

America's Assets and Liabilities in the Global Economy  
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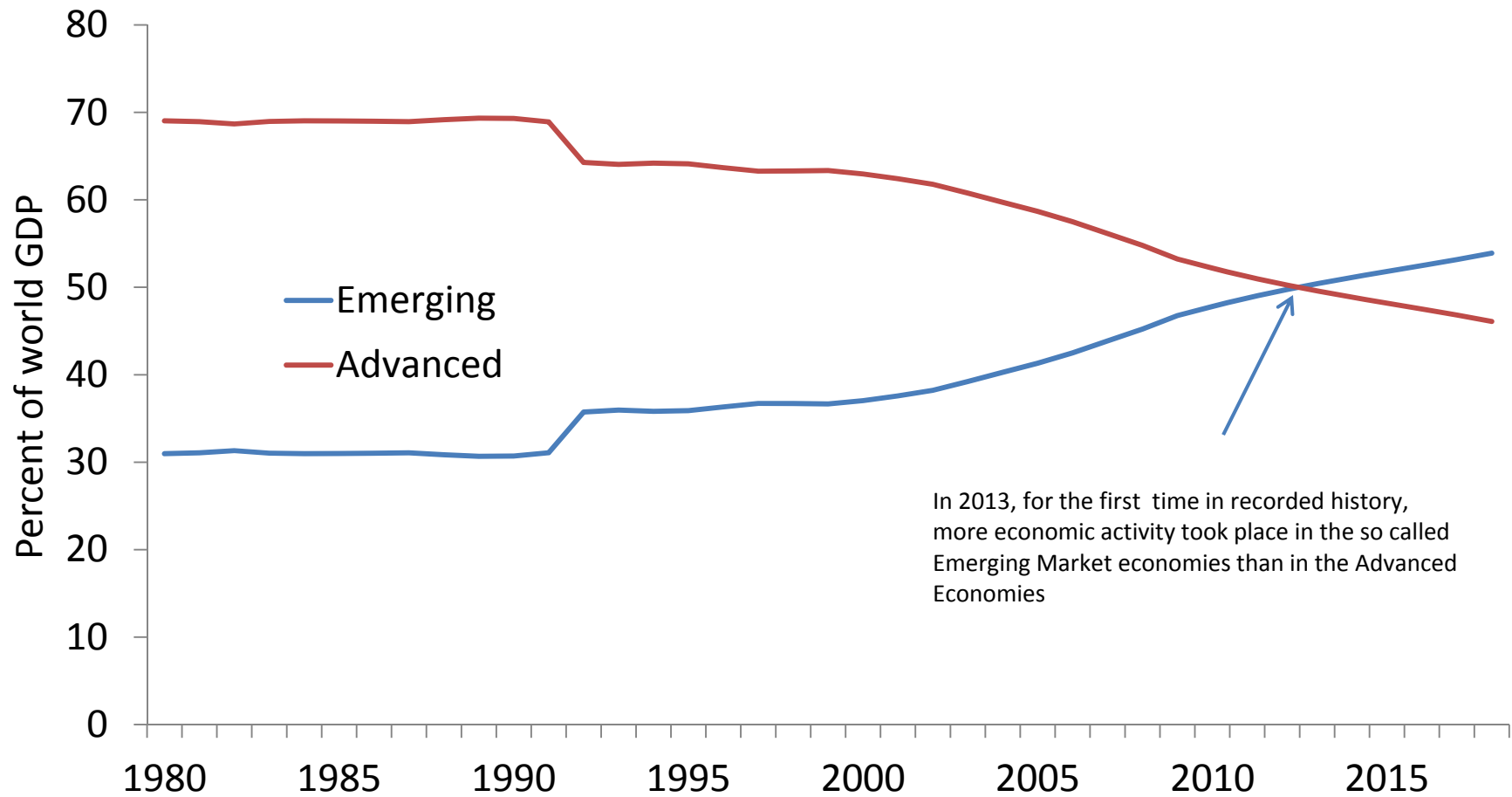
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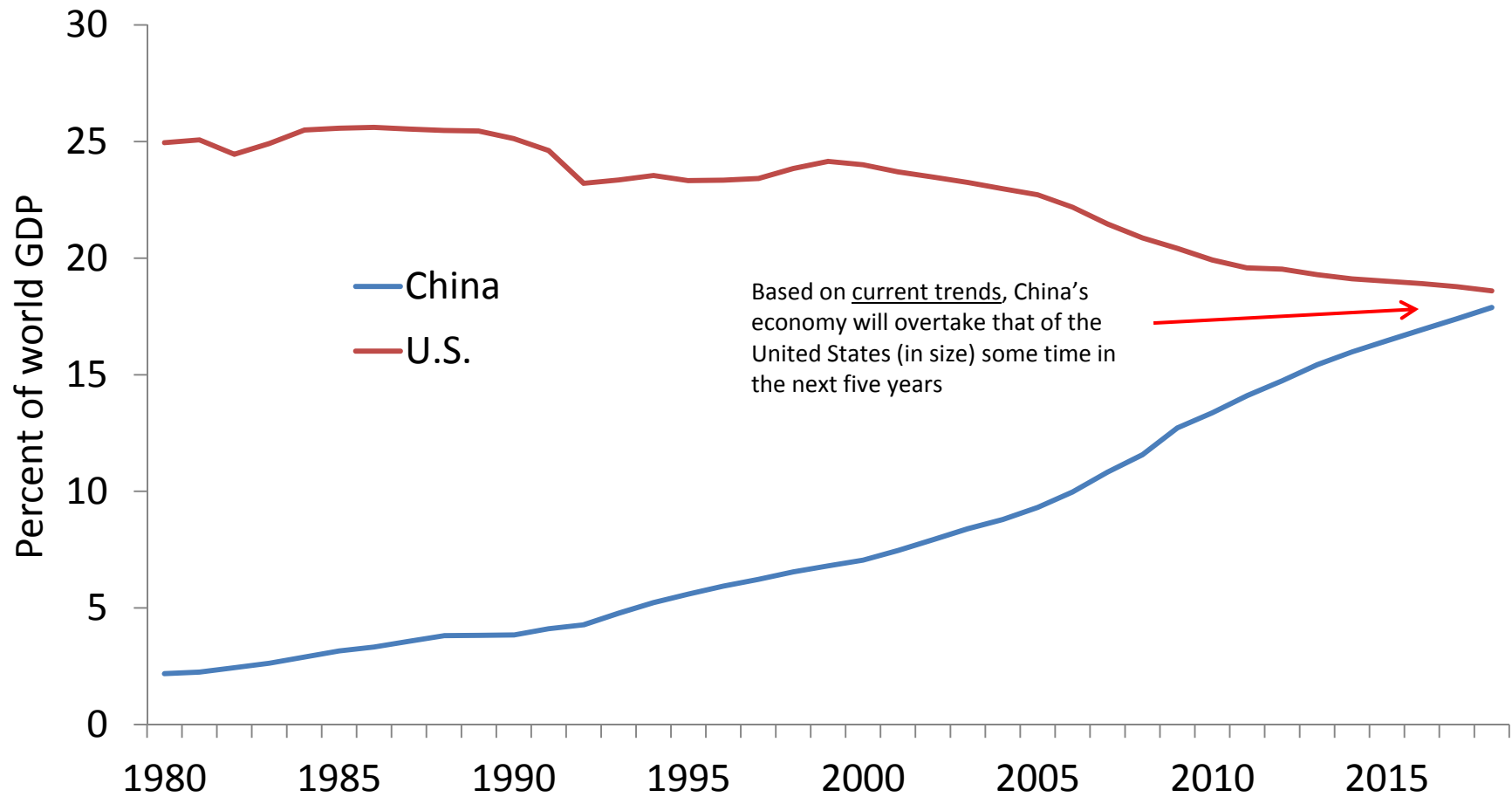
# Overview

- The importance of globalization
- Financial globalization and the indebtedness of the United States
- Is the United States different?
- Concluding observations

