# U.S. Trade and Industry: A Glimpse Under the Hood

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### Outline

- Breaking down U.S. trade
  - By partner
  - By types of goods
- Value-added measures of trade
  - Re-examine the trade linkages
- A historical perspective of industry in the U.S.
  - Composition of U.S. employment
  - Driving forces

#### Top U.S. Export Partners and Patterns



#### Top U.S. Import Partners and Patterns



Source: Haver Analytics

### Composition of U.S. Goods Imports

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### Composition of U.S. Trade Deficit

Trade deficit shares, percent

Trade balance, percent of GDP



Source: Haver Analytics

### What is "value-added" trade?

- Classic example: the iPhone.
- China assembles iPhones and exports them to the U.S.
  - China imports components from various sources: Japan, Korea, Germany, the U.S., etc.
- Gross value of export is accredited to China.
  - But China does not create all of the value.
- Repatriate the contribution of each source in the global supply chain to the final value.
- Similar for much of the trade between the U.S. and Mexico, specifically in autos and parts.

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ROW \$162 Processor, camera, etc. USA \$11 \$180 Assembled product

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Remaining value of the iPhone sale covers distribution, R&D, and other value-added by Apple. Distribution, R&D, etc. \$320 USA S11 USA S11 CHN CHN

### A U.S. consumer purchases an iPhone for \$500: How is the value-added distributed?



Implied **gross** trade deficit b/w U.S. and China: **\$169** 

Implied **gross** trade deficit b/w U.S. and ROW: <u>\$0</u>.

Recording the transaction in value-added terms.



Implied **value-added** trade deficit b/w U.S. and China: <u>\$7</u>

Implied **value-added** trade deficit b/w U.S. and ROW: **\$162**.

## Value-added trade figures restate U.S. bilateral trade linkages

- U.S. tends to concentrate more on upstream production in the global supply chain.
- China and Mexico specialize more on downstream production.
- The U.S. bilateral trade deficits with China and Mexico are smaller when measured in terms of value added.
- Paints a new picture when thinking about currency wars.
  - A devaluation makes imports more expensive.
  - A country with small value added will gain very little from devaluing.

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60 Gross import shares ☑ Value-added import shares 50 Gross export shares ☑ Value-added export shares 40 30 20 10 0 CAN CHN **EA18** JPN MEX ROW

Source: OECD Trade in Value Added database

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### De-industrialization: A historical perspective

- The decline in manufacturing, or industrial production, is part of a process known as "structural transformation."
- The share of employment in industrial sectors has been declining since the 1960s: Why?
  - Technology: advanced in productivity in manufacturing processes.
  - Demand: Increased demand for services (health care, education, etc.)
  - Trade: Increased specialization in global supply chains.

### Historical growth and structural transformation in the U.S.



Sources: Penn World Tables. International Handbook of Statistics, North America. Groningen Growth & Development Centre.

## Changes in private consumption expenditures in the U.S.



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Prices of services in the U.S. grew faster than both agricultural and industrial prices



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

### Sectoral linkages: Changes in U.S. firms' intermediate expenditures



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### De-industrialization: the U.S. is not alone



Source: International Historical Statistics: North America, Asia.

### Japan's industrialization process linked to trade



Source: International Historical Statistics: North America, Asia.

### Industrial employment percentages



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## Asian Tigers' industrialization and de-industrialization



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### China's industrialization



Source: International Historical Statistics: North America, Asia.

### Employment composition tied to GDP per capita



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### The decline in industrial activity

- Part of the economic growth process.
- Improved technology reduces the resources needed for production.
- Higher income and longer life-expectancy increases the demand for services.
- Globalization allows for specialization in the global supply chain.
  - The U.S. specializes more in service-intensive, upstream activities.