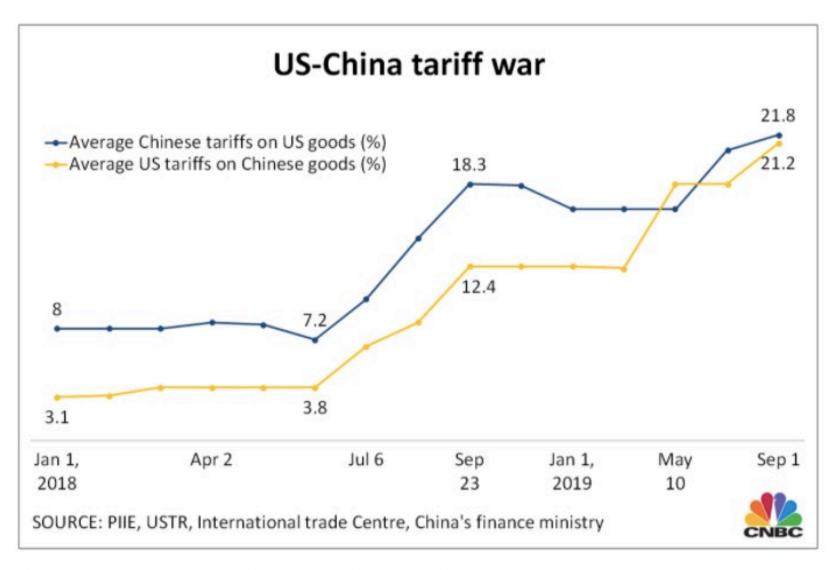


Source: Flaan & Pierce 2020

Figure 3: Timeline of Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Exports: 2018-2019



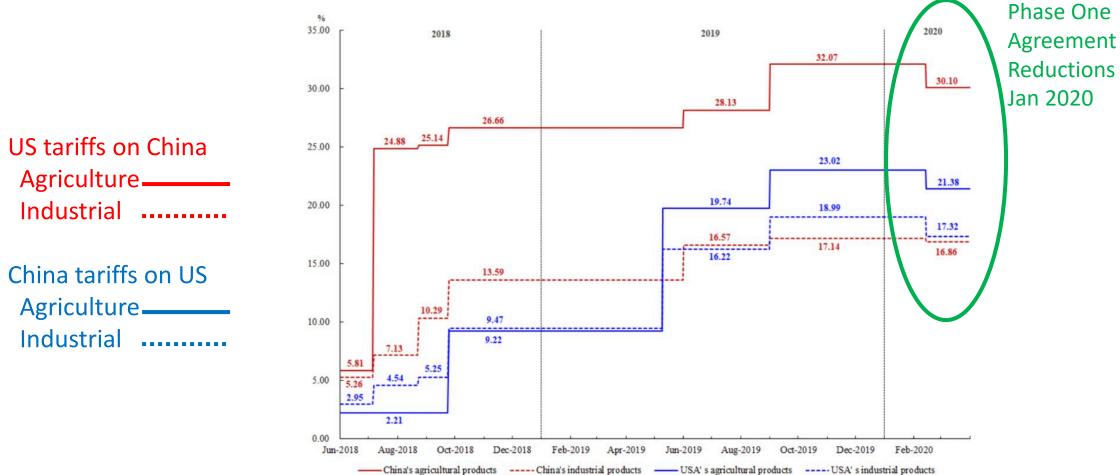
Source: Flaan & Pierce 2020



The first trade salvo was fired by the U.S. in early 2018, but the bilateral trade war between the U.S. and China really kicked into a higher gear in July 2018.

Source: CNBC.com

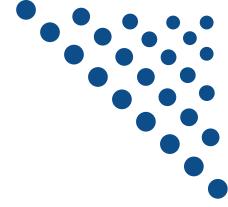
Figure 1. China-US bilateral import tariff increases, percentage points.