# The world has changed...

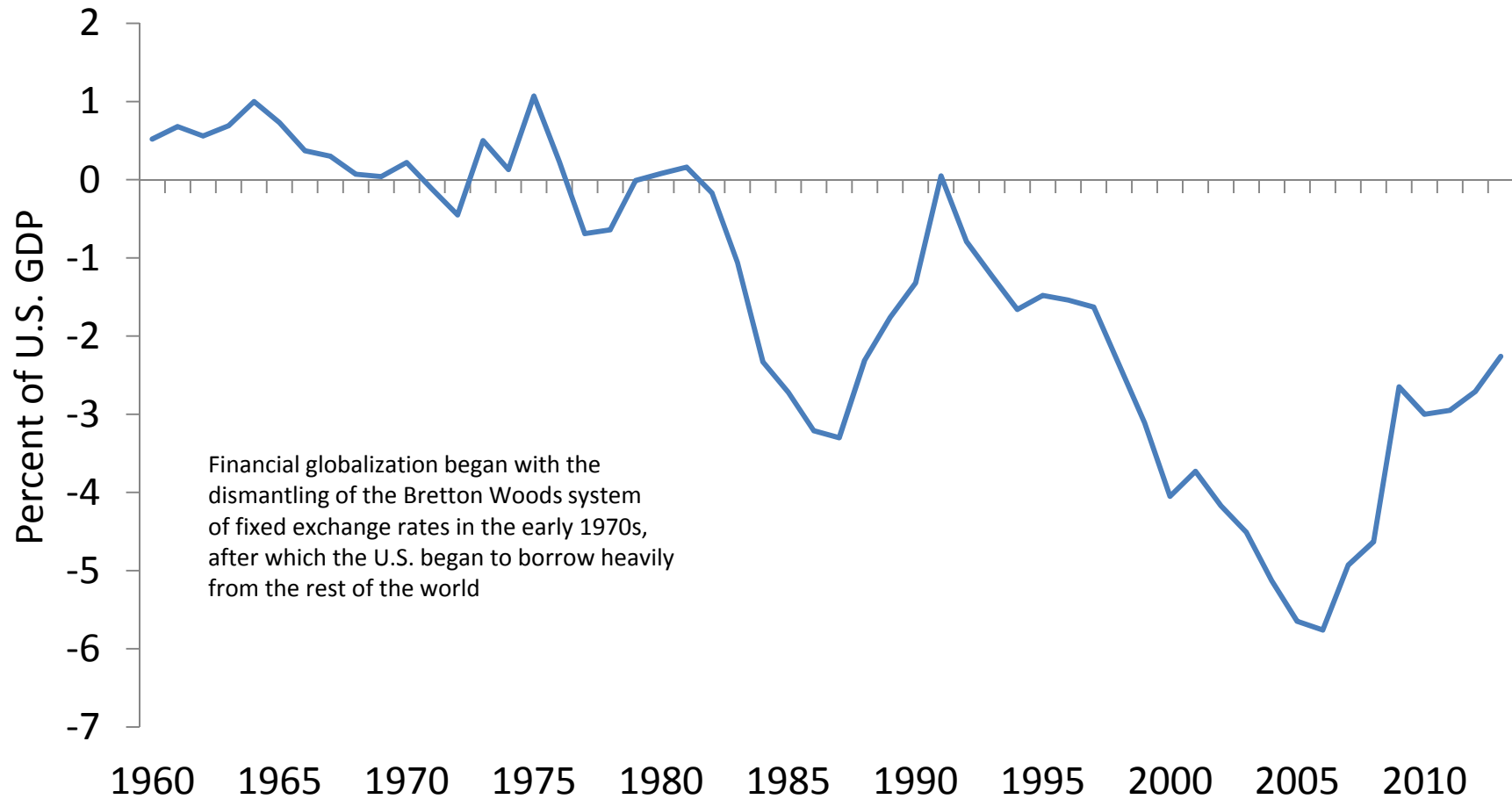


# ...and will change further

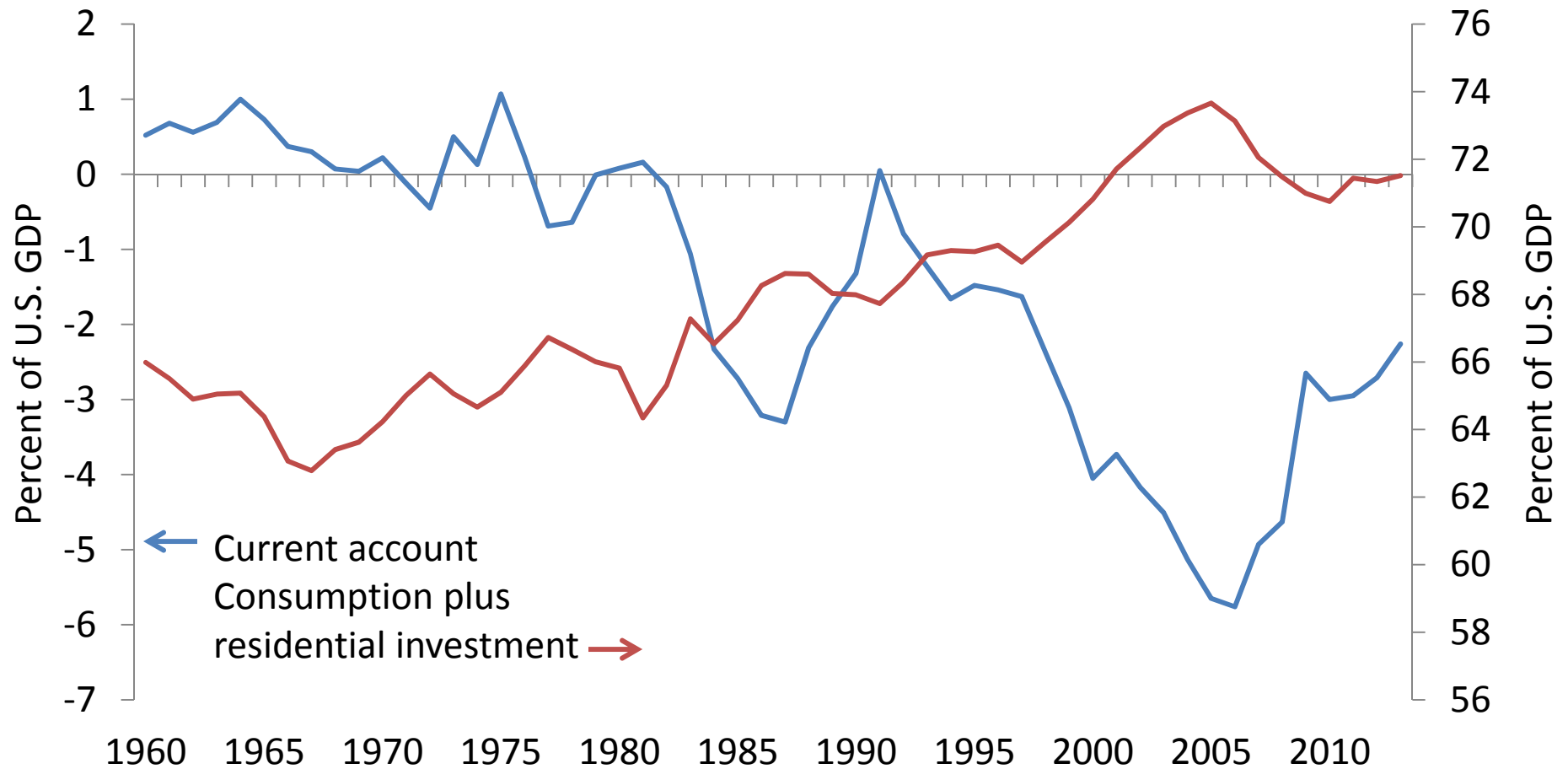




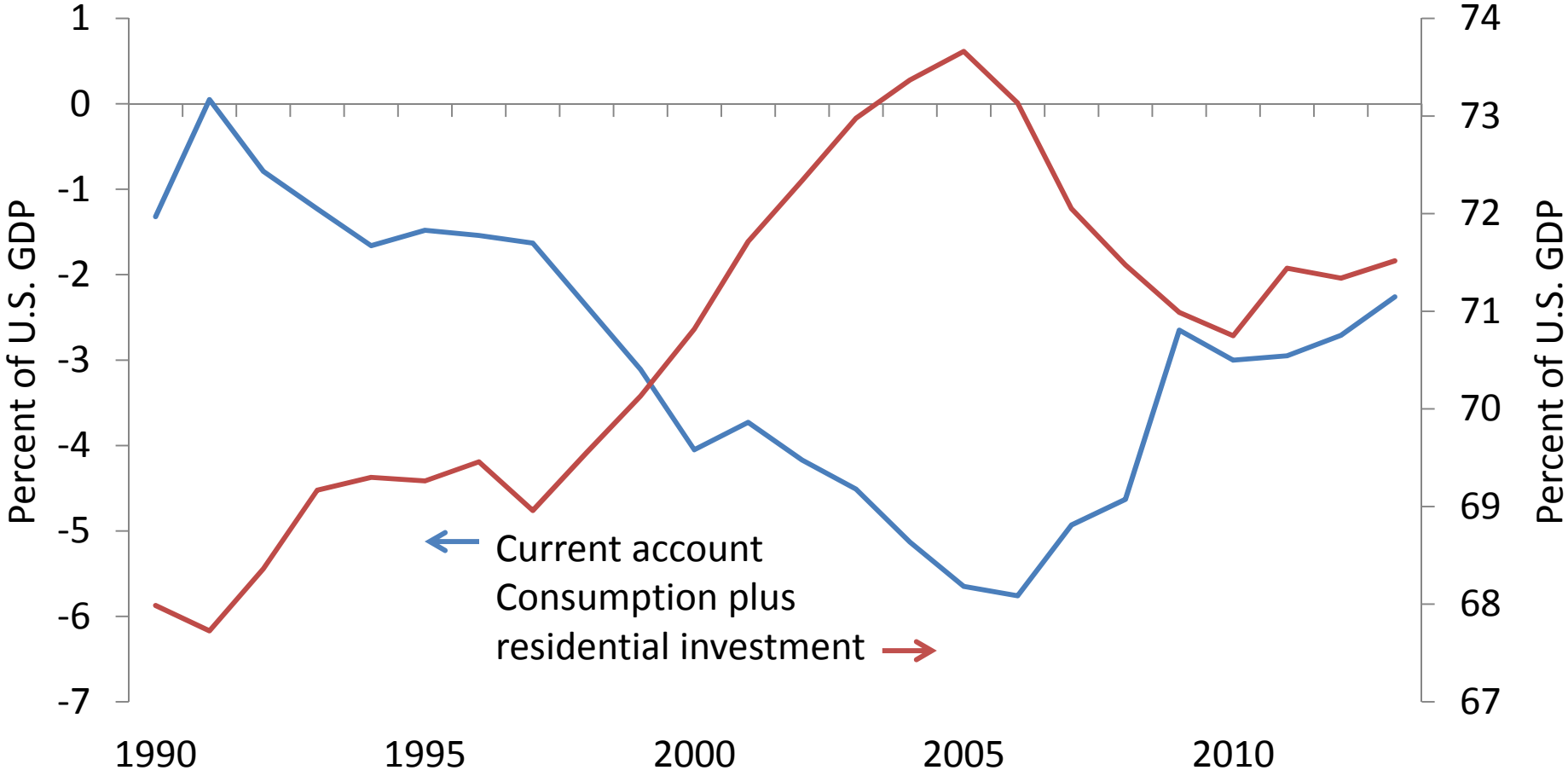
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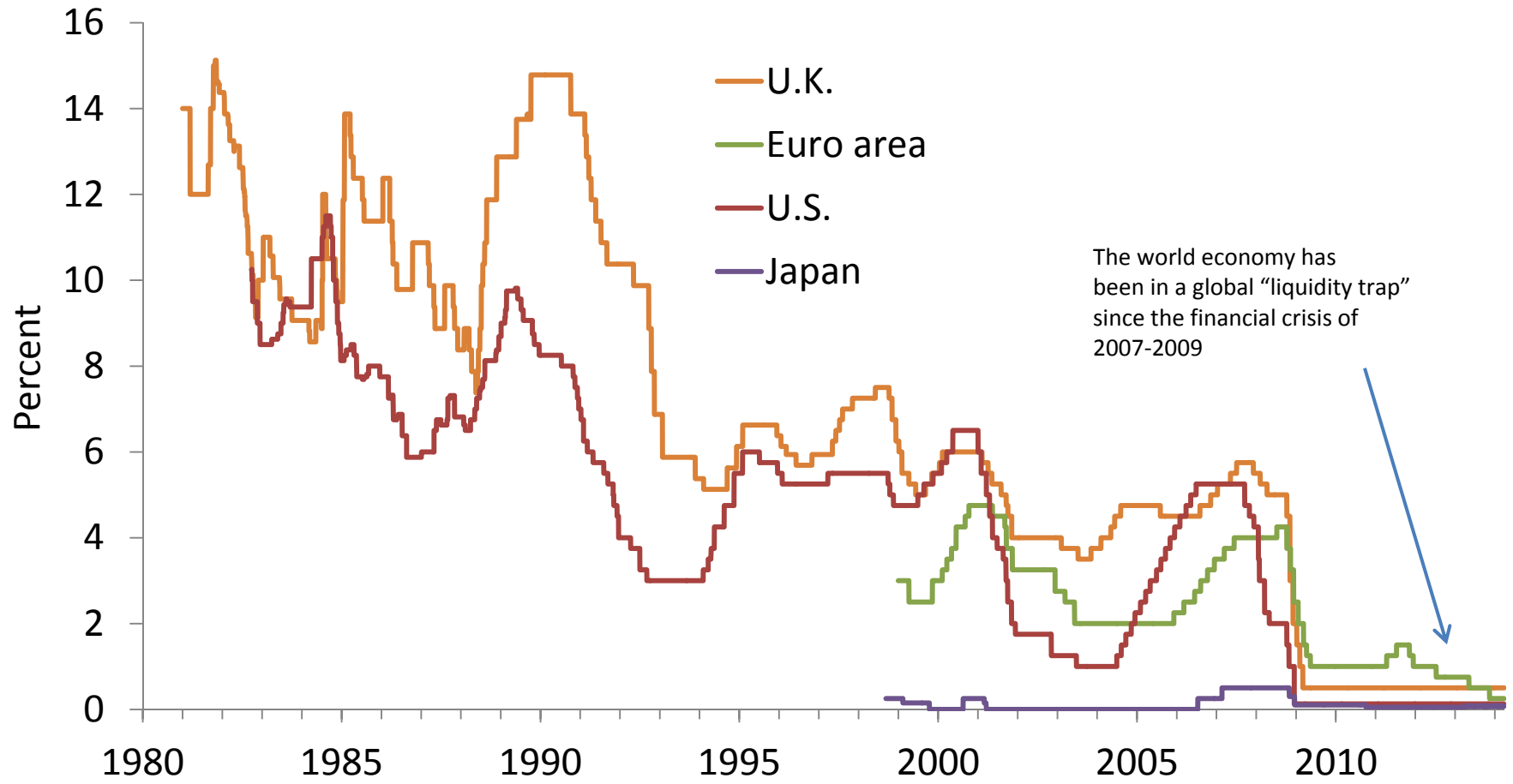


