

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Spring 2022 Contemporary Economic Policy

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- Coronavirus Economics
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- Climate Change
- Economic Inequality
- Economic Mobility
- Trade and Globalization
- Minimum Wages

- Immigration Economics
- Housing Policy
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- Federal Debt
- Black-White Wealth Gap
- Autonomous Vehicles
- US Social Policy



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- Contemporary Economic Policy
  - Week 1 (4/18): US Economy & Russia/Ukraine Conflict
  - Week 2 (4/25): Trade and Globalization (Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan)
  - Week 3 (5/2): The Black-White Wealth Gap (Jon Haveman, NEED)
  - Week 4 (5/9): Federal Debt (Brian Peterson, Central College)
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  - Week 6 (5/23): Economic Mobility (Kathryn Wilson, Kent State University)



# **Sub**mitting Questions

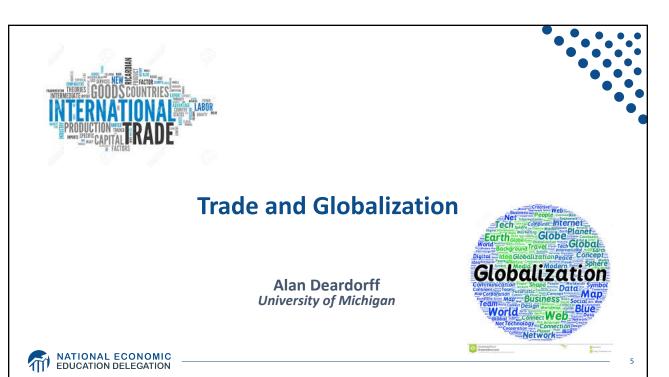


- Please submit questions of clarification in the chat.
  - I will try to handle them as they come up.
- We will do a verbal Q&A once the material has been presented.
- OLLI allowing, we can stay beyond the end of class to have further discussion.
- Slides will be available from the NEED website tomorrow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



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#### **Trade and Globalization**

# Alan V. Deardorff University of Michigan

Presentation to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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# Impact of Russia-Ukraine War



- War itself disrupts trade, especially exports of
  - Ukraine: wheat Russia: wheat, oil
- Economic sanctions by governments disrupt
  - o Financial linkages
  - o Trade
- Private companies stop dealing with Russia





#### Impact of Russia-Ukraine War

#### 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



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## Impact of Russia-Ukraine War

#### Trade sanctions by governments

- Oil and other energy
  - o Germany puts Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline on hold
  - o US bans from Russia
  - o UK to phase out Russian oil by end of 2022
  - o 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
  - o Permits them to raise tariffs on Russian goods





#### Impact of Russia-Ukraine War

- 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



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#### Leaving Russia 253 companies, including ... American Airlines BAIN ( **BLACKROCK Alcoa** accenture McKinsey & Company eba **Deloitte ▲** DELTA **N** Nasdaq **KPMG** Carnival Reebok pwc UBER Source: New York Times, April 7, 2022









#### **Effect of Sanctions**



- Too soon to know fully
  - Will they stop Russia?
    - o Clearly no, or at least not yet
    - o Sanctions in the past have only sometimes worked
  - Will they reduce trade?
    - o They already have
    - o But Russia's role in trade is not large in most products
    - o 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)





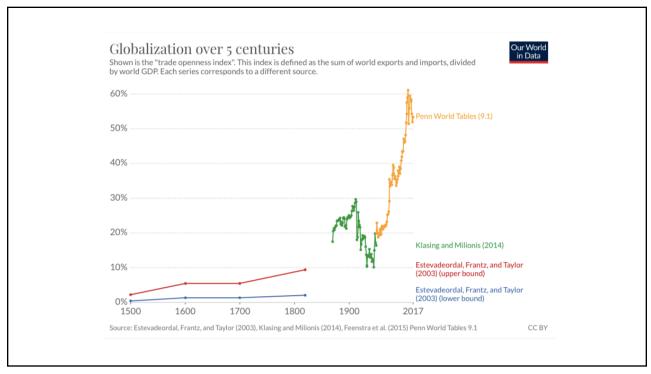
- Growth over time of many interactions between countries
  - Trade
  - Global Value Chains
  - Foreign Direct Investment
  - Financial Flows
  - International Travel
  - Migration
- I will focus here on trade