Source: Zheng et al. Oct 2021

Source: GTAP database and the list of additional tariffs published by China and the United States

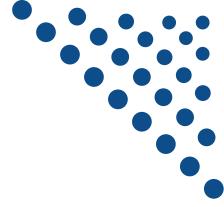




Effects of Tariffs



Effects of a tariff



A tariff is a tax on imports. It causes

- A rise in the price of the imported good in the importing country
- A fall in the price of the imported good in the exporting country
- The quantity imported to fall
- The revenue of the tariff-levying government to rise

Almost always: the <u>rise</u> at home is much larger than the <u>fall</u> abroad

- That's especially true if importing country is small
- But it's also true if importing country is as large as the U.S.
- Example: Trump's tariffs caused US prices to rise, with hardly any perceptible fall in prices abroad.



Effects of a tariff

The rise in price in the importing country causes

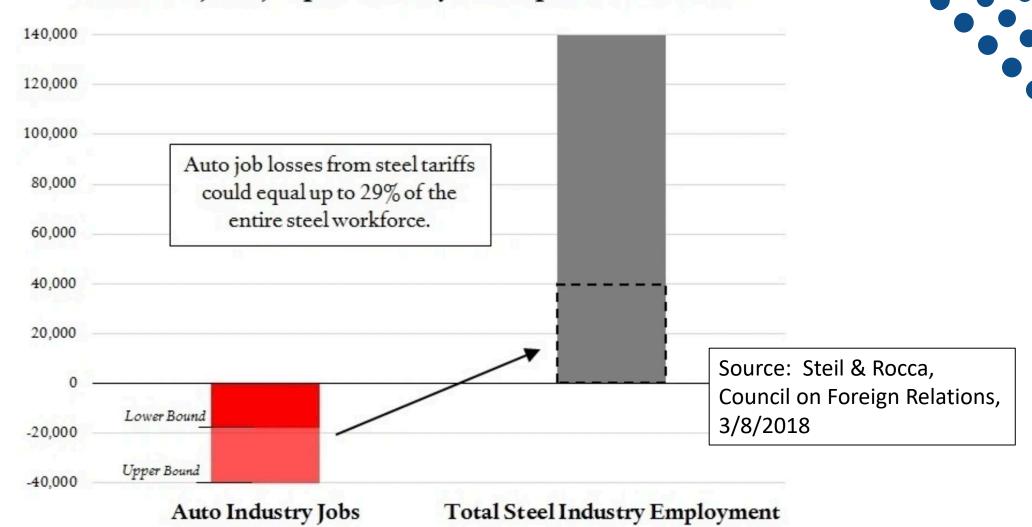
- A rise in price of competing goods produced there
- Benefits to those producers
- Harm to buyers of **both** the import and the competing goods
 - Including producers that use the higher-priced goods as inputs
 - Their prices also rise, hurting their buyers
- Employment changes:
 - Increase in the protected industry
 - Decrease in industries that use the protected product as inputs
- Example: Trump's 25% tariff on steel
 - Helped US steel firms and their workers
 - Hurt US auto firms and workers
 - and many other industries that use steel





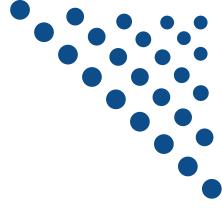
U.S. Auto Jobs Jeopardized by Trump's Steel Tariffs

Lost by 2019





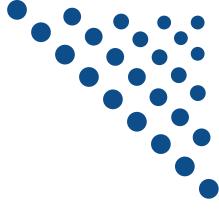
Effects of a tariff



- The fall in price in the exporting country causes
 - Harm to sellers there
 - Benefit to buyers there
 - Shift of sales to other countries
- If the tariff is on exports from only one country (e.g, China)
 - Buyers shift to imports from other, more costly, countries (e.g., Vietnam)



Arguments for and against tariffs



- If economists are so opposed to tariffs, why are they used?
- Arguments <u>for</u> protection
 - Many have been used, both past and present
 - Some are potentially valid, but better policies exist
 - See the list in my Glossary of International Economics



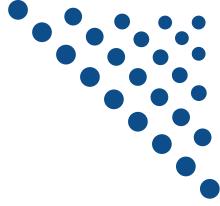
Arguments for tariffs





Source: Deardorffs' Glossary of International Economics

Arguments against tariffs



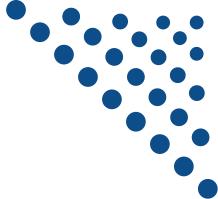
Arguments <u>against</u> tariffs

- Economic gains from trade (see above)
- Tariffs prompt retaliation
- Some valid arguments for tariffs depend on information that is either
 - Unavailable, or
 - Available only from the protected industry
- Even when net beneficial, tariffs are politically hard to remove
- >Lower tariffs and greater trade reduce the likelihood of war