# Party time!





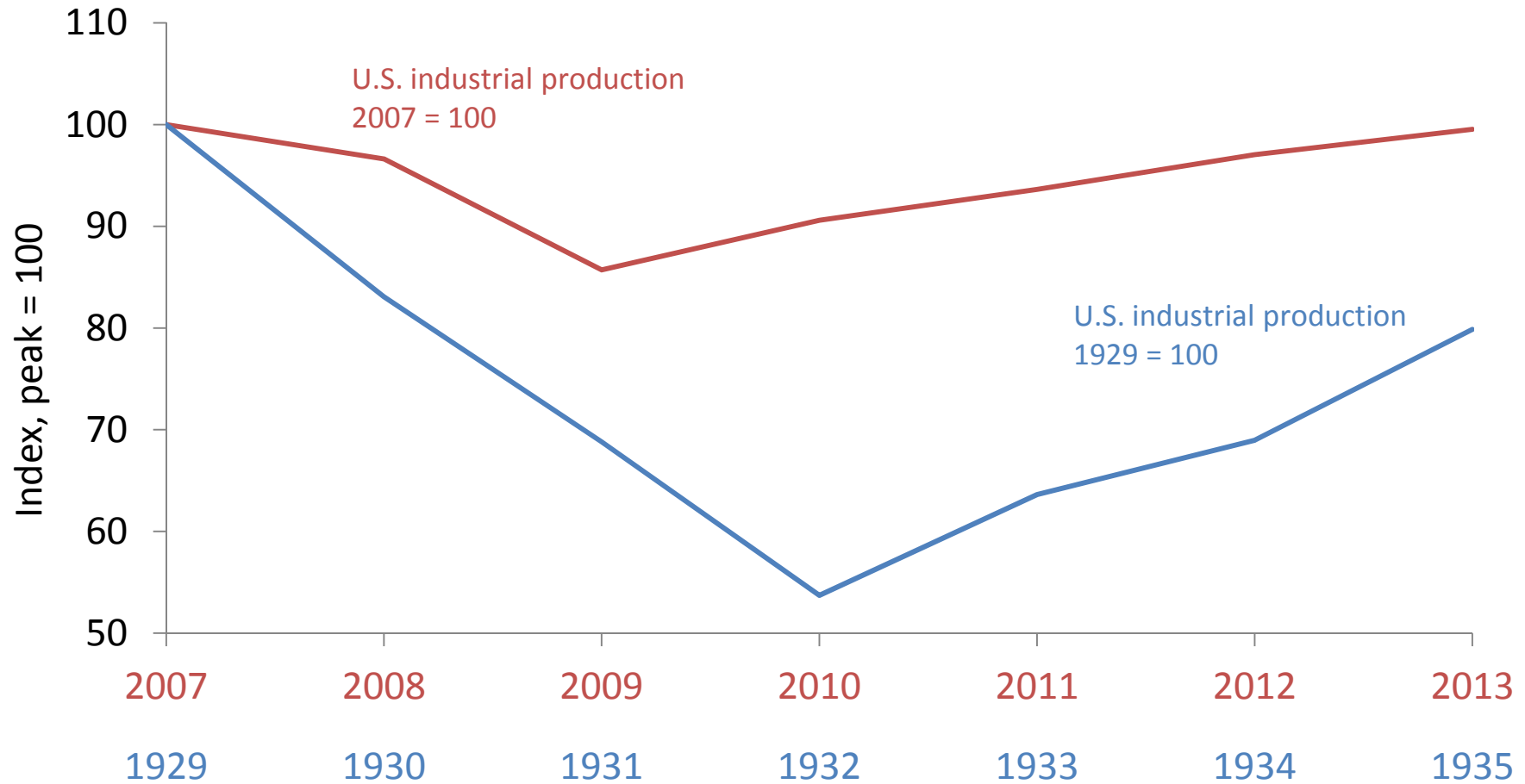
# The world has also changed for central bankers



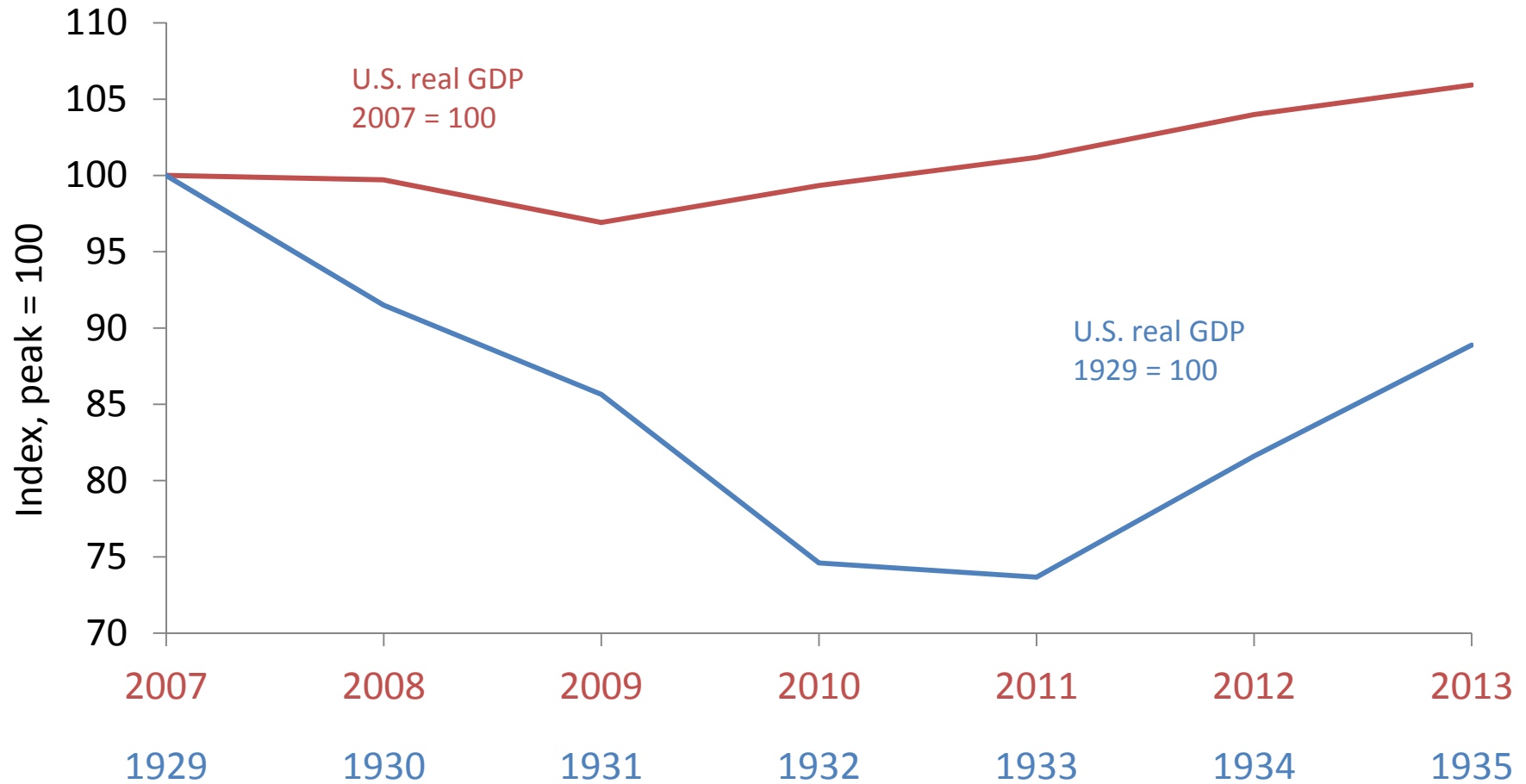
Note: With the introduction of quantitative and qualitative monetary easing by the Bank of Japan on April 4, 2013, the main operating target for money market operations changed from the uncollateralized overnight call rate to the monetary base. The average rate is plotted for Japan starting April 4, 2013.