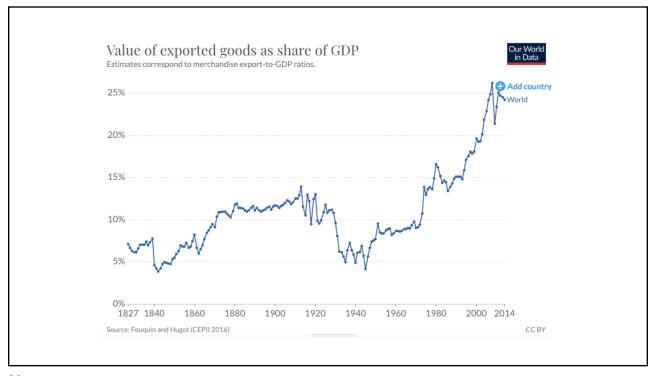


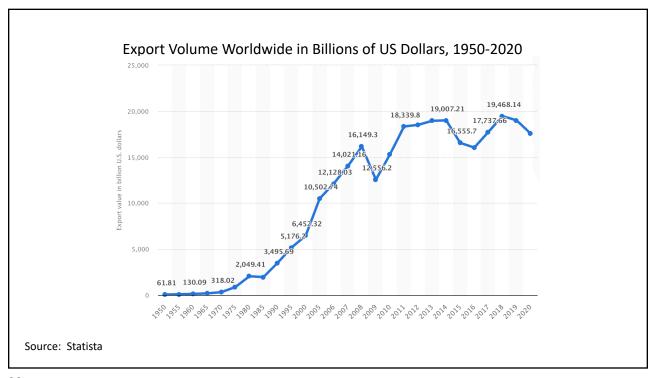














#### **Effects on Economies**

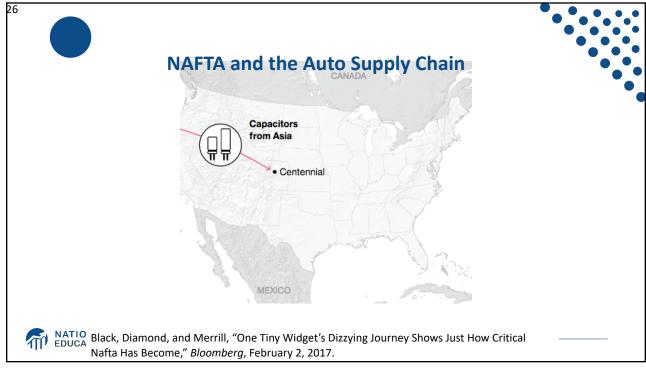


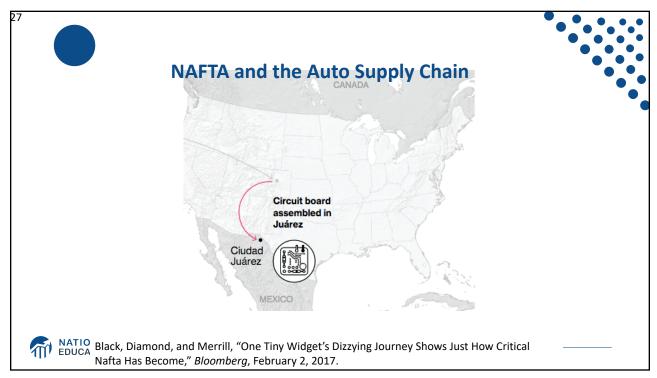
#### Supply Chains

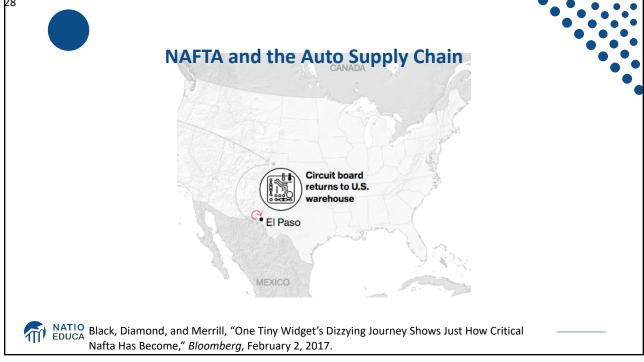
- Globalization has created long and complex international supply chains

