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#### **Trade and Globalization**

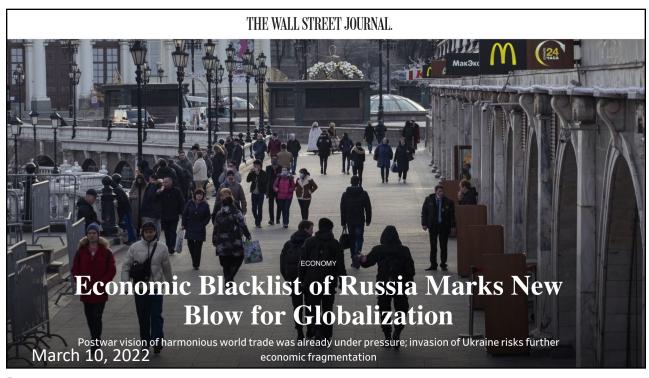
## Alan V. Deardorff University of Michigan

Presentation to University of Massachusetts, Boston March 27, 2023



**Skip Russia Sanctions** 





### Impact of Russia-Ukraine War



- How Russia-Ukraine war impacts globalization
  - 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







#### Russia Sanctions, Gov't



Source: Funakoshi et al, "Updated July 7, 2022" but includes from July 29



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#### Russia Sanctions, Gov't

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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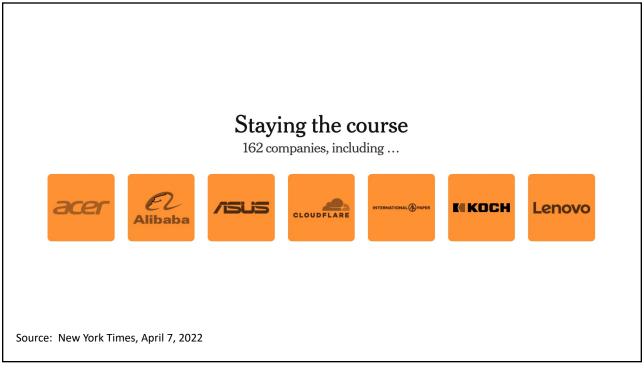


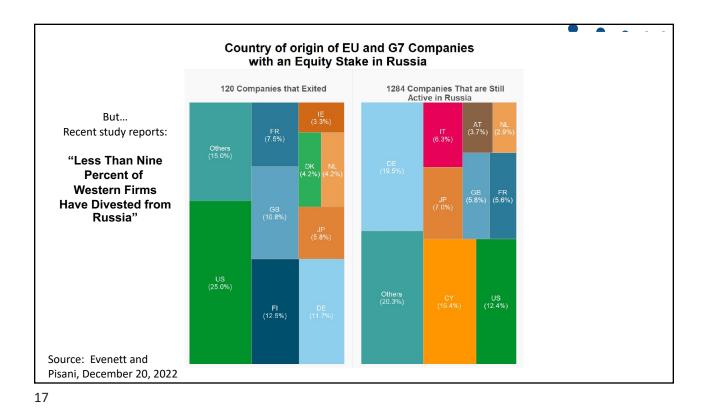
















- Will they stop Russia?
  - o Clearly no
  - o Sanctions in the past have only sometimes worked
- Will they reduce trade?
  - o They did
  - o But Russia's role in trade is not large in most products
  - o Short-term effects are greater from the war itself