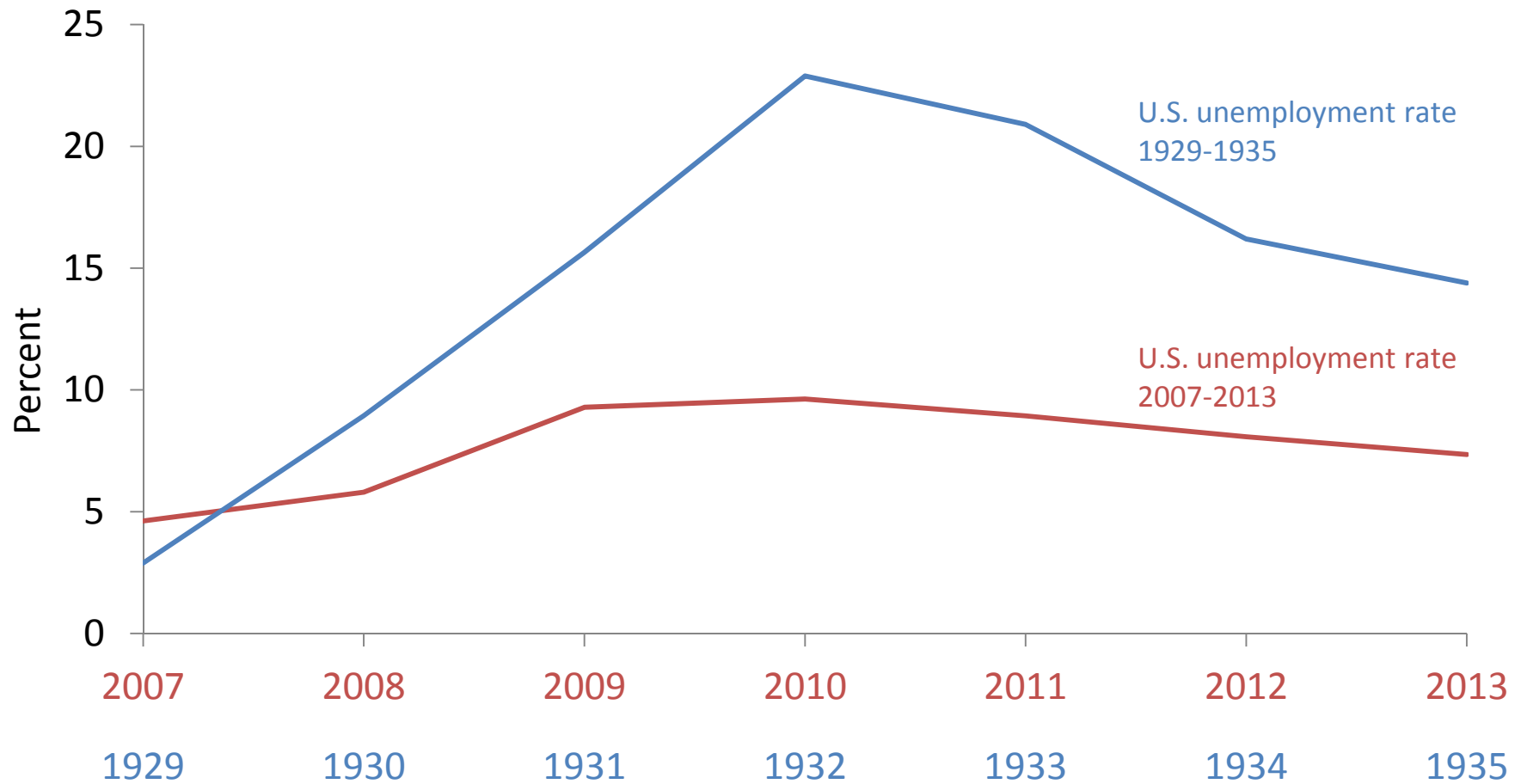
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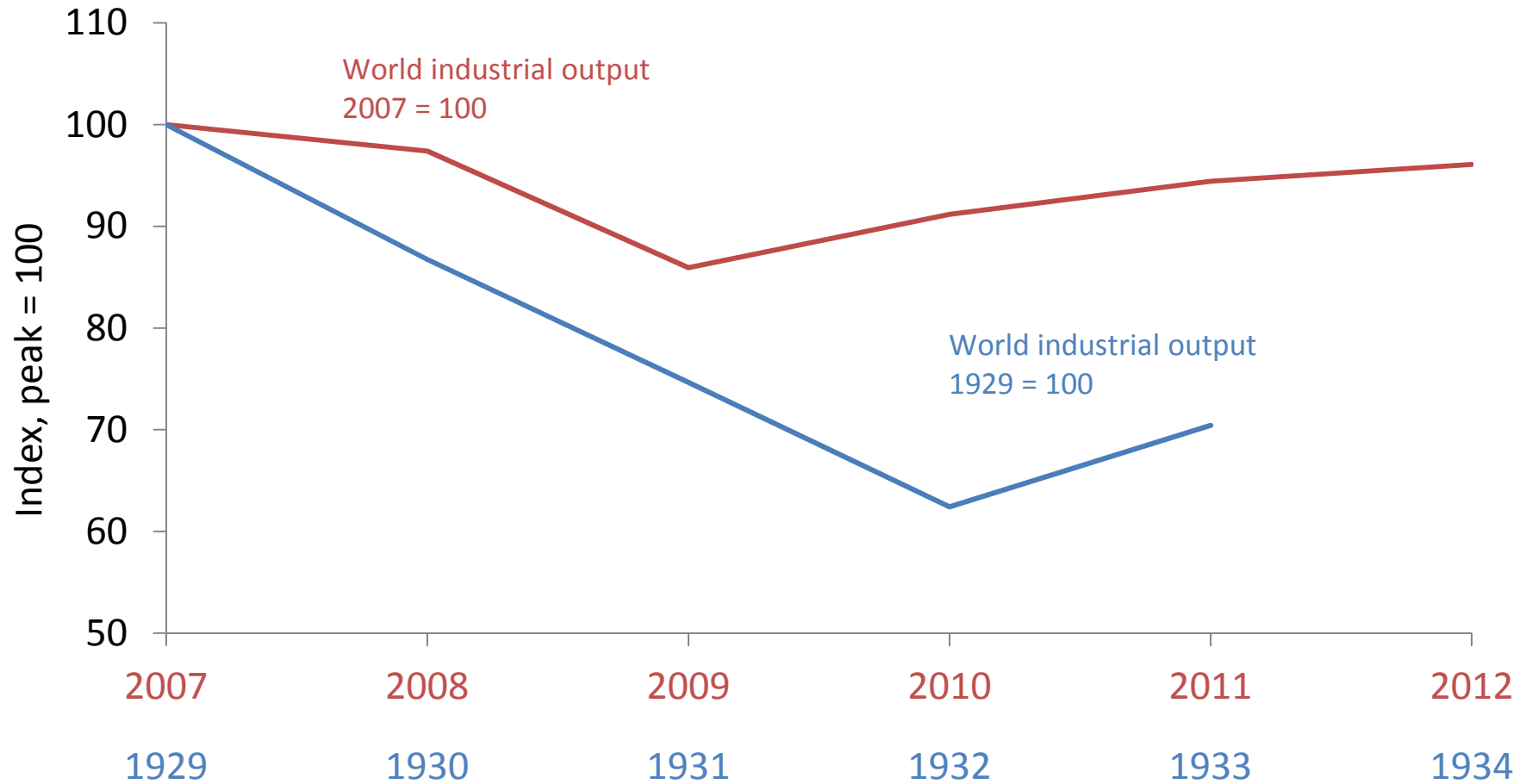
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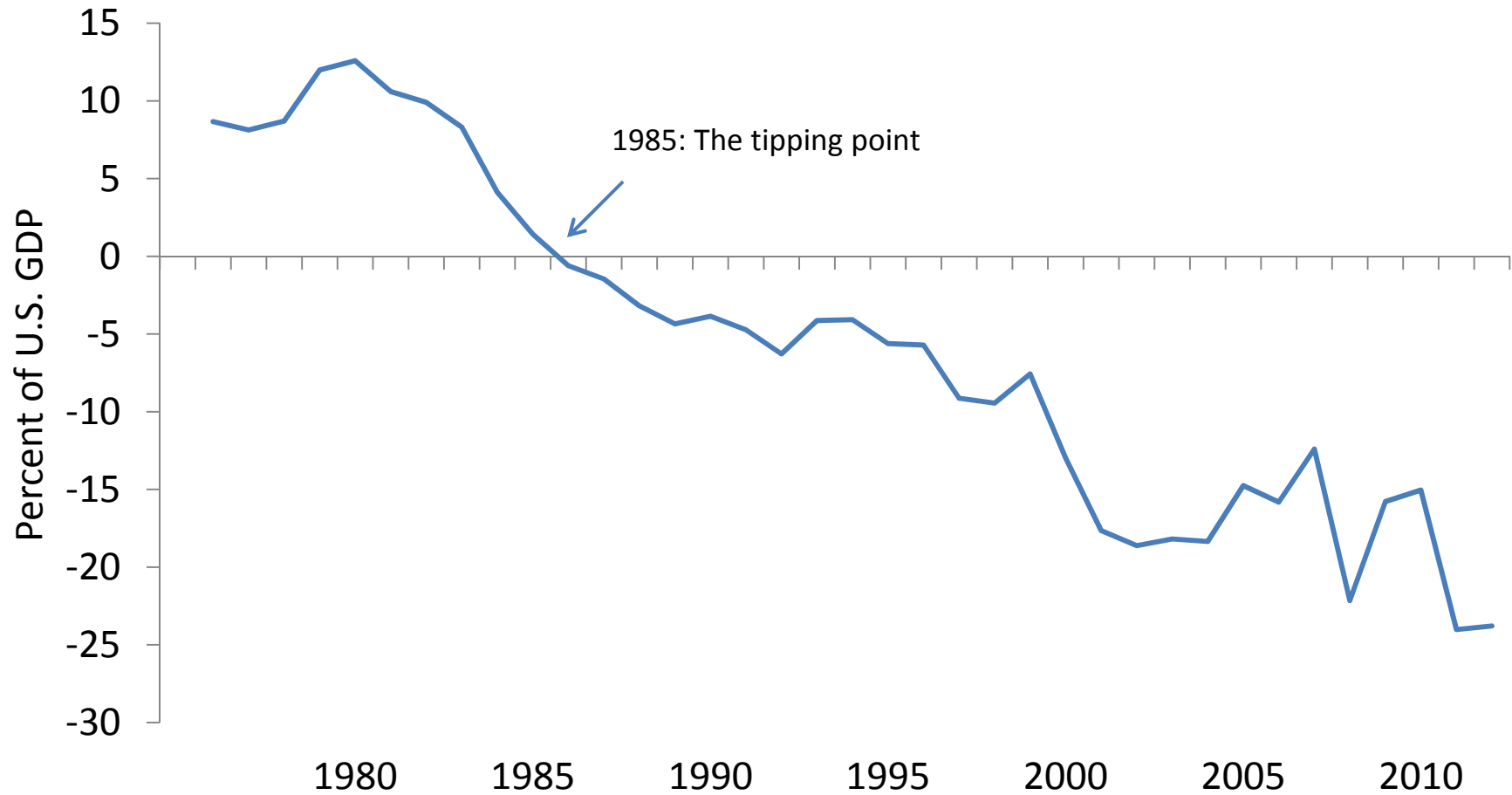
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# From being a net creditor to net debtor