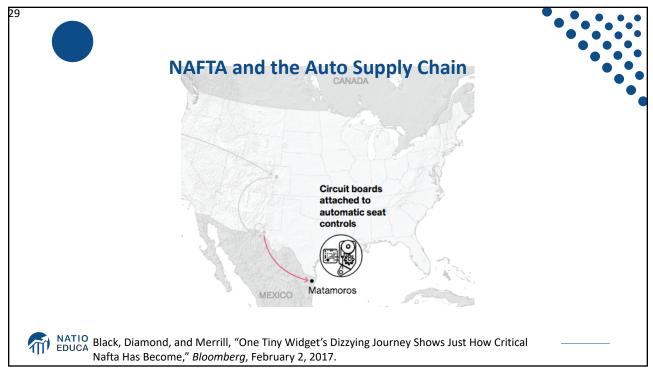


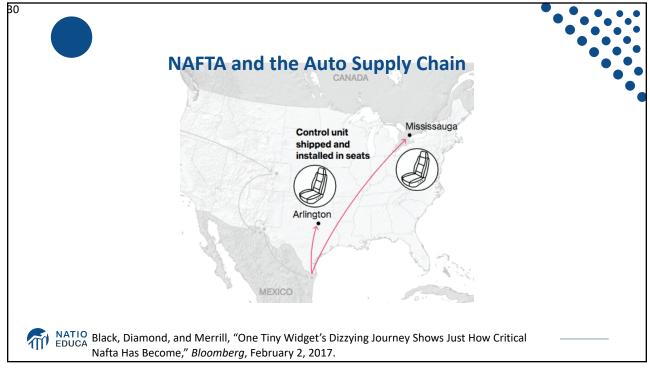
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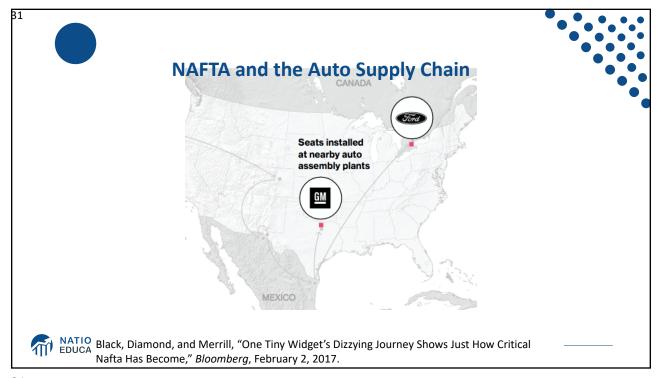