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



## What Globalizations Is



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



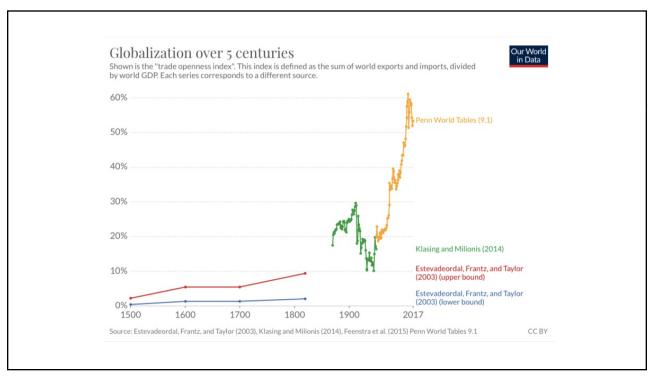


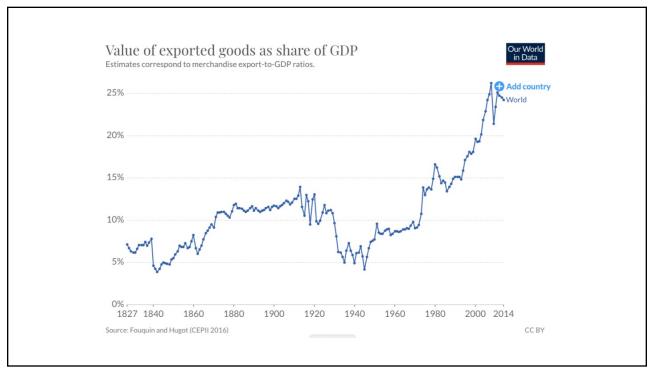


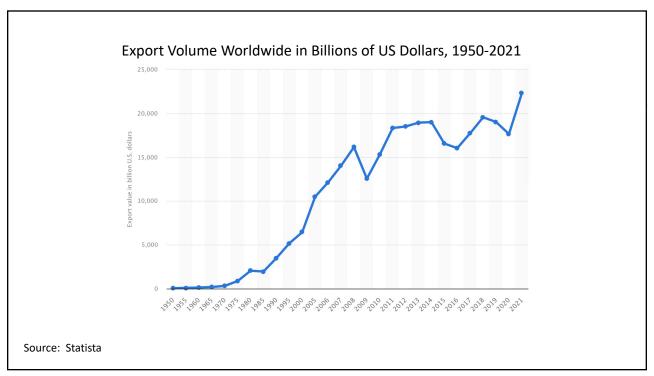
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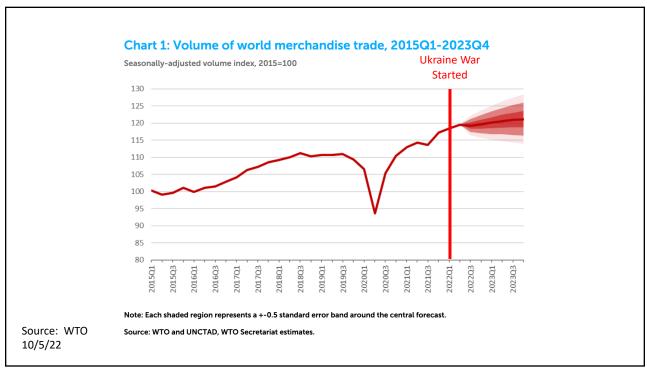


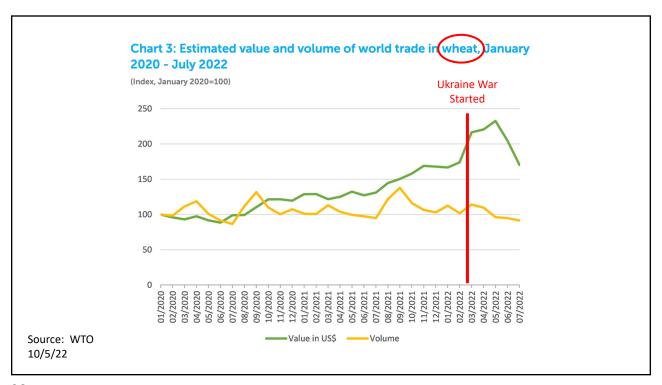
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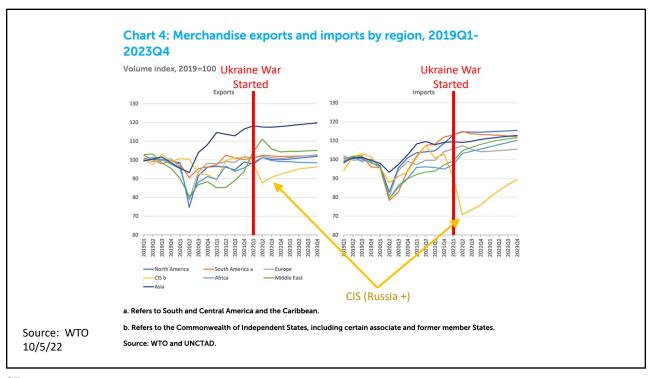