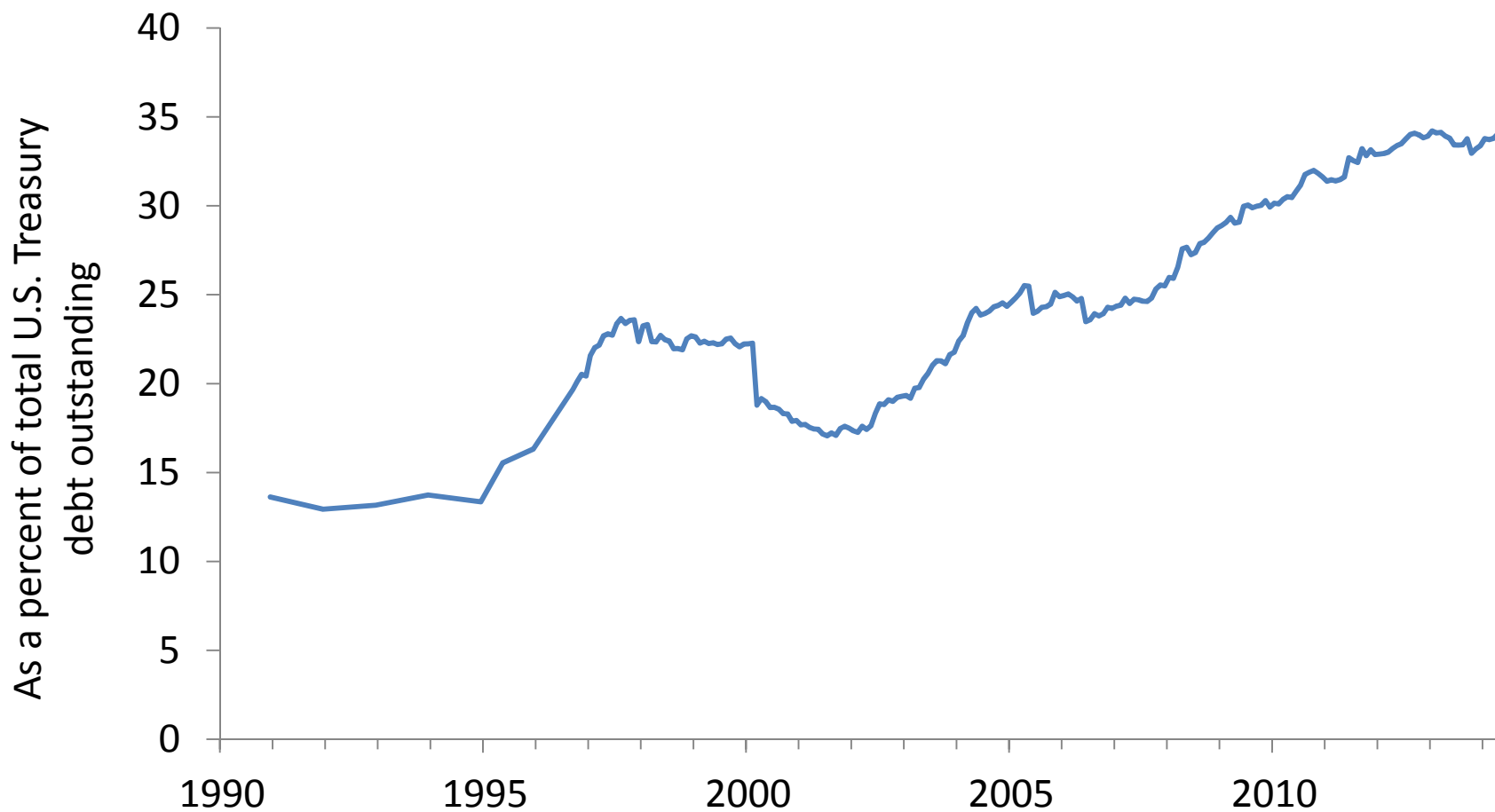


# Is the U.S. “different”?

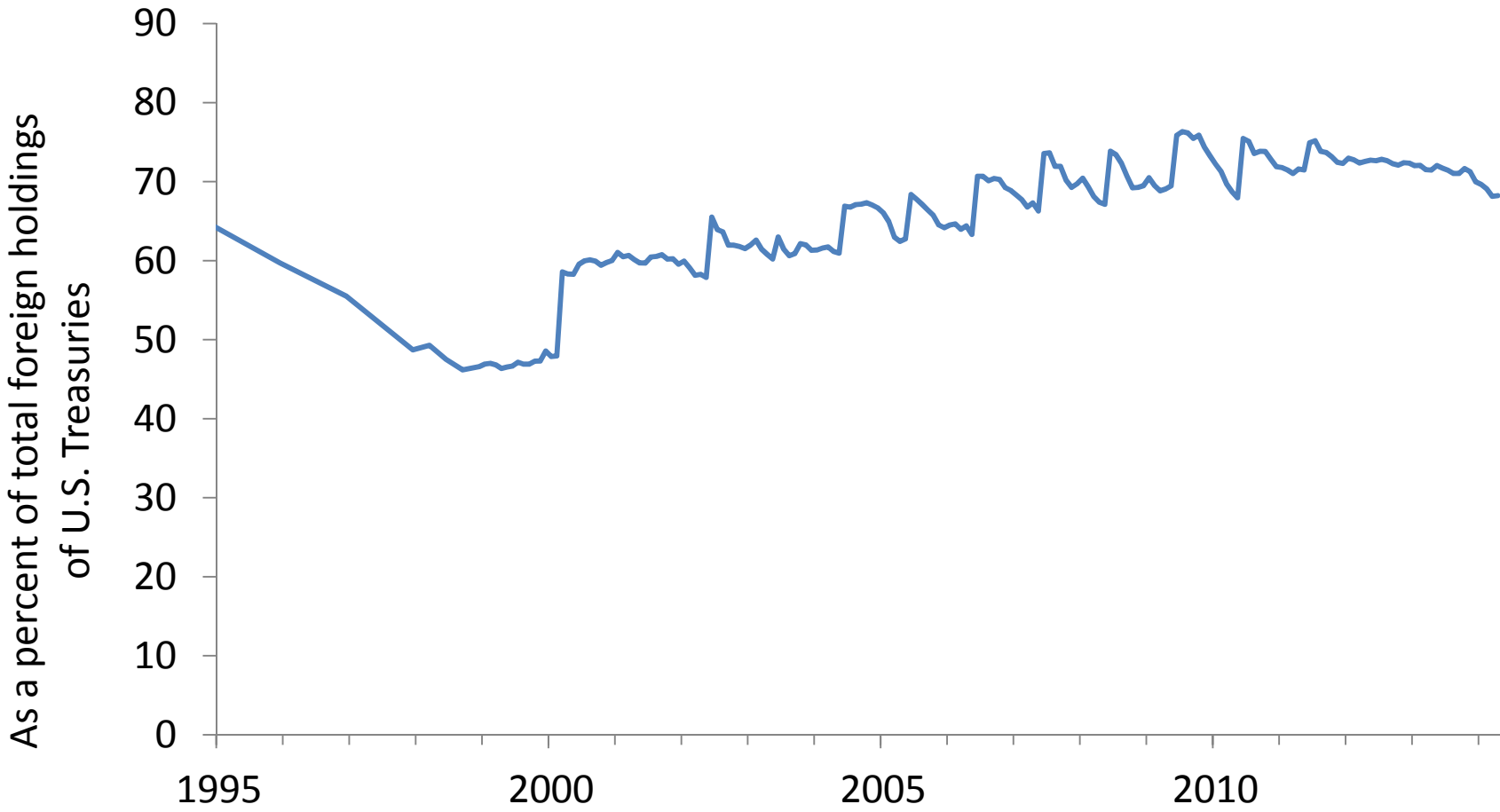
- Role of the U.S. dollar as a global currency
  - As vehicle for holding foreign exchange reserves
  - As a unit of account for pricing (e.g. oil, airplanes)
- Seigniorage revenue
  - About half of US currency held outside the United States
- Ability to issue debt in our own currency
  - US almost uniquely privileged in this regard
- “Safe-haven” status