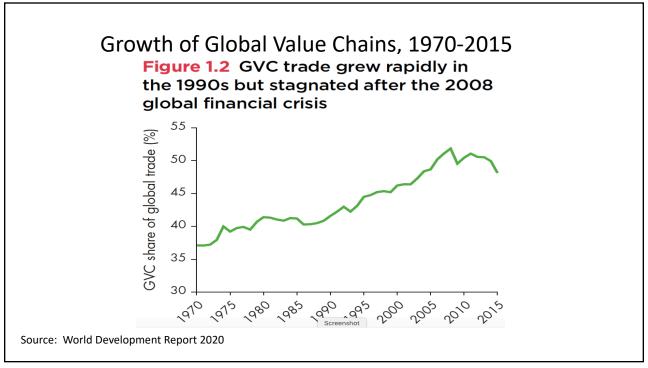


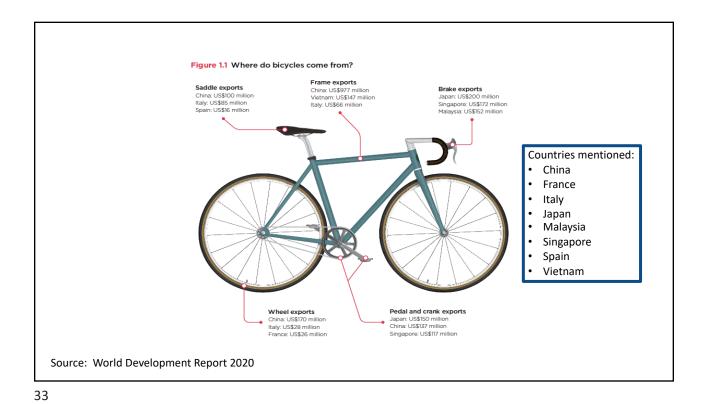








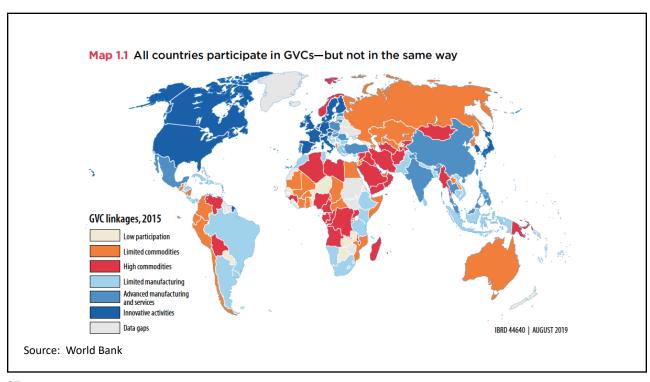




**Supply Chains** • Example: The iPhone assembled in China from parts: Part **Come from** Accelerometers Germany, the US, South Korea, China, Japan, and Taiwan. US, UK, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Singapore. Audio chips **Batteries** Samsung (South Korea), which has factories in eighty countries. 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

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# 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**



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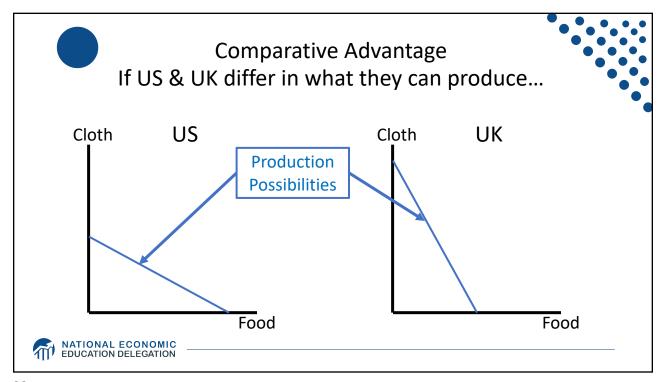
#### **Comparative Advantage**

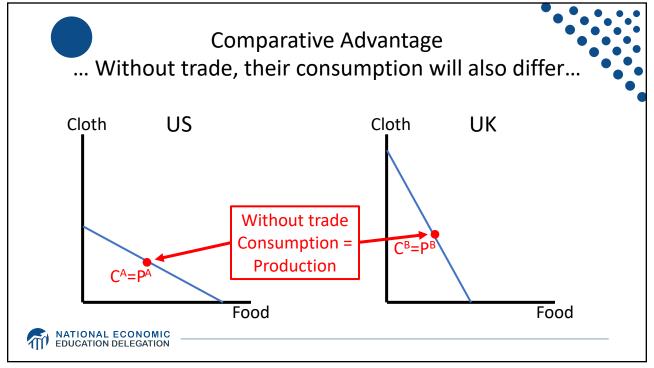


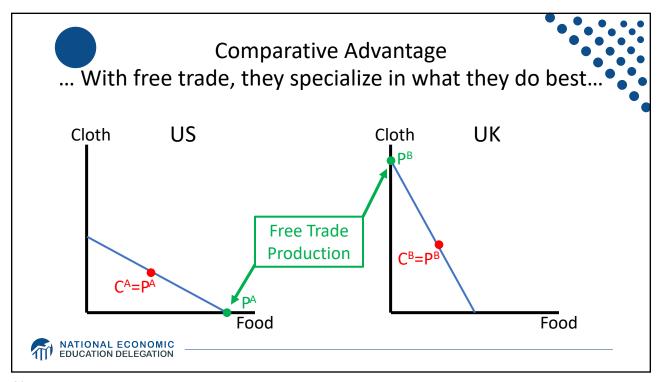
- The Theory of Comparative Advantage says:
  - Countries can gain,
    - By producing
      - More than they need of what they do relatively best, and
      - Less than they need of what they do relatively worst
    - o And exporting the extra to other countries in exchange for what they need
  - By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