### **Effects on Economies**

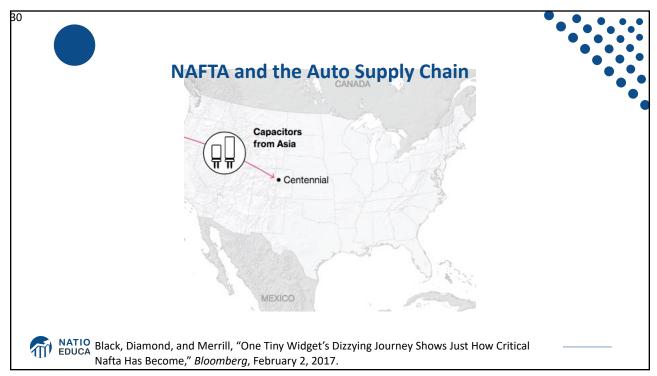


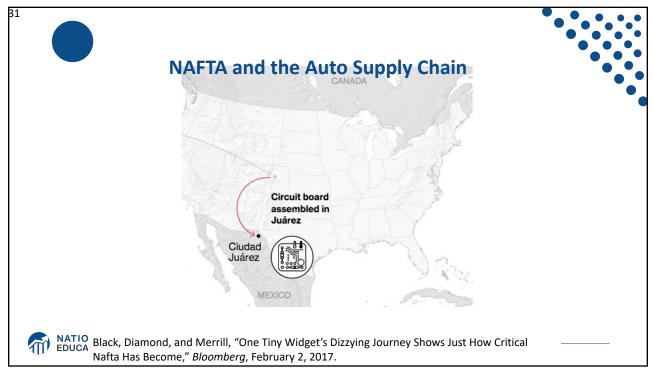
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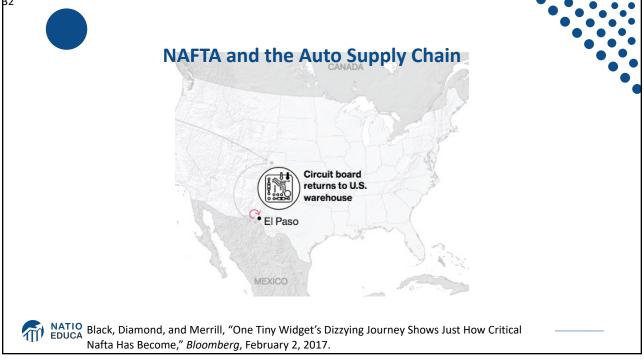
- Globalization has created long and complex international supply chains

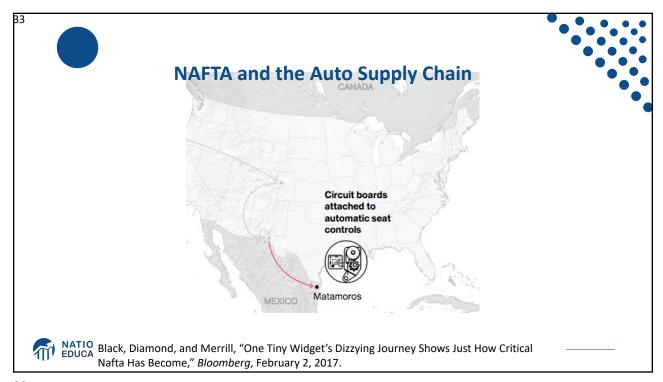


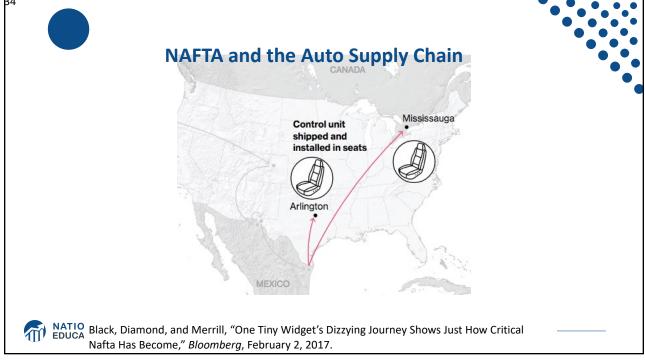
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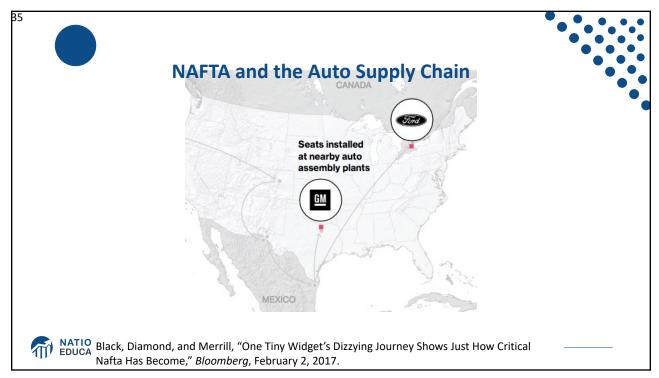