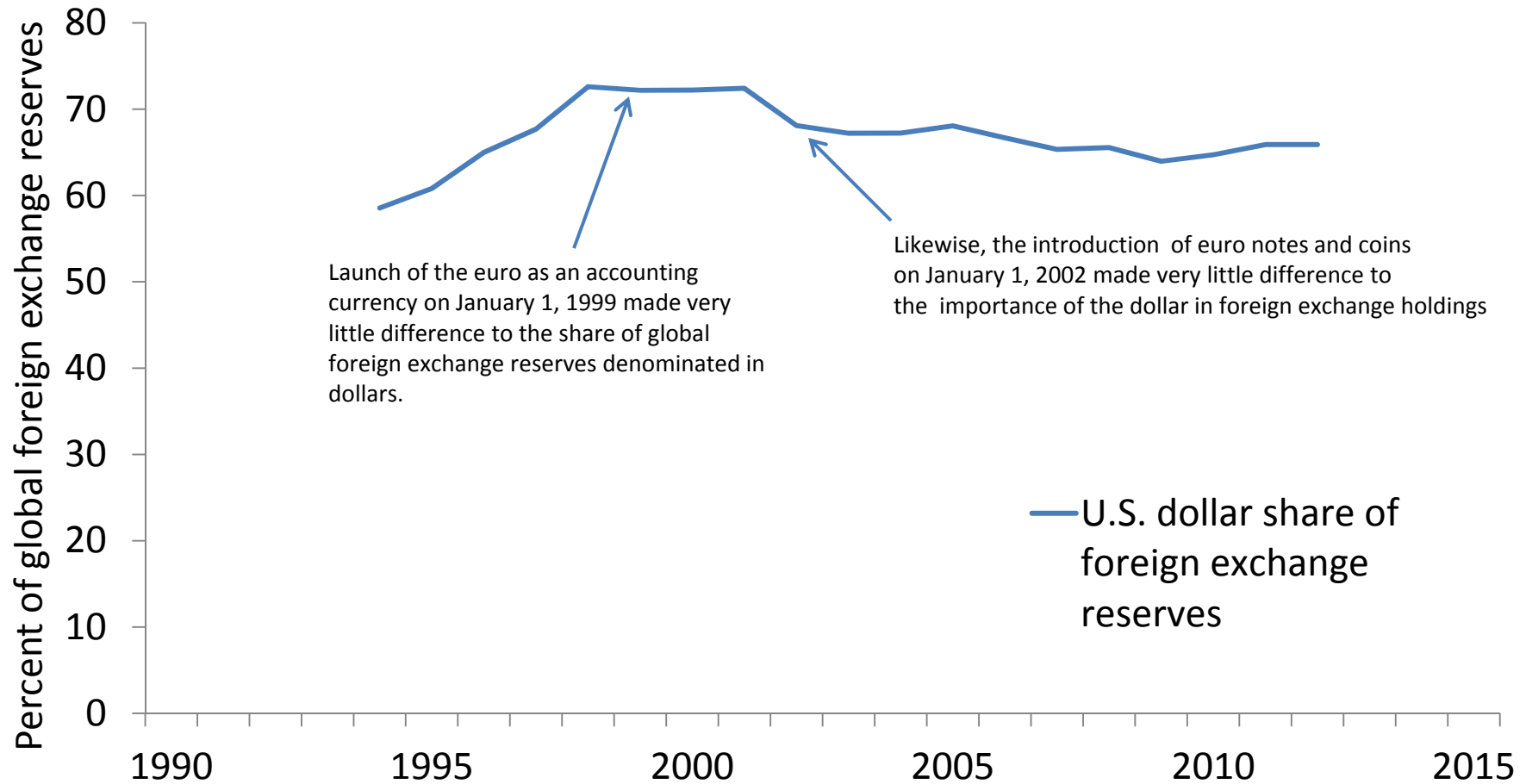
# Foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury debt



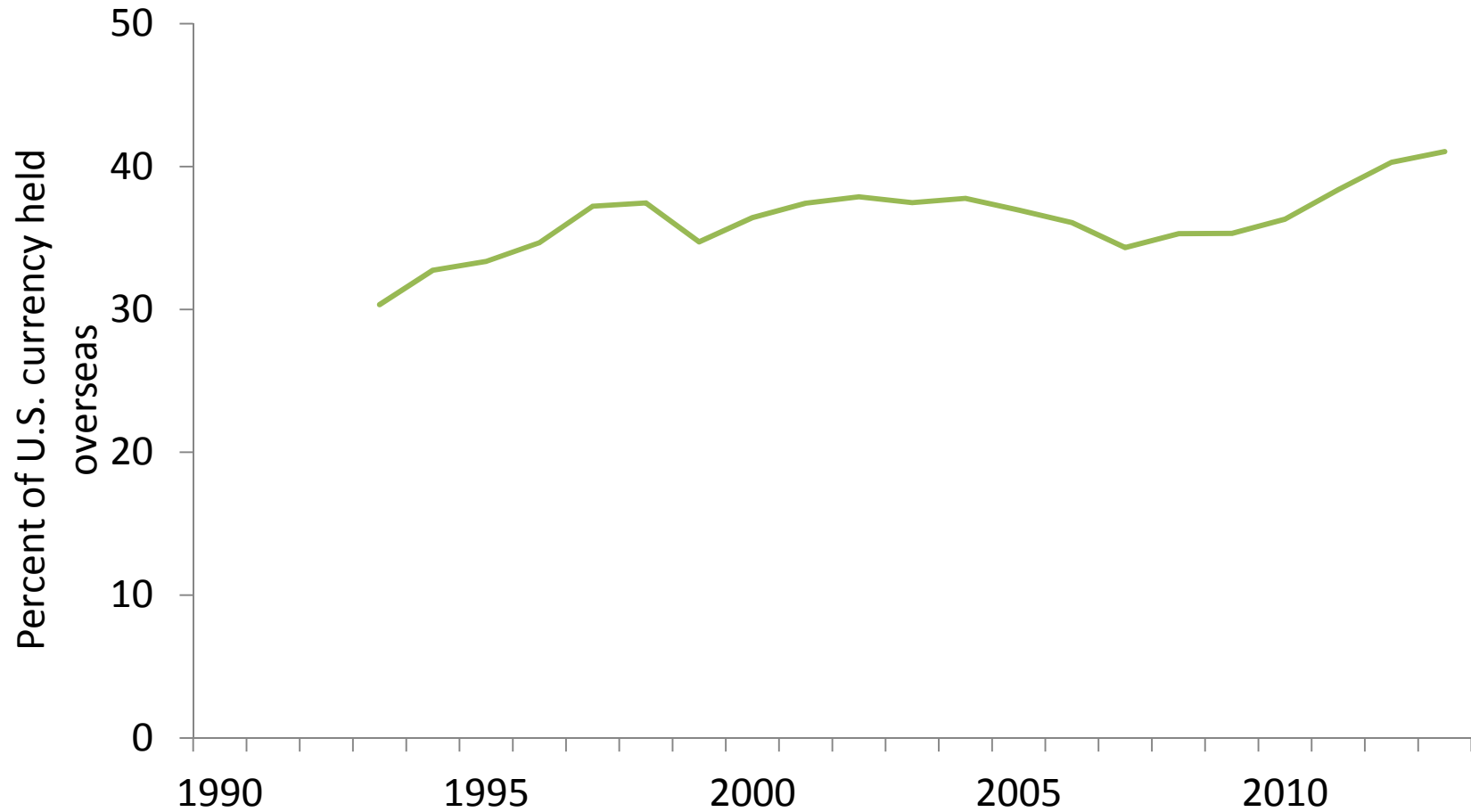
# Foreign official institutions' holdings of U.S. Treasury securities



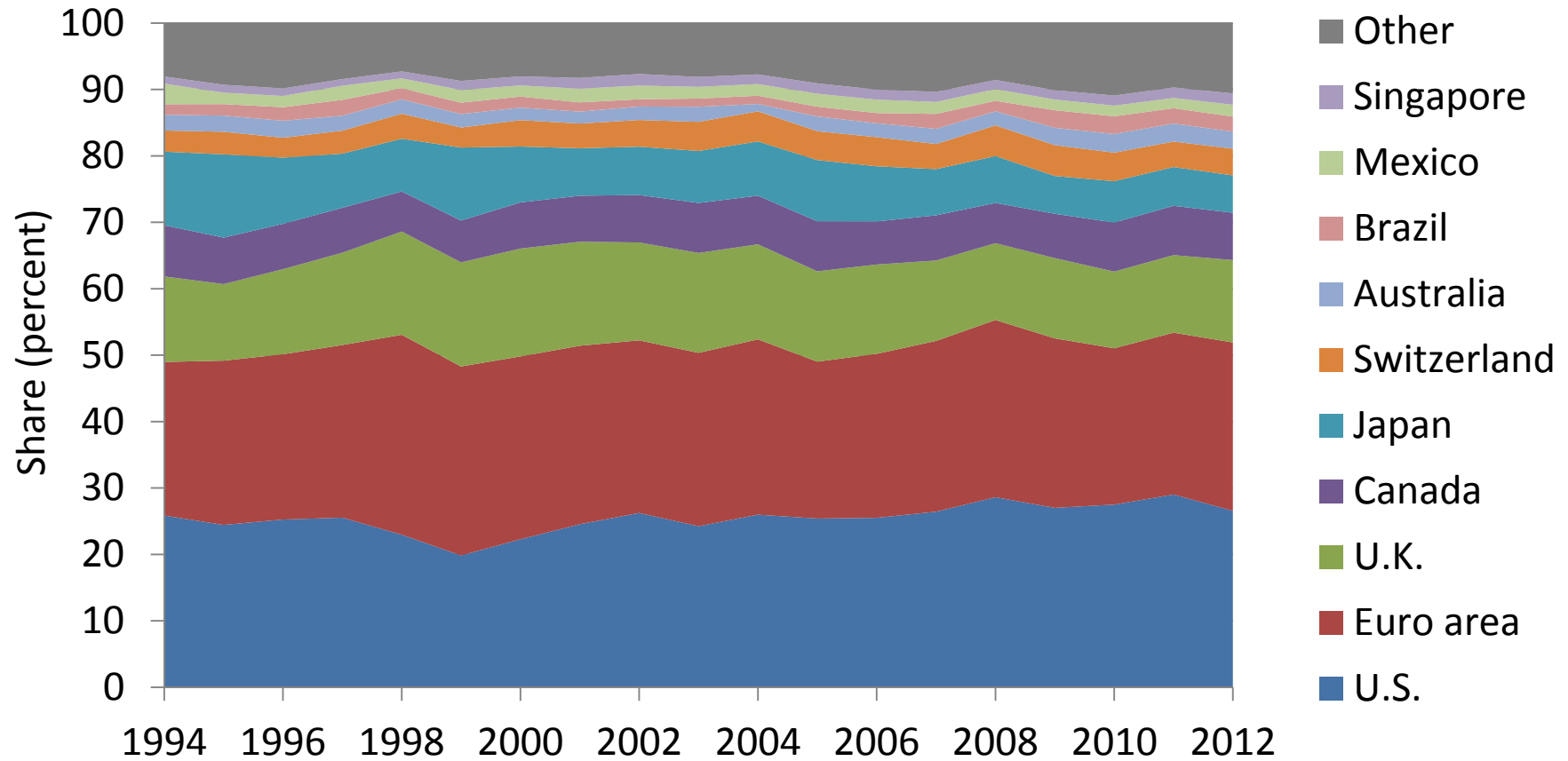
# U.S. dollar the preferred vehicle for holding foreign exchange reserves