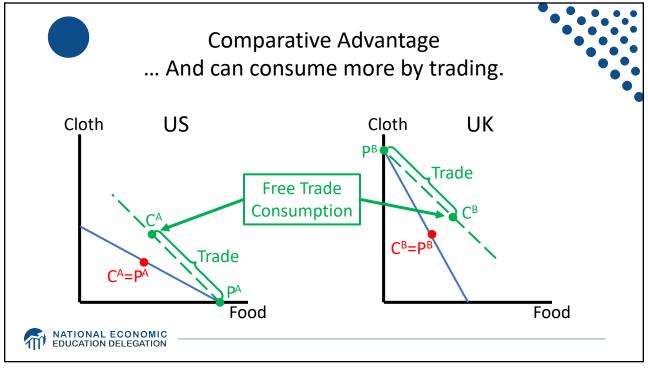


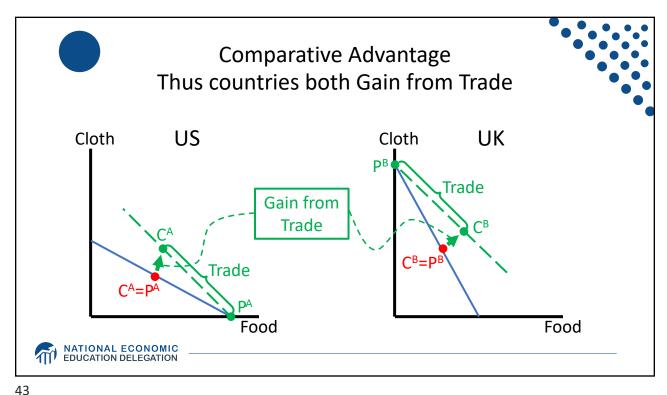
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#### **Generality of Comparative Advantage**



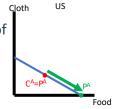
- The Theory of Comparative Advantage requires:
  - "Perfect competition" (i.e., all buyers and sellers are very small)
  - Absence of market "distortions" (externalities, etc.)
    - i.e., reasons why supplies and demands don't reflect true costs and benefits
- The Theory of Comparative Advantage does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

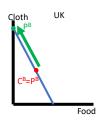


# **Generality of Comparative Advantage**

#### • 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
  - o 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













## 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)



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# **Costs of Trade**



#### **But there are Costs**

#### • Economic:

- When trade expands (or contracts)
  - o Some firms lose market share or shut down
  - o Other firms supplying inputs to those firms shrink or shut down
  - o Workers in both 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
  - o 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



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- -Questions
- -10-Minute Break
- Next: Trade Policies





#### **Trade Policies that Affect Globalization**

- Policies that Encourage It
  - Tariff Reductions
  - Trade Agreements
  - Other
- Policies that <u>Dis</u>courage It
  - Trump's Tariffs
  - Trade War