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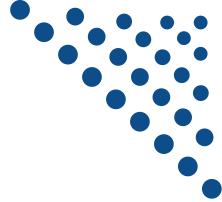
Countries have negotiated trade agreements throughout history

- At least back to the 1500's between the Ottoman Empire and the powers of Europe
- The first "free trade agreement" (FTA) was between Britain and France in 1860, soon followed by many more
 - Removed tariffs on trade with each other
- US used "reciprocal trade agreements" starting in 1934 to reduce tariffs and dig out of the Great Depression
- US led negotiation of multilateral agreements via
 - o GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1948
 - WTO (World Trade Organization) 1995



Trade Agreements (both WTO & FTAs)

- Promote trade by
 - Reducing tariffs
 - Blocking policies that discriminate against imports
- But they also do much else, mostly to serve business interests:
 - Permit anti-dumping duties to deter competition
 - Protect intellectual property (patents, etc.)
 - Allow investor action against governments



WTO

- 164 member countries
- Includes
 - China since 2001
 - Russia since 2012
 - Not Iran, N. Korea
- Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland



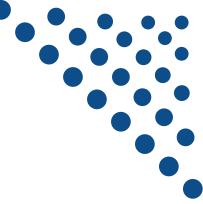












The WTO has

- Three Parts:
 - 1. GATT (Still exists, as largest part of WTO)
 - limits tariffs
 - Permits exceptions (anti-dumping, etc.)
 - 2. GATS = General Agreement on Trade in Services
 - 3. TRIPs Agreement = Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
- Two Basic Principles
 - Most Favored Nation (Don't discriminate among exporters)
 - 2. National Treatment (Don't discriminate against imports)





The WTO's Main Functions

- Negotiation of reduced trade barriers
 - Tariffs (GATT did this well; WTO did not)
 - Removal of other barriers
- Dispute settlement
 - Countries bring cases against others
 - WTO "panels" and "Appellate Body" decide





WTO Negotiation

- Ministerial Meetings
 - Held every ~2 years 1996-2017
 - Next #12 was delayed,
 - But is happening now, through tomorrow, in Geneva
 - Agreements
 - Multilateral
 - None on tariffs
 - A few on other measures (e.g., export subsidies in agriculture)
 - Plurilateral
 - Information technology
 - Telecoms
 - Financial services



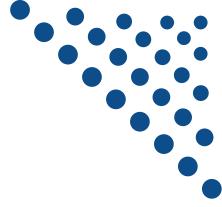


WTO Dispute Settlement

- There have been 612 cases initiated since 1995 (as of 6/15/22)
- About 90% have been decided in favor of the complainant, both by US (132) and against US (168)
- The mechanism has been unable to decide cases since December 10, 2019 when
 - President Trump blocked appointments to Appellate Body
 - President Biden has not changed this



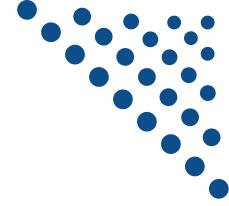




Globalization's Future?



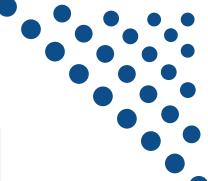
Globalization's Future?



- Will trade, travel, etc. come back?
 - Yes, but only partly.
 - They've been hit hard by financial crisis, trade war, pandemic, and now war
- Will attitudes change?
 - Yes.
 - Firm's will try to limit exposure ("just in case" instead of "just in time")
 - Consumers will learn to live differently
 - Reported July 20: Biden administration wants "friend-shoring." No mention yet of policies.
- Will economists' views of globalization change?
 - I think so.
 - We still think globalization is good overall,
 - But we're learning that it needs to include
 - Reduced reliance on single sources
 - Greater protections for those who are hurt.

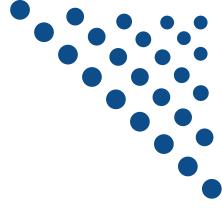


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