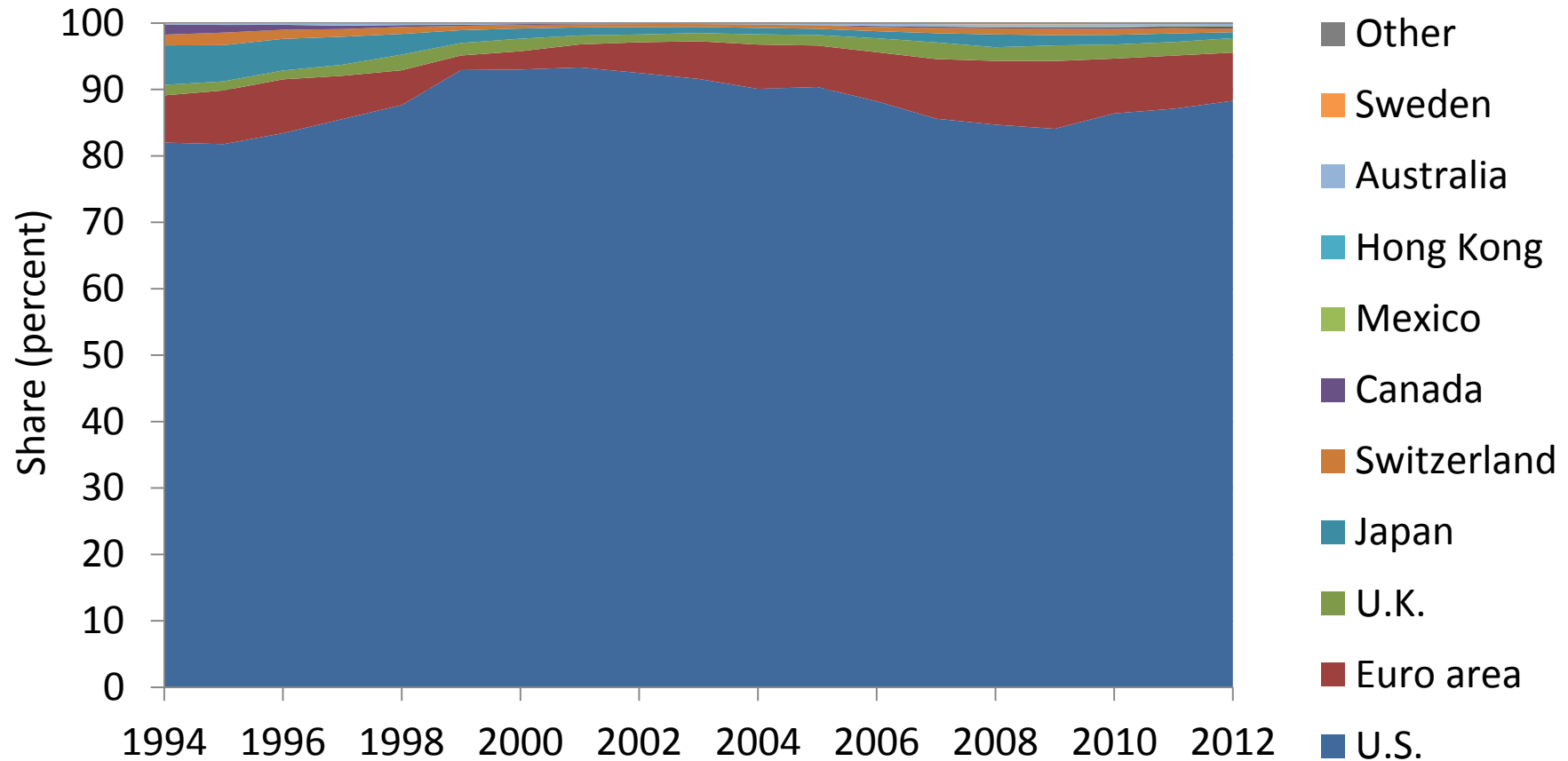
# A tidy source of profit to the U.S. taxpayer



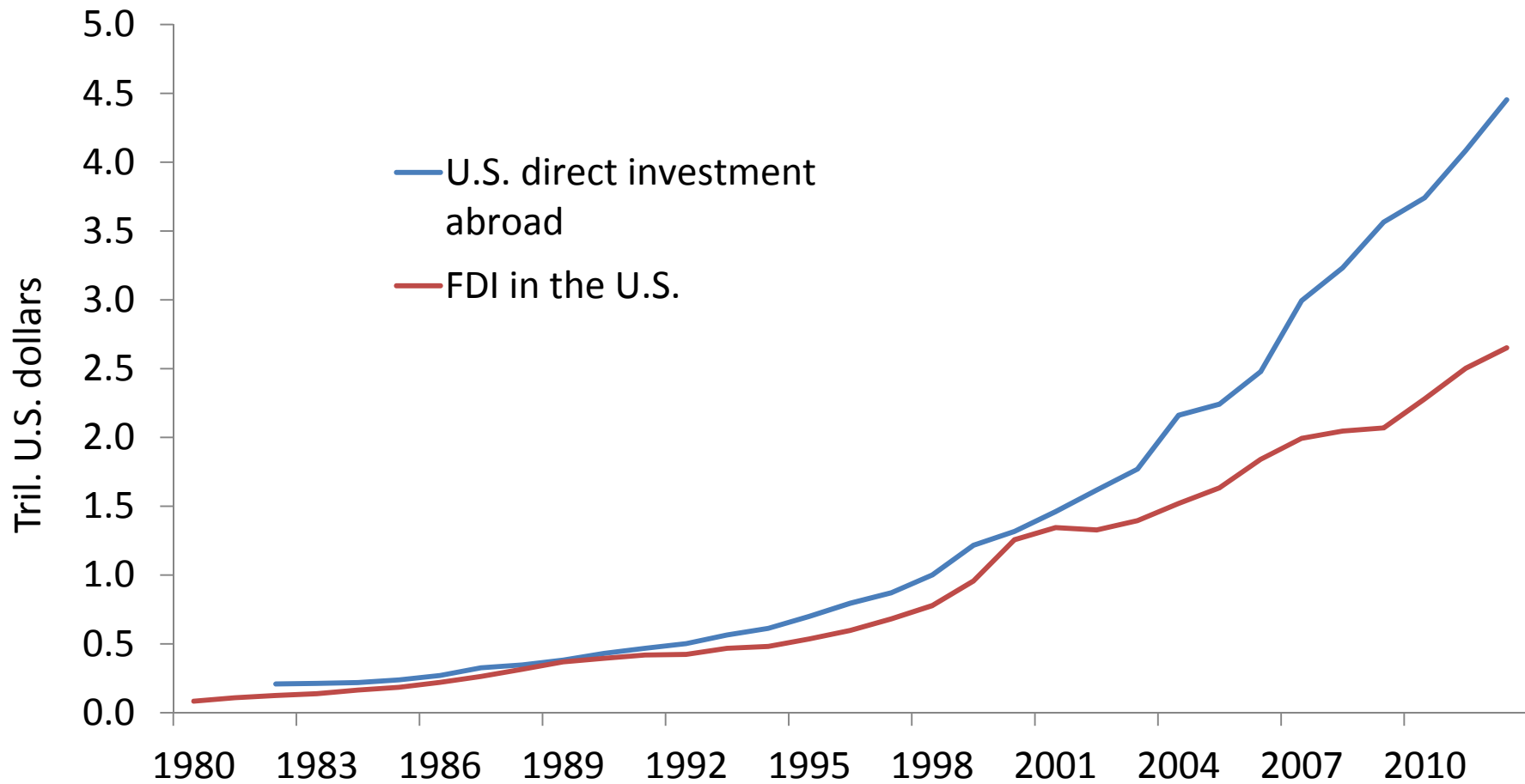
# Currency Composition of U.S. International Assets