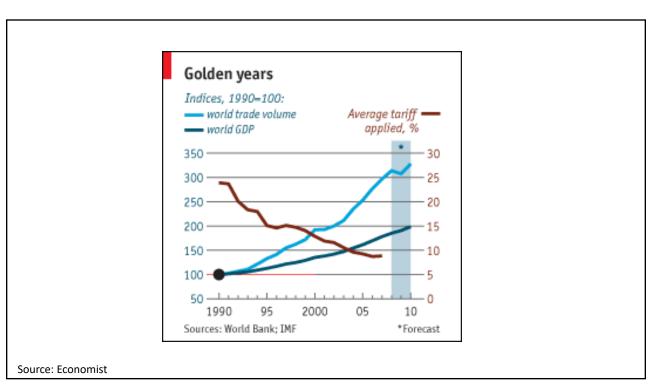


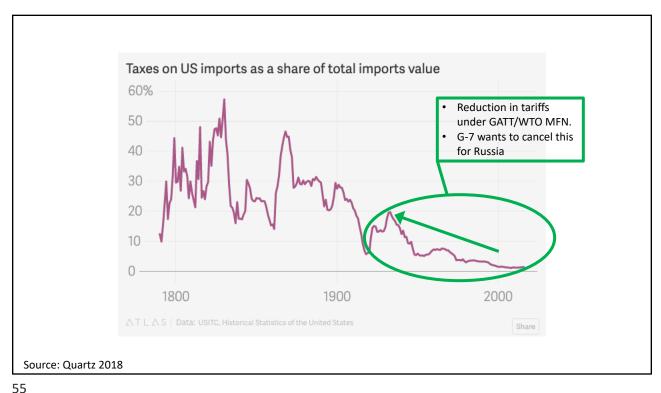


# **Tariff Reductions**

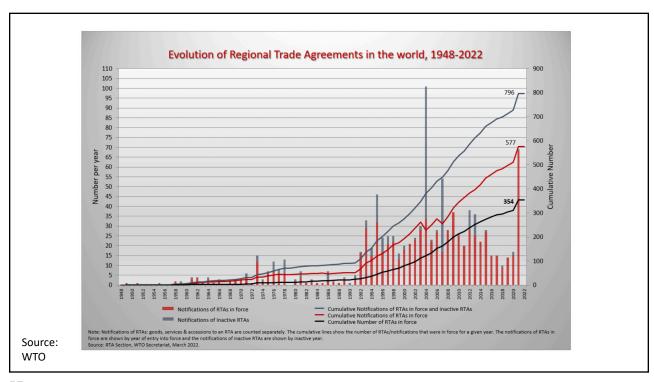


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# European Union Source: Europa.eu









#### Other Policies to Encourage Globalization

- IMF/World Bank
  - Policy advice to open markets (the "Washington Consensus")
  - Loans to countries conditional on
    - o Reducing trade barriers
    - o 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