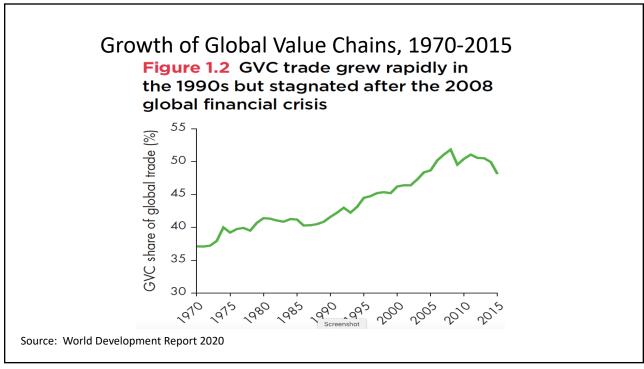


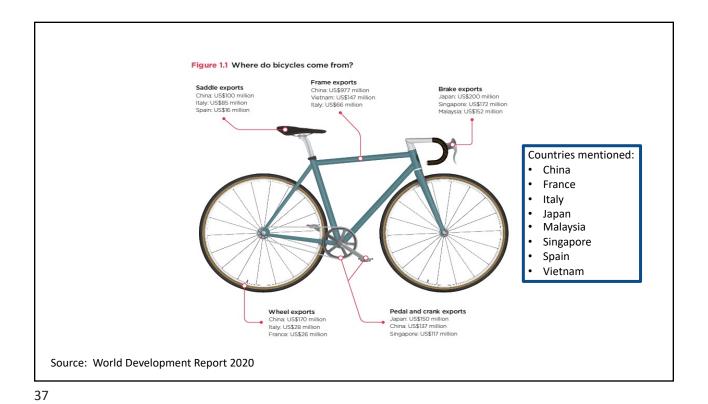




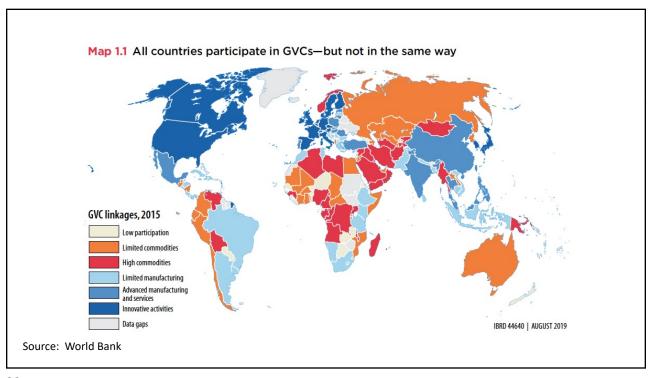








**Supply Chains** • Example: The iPhone assembled in China from parts: Part **Come from** Accelerometers Germany, the US, South Korea, China, Japan, and Taiwan. US, UK, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Singapore. Audio chips **Batteries** Samsung (South Korea), which has factories in eighty countries.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



## Pros and Cons of Globalization



- Pros and Cons of Globalization
  - Gains from Trade
    - Theory of Comparative Advantage
    - o Other Sources of Gain from Trade
  - Costs of Trade







## **Gains from Trade Theory of Comparative Advantage**



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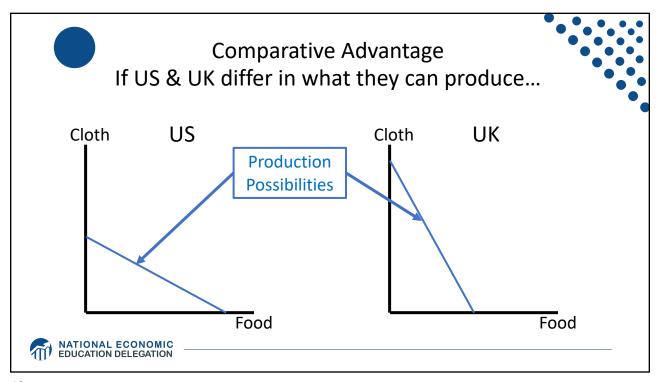
### **Comparative Advantage**