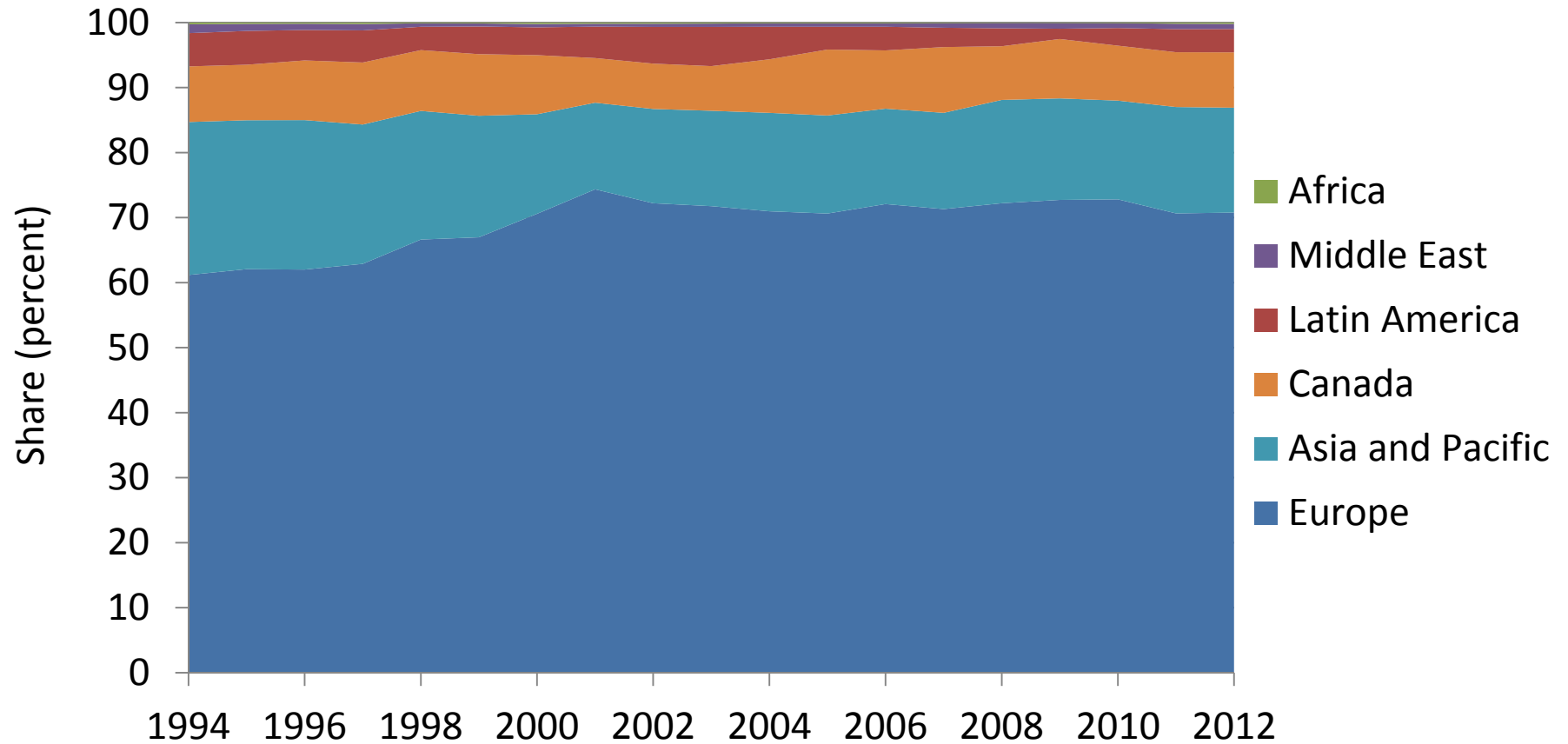
# Currency Composition of U.S. International Liabilities



# Total FDI in the U.S. and abroad

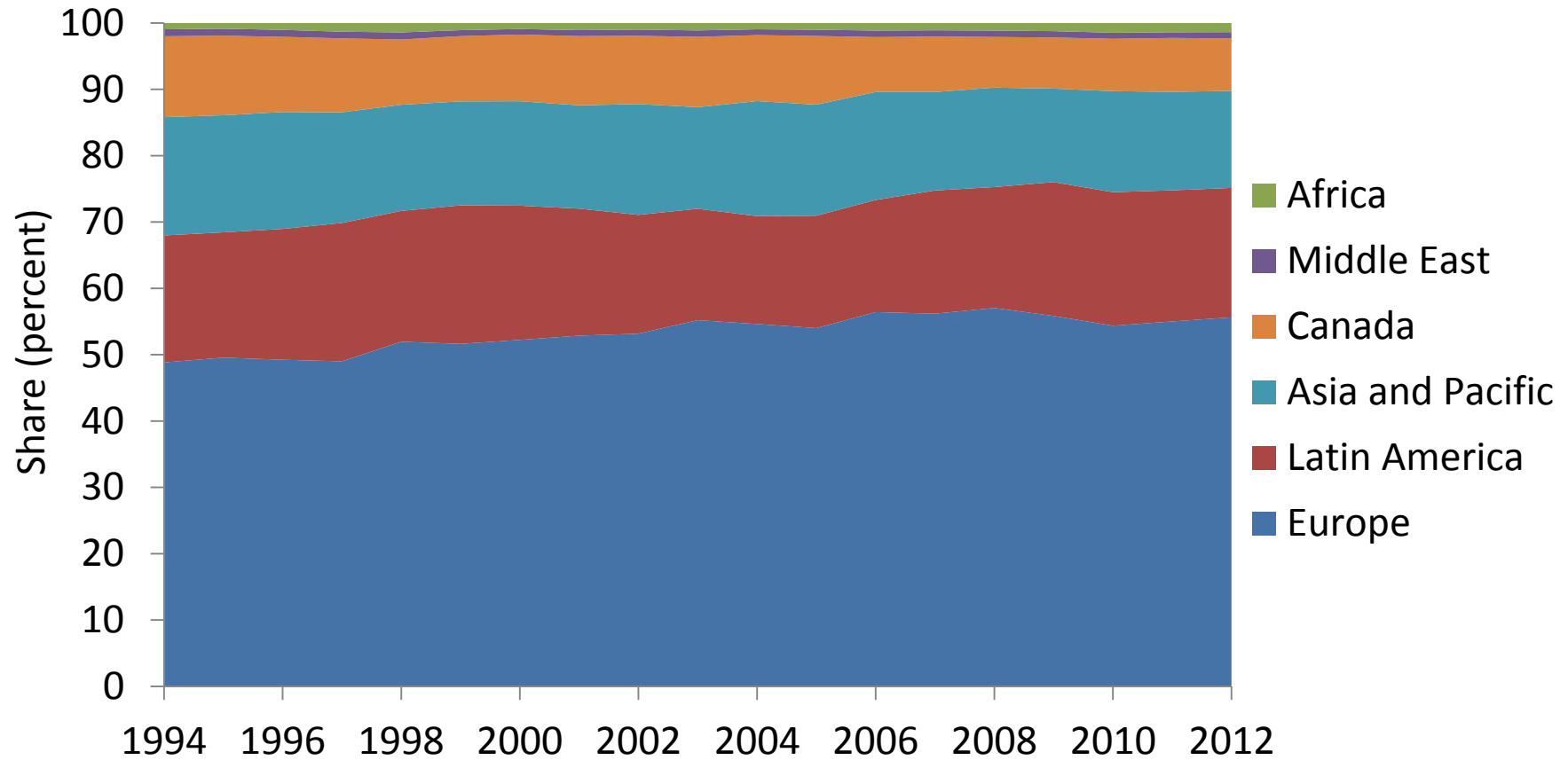


# Composition of foreign direct investment in the U.S.

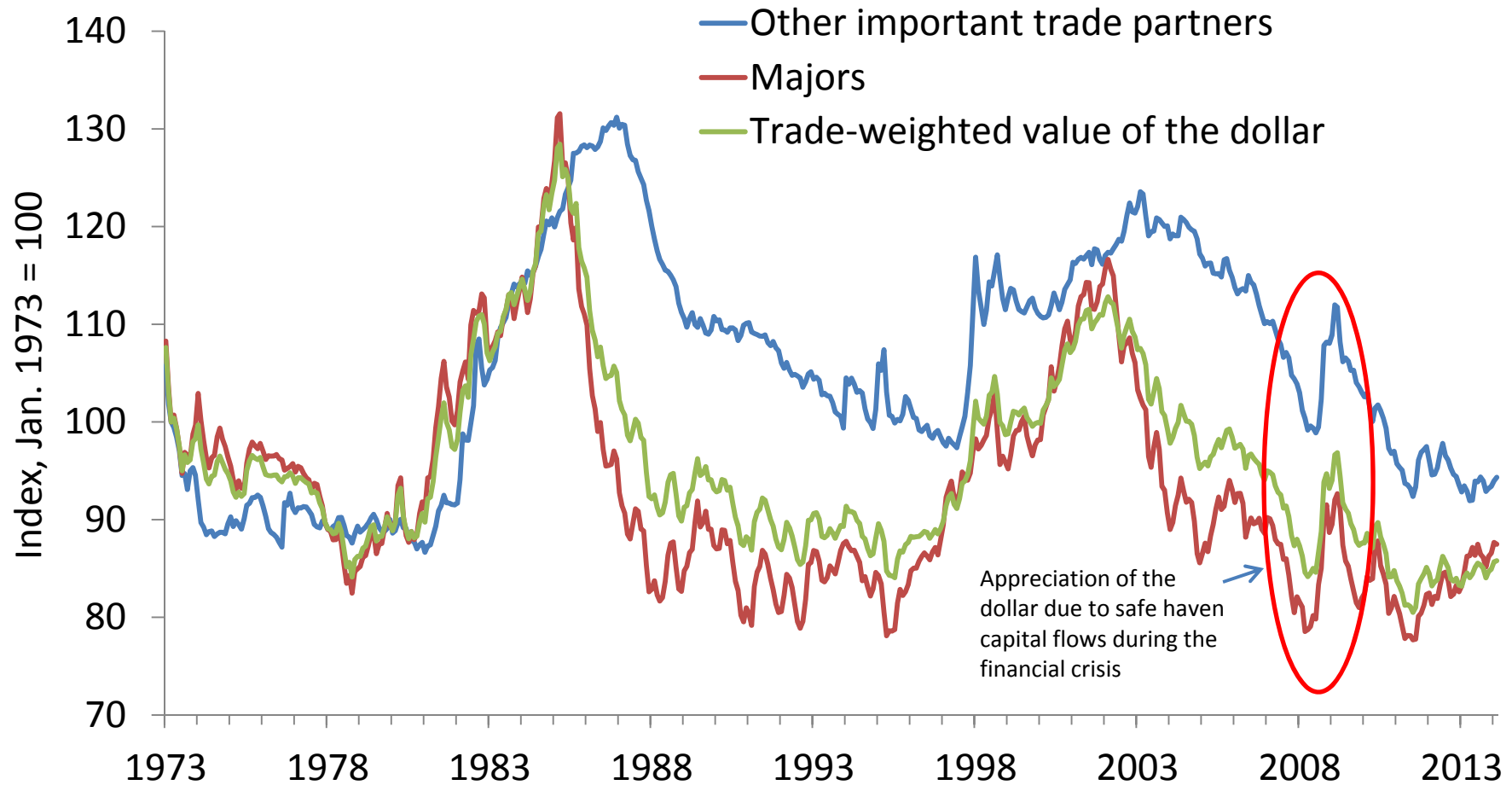




# Composition of U.S. direct investment abroad



# The external value of the dollar



# Final thoughts

- Globalization is driving a fundamental rebalancing of global economic activity
- Financial globalization has seen the U.S. go from being a net creditor to the rest of the world to being a net debtor
- Nevertheless, the U.S. is different in important respects
- A key challenge going forward will be to ensure that we do not squander that position