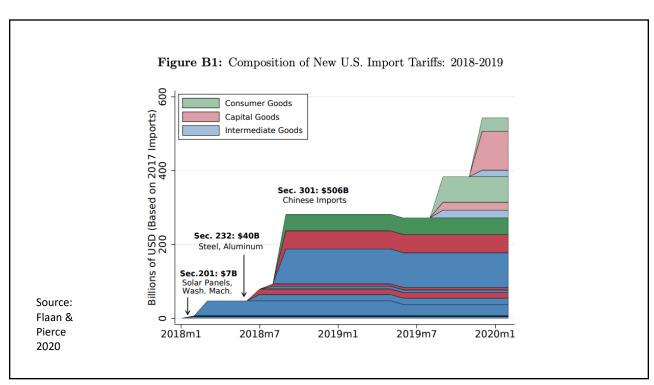


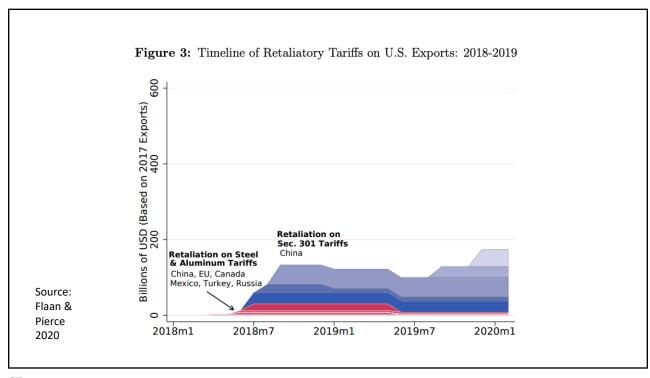


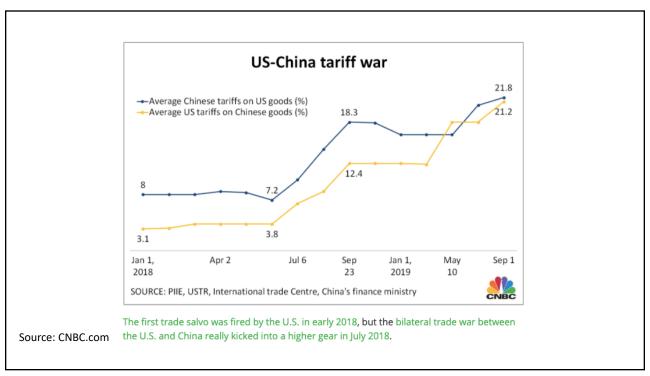
# Trump's Tariffs and Trade War

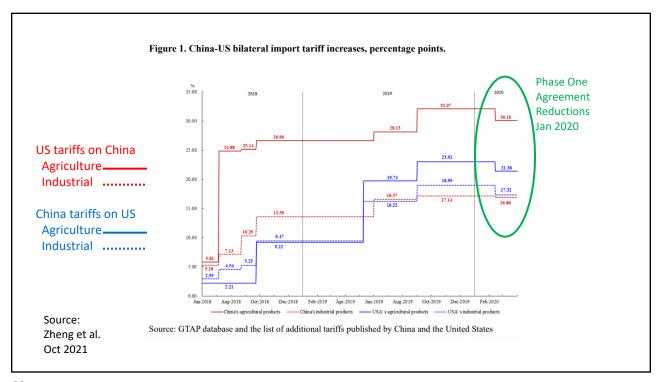


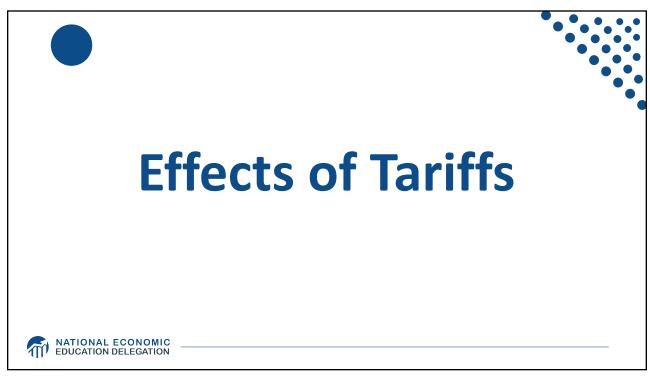
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#### Effects of a tariff



#### 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.



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# Effects of a tariff



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



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### 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)



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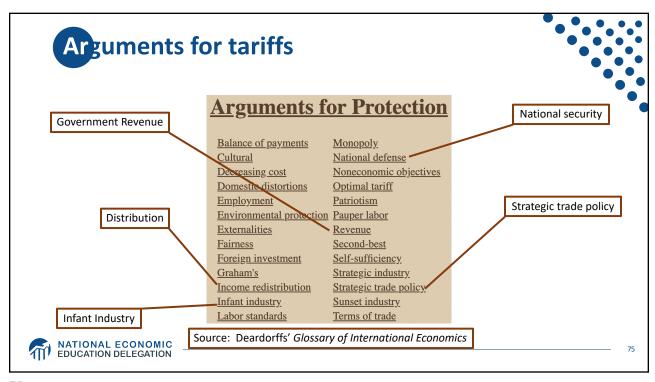
## **Arguments for and against tariffs**



- 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



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# Arguments against tariffs



#### • Arguments against tariffs

- Economic gains from trade (see above)
- Tariffs prompt retaliation
- Some valid arguments for tariffs depend on information that is either
  - o 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

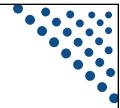


**Skip to Conclusions** 





#### The Role of Trade Agreements



#### 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
  - o WTO (World Trade Organization) 1995



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# The Role of Trade Agreements



#### 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
  - o Protect intellectual property (patents, etc.)
  - Allow investor action against governments





#### The Role of Trade Agreements



#### • WTO

- 164 member countries
- Includes
  - o China since 2001
  - o Russia since 2012
  - ∘ <u>Not</u> Iran, N. Korea
- Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland



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# The Role of Trade Agreements



- 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 Role of Trade Agreements



#### The WTO's Main Functions

- Negotiation of reduced trade barriers
  - o 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



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# The Role of Trade Agreements



#### WTO Dispute Settlement

- There have been 612 cases initiated since 1995 (as of 4/25/22)
- 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
  - o President Trump blocked appointments to Appellate Body
  - o President Biden has not changed this







# Globalization's Future?



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# **Globalization's Future?**



- 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

#### Will economists' views of globalization change?

- - We still think globalization is good overall,
  - o But we're learning that it needs to include
    - · Reduced reliance on single sources
    - Greater protections for those who are hurt.









# Thank you! Any Questions?

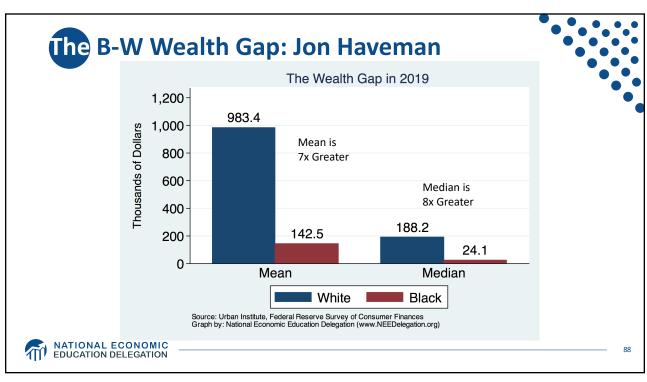
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