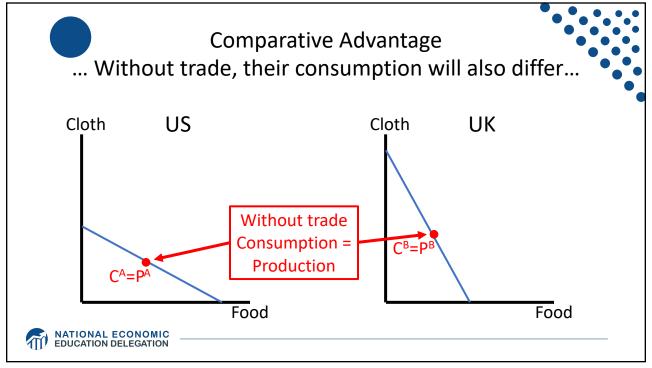


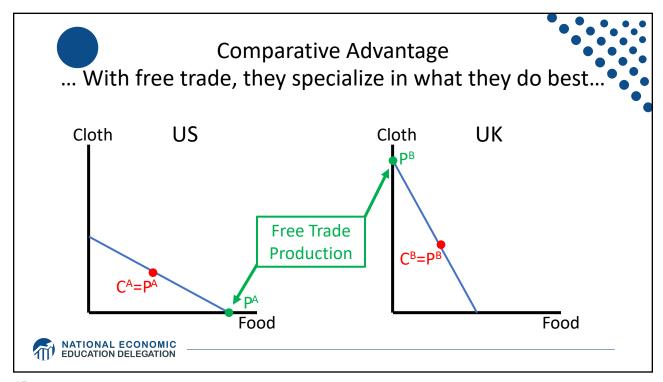
- The Theory of Comparative Advantage says:
  - Countries can gain,
    - By producing
      - More than they need of what they do relatively best, and
      - Less than they need of what they do relatively worst
    - o And exporting the extra to other countries in exchange for what they need
  - By 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

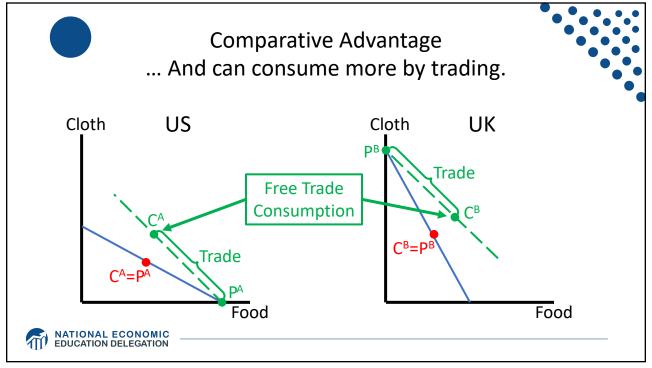


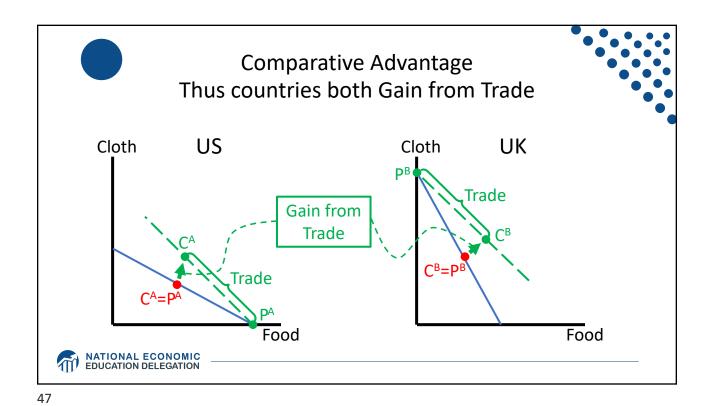
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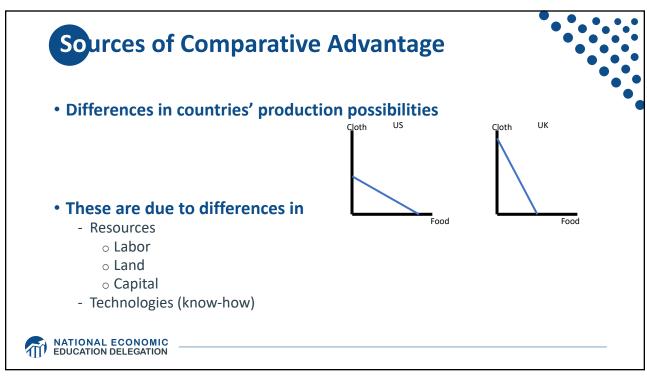












#### **Generality of Comparative Advantage**



#### 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 not 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.)



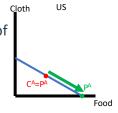
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### **Generality of Comparative Advantage**



#### 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



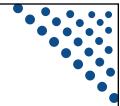








#### Other sources of Gain from Trade



- 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)







## **Costs of Trade**



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### **But there are Costs**

#### • Economic:

- When trade expands (or contracts)
  - o Some firms lose market share or shut down
  - $\,\circ\,$  Other firms supplying inputs to those firms shrink or shut down
  - o Workers in both lose jobs
  - o 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)
  - o 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 Encourage It
  - Tariff Reductions
  - Trade Agreements
  - Other
- Policies that **Discourage It** 
  - Trump's Tariffs
  - Trade War





## **Policies that Encourage** Globalization



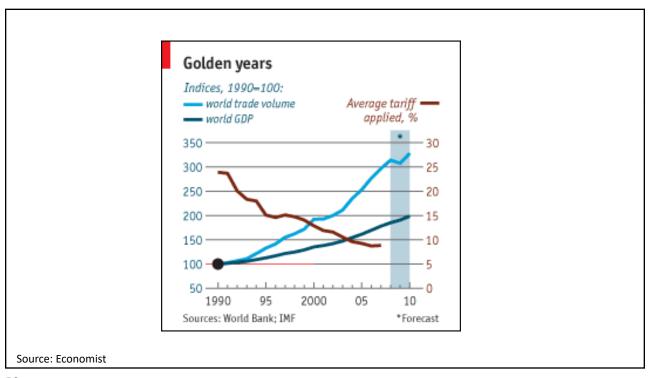
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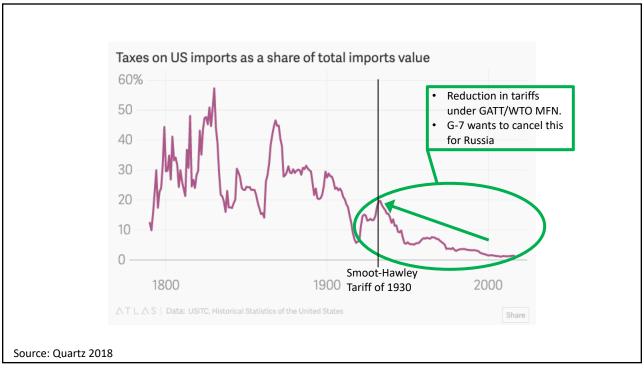






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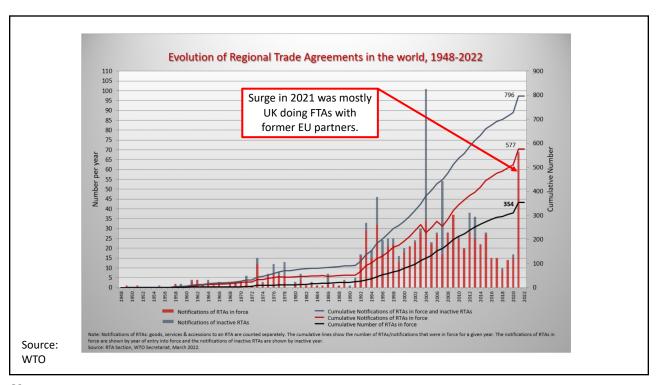




## **Trade Agreements**



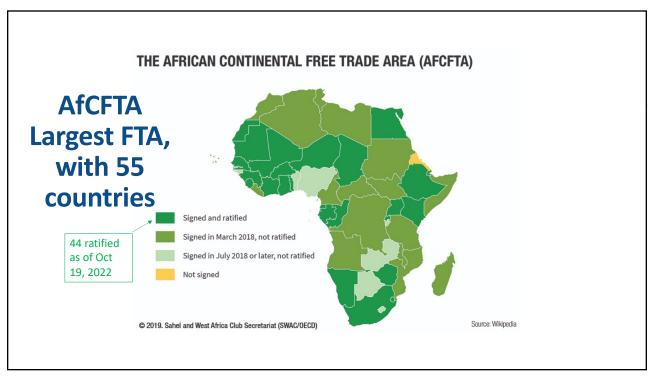
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### Other Policies to Encourage Globalization

- 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



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## Policies that Discourage Globalization



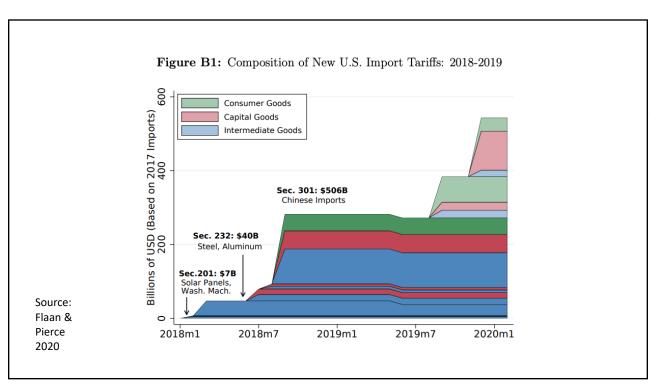


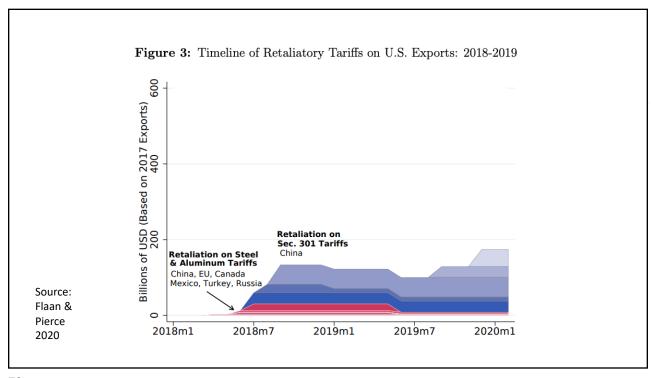


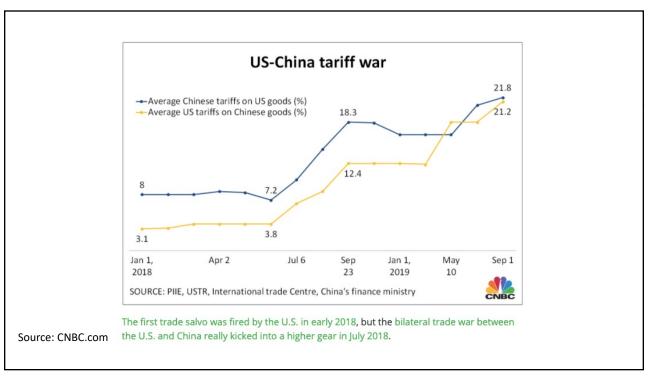
# Trump's Tariffs and Trade War

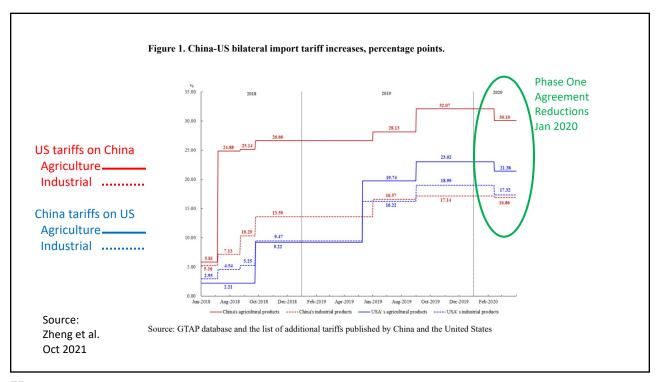


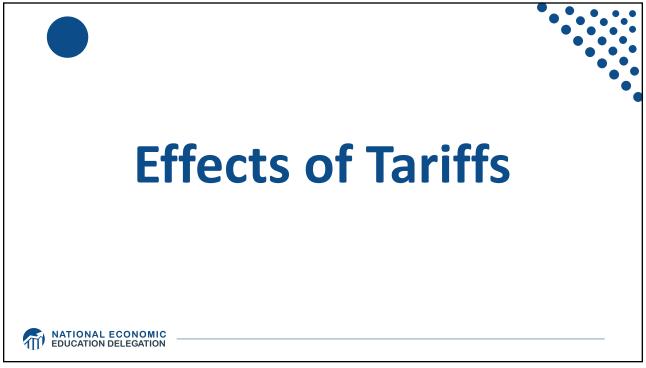
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# Effects of a tariff



#### 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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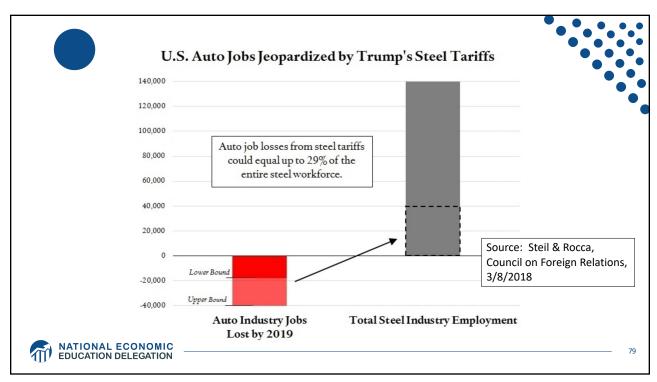
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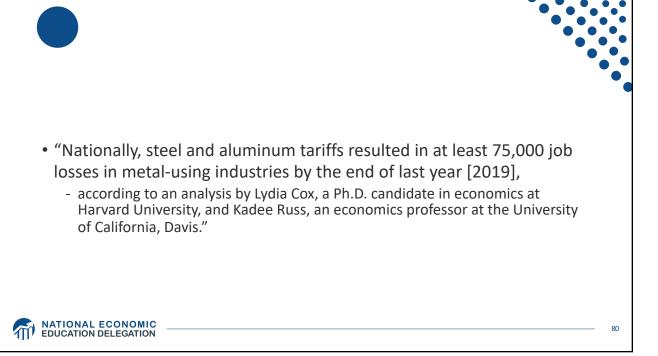


- A rise in price of competing goods produced there
- Benefits to those producers
- Harm to buyers of both the import and the competing goods
  - Including producers that use the higher-priced goods as inputs
    - Their prices also rise, hurting their buyers
- Employment changes:
  - Increase in the protected industry
  - 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



- 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)
  - Sellers shift to export to other countries that pay less
  - Both lose a little



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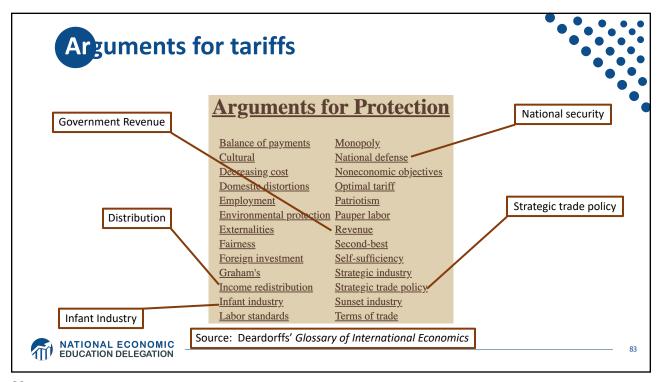
# Arguments for and against tariffs



- 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** 







### 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
  - o 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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- 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







### • WTO

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



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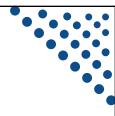
# The Role of Trade Agreements



- 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
  - 1. 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 has not)
  - Removal of other barriers
- Dispute settlement
  - Countries bring cases against others
  - oWTO "panels" and "Appellate Body" decide



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# The Role of Trade Agreements

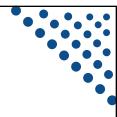


### WTO Negotiation

- Ministerial Meetings
  - o Held every ~2 years 1996-2017
  - o Most recent, #12, was delayed,
    - But happened June 12-17, 2022, in Geneva
    - · Didn't do much: Ended subsidies to illegal fishing
  - Next, #13, will be in 2024, in United Arab Emirates







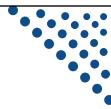
### WTO Negotiation

- Agreements
  - Multilateral (all members)
    - None on tariffs
    - A few on other measures (e.g., export subsidies in agriculture)
  - Plurilateral (willing members)
    - Government procurement
    - Information technology
    - Telecoms
    - · Financial services



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# The Role of Trade Agreements



### WTO Dispute Settlement

- There have been 616 cases initiated since 1995 (as of 3/12/23)
- 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?**



- Yes, but only partly.
- They've been hit hard by financial crisis, trade war, pandemic, and now war
- Will attitudes change?

  - Firm's will try to limit exposure ("just in case" instead of "just in time")
  - Consumers may learn to live differently
  - Reported July 20: Biden administration wants "friend-shoring." No mention yet of policies.

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

- - o 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.













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