

# Hidden Costs of China Trade

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Much has been written about the corrupt trade practices engaged in by Communist China. In defiance and in glaring violation of **EVERY** trade agreement it has entered, China annually generates \$500 Billion in trade surpluses with America by manipulating its currency and imposing tariffs to discourage **OUR** imports. Meanwhile, it steals an equal amount in industrial secrets from U.S. companies operating in China, and then competes against those same companies by counterfeiting their products and selling them in world markets.

However, there are several equally important costs associated with U.S. trade with China that are often ignored or overlooked. These are the consequences to the **environment** from trans-Pacific shipping, the societal costs of a hollowed-out **manufacturing base** to the U.S. economy, and the **national security** implications from "*off-shoring*" large portions of our manufacturing base to Red China.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES:** Nearly three-fourths of the 21,000 containerships entering U.S. ports each year make a **24,000-mile round trip** from China to American **East Coast ports**. Most of the remaining 25 percent of imports are trans-Pacific containerships from China, which unload their products at **West Coast Ports** such as L.A. and Long Beach, a **14,000-mile round-trip**.

In its travels to America, each Chinese containership consumes

over **20 TONS** of marine diesel fuel every hour while at a cruising speed of 21 knots. The marine diesel fuel required to ship China's annual tonnage of imports to the U.S. would completely fill Yankee Stadium 67 times.

**As a result, each 10,000-unit mega-containership produces more hydrocarbon exhaust than 55 MILLION cars. (That's 1 ship = 55,000,000 automobiles.) Likewise, the 15 largest containerships in the world produce as much hydrocarbon exhaust as ALL the cars and trucks in the world, or the equivalent of 900 million vehicles. Yet, the Biden Administration wages war on America's oil and gas industries, even as it smiles on China trade and the pollution it generates.**



### **19,000 Capacity Containership, "Oscar"**

The price tag for just the diesel fuel required to ship Chinese exports to the U.S. is approximately \$200 Billion per year. That's more than \$200,000,000,000 that goes up in exhaust into the atmosphere over the Pacific Ocean each year. Yet, all that

hydrocarbon exhaust released into the Pacific Troposphere is eventually carried by prevailing winds to the lower atmosphere over the mainland United States.

This constitutes an **EGREGIOUS** environmental and ecological disaster, yet the phony American **“Green” Lobby** turns a blind eye to the environmental costs of China trade. The Marxists within the phony **“Green” Lobby** don’t give a rat’s-ass about atmospheric hydrocarbon pollution over America. All they really care about is the power and wealth they've been handed by the China lobby for attacking the oil and gas industries while ignoring the environmental consequences of China trade. America’s so-called **“Green”** advocates and activists are as phony as the heavily-subsidized market for electric vehicles.

**HOLLOWED-OUT ECONOMY:** Over 25 million manufacturing and industrial support jobs have been **LOST** to America by our traitorous China lobby going back to the 1990s. That’s 25,000,000 high-paying jobs, never to be replaced. Thanks to the China lobby, those manufacturing jobs handed to communist China have never been recovered. Ross Perot was absolutely correct when he warned of the *"giant sucking sound"* from the hollowing-out of America's manufacturing base.

Beginning from almost nothing, in less than two decades China became the world's largest producer of paper, steel, fertilizer, cement and auto parts. However, you won't hear China tout those successes because it wants to remain *under-the-radar* and not alert nations like America to the realization that they have exported staggering amounts of their industrial bases to China.

**Corrupt and greedy American “lawmakers,” “policymakers,”**

corporate CEOs and Marxist academics blithely declare with a straight-face that trade with China is *GOOD* for America! Yet, America has been reduced from a First-World industrial power to Third-World debtor-nation status in the short span of 30 years, between 1990 and 2020.

With the onset of the “*outsourcing*” of American jobs and “*off-shoring*” of America’s industrial base, the United States experienced the swiftest and most merciless employment contraction in its history. Many of America’s societal malignancies -- drugs, unemployment, divorce, purposeless lives, and welfare addiction -- can be traced to this “*transitioning*” of America’s industrial manufacturing base.

Nearly 21,000 immense containerships -- averaging the equivalent of 8000 of those 20 foot-long containers, apiece -- are required to transport our annual trans-Pacific imports from China. (*Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, FY 2016 figures.*) The volume of Chinese imports is so immense, that America’s workforce has been reduced to the equivalent of a Third World “*service economy*,” where wages are low and servitude is high. **WALMART** used to brag about its *Made in America* product base, but now stocks mostly products *Made In China*.

Including the costs of ship construction, maintenance, crew pay, and insurance, the annual price-tag for trans-Pacific imports from Red China is well over \$400 Billion per year. That’s \$400,000,000,000 added to the cost of imports every year from trading long-distance with communist China. And, all those costs must eventually be absorbed by the consumer. It has been

estimated that this immense sum could fund the annual budgets of 15 American States.

**Moreover, additional damage from hollowing-out of our heavy industrial base lies in its threat to U.S. national security. America was able to win World War II because we could outproduce our Axis enemies, and throw more tanks, bombers, fighters, howitzers and other weaponry at them than they could hope to match. With a profoundly diminished heavy industrial base remaining from *off-shoring* so much of it to China, we no longer have the industrial capacity to compete with China in the event of a prolonged conventional war.**

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** A healthy manufacturing base is an integral part of national security. Before the advent of trade with communist China, America was **self-sufficient** in nearly every variety of manufacture. Handing over America's manufacturing capacity to communist China was one of the most treasonous policies ever enacted, and many of those responsible got rich in the process. For example, Mitch McConnell's Chinese wife, Elaine Chao, is an owner of **Foremost Group**, a shipping company founded by her father, and one with very close ties to the *Chinese Communist Party*. Most of its ships are built in state-owned shipyards. (Peter Schweizer. **Secret Empires**, Harper-Collins, 2018.)

**Each 8000 unit containership carrying Made-In-China products to LA, Long Beach, New York, Norfolk or Savannah could EASILY be converted into military troop and *materiel* transports to facilitate a military invasion of North America by Chinese combat troops and their equipment. Communist China's Maoist Leadership has been dreaming about such an invasion**

and conquest of America for decades, and fully intends to execute this invasion within their lifetimes.

Americans are STILL capable of manufacturing ALL of their industrial and consumer goods, and would gleefully welcome the repatriation of its manufacturing base. A repatriated ***Made-In-The-USA*** manufacturing base would restore American prosperity and stabilize the world geopolitical situation by starving communist China's "*Belt & Road*" initiative of capital. We could financially destroy China -- without firing a shot -- just as President Reagan destroyed the Soviet Union financially.



### China on the March

**SOLUTION:** The globalist China lobby vehemently ***OPPOSES*** any return to self-sufficiency within American manufacturing. They ***LOVE*** cheap- but-shoddy Chinese goods, no matter how destructive they may be to the environment, America's working class, and our national security.

**WE** can reverse the treacherous effects of China trade by

banding together with other, like-minded Americans and forcing the return of American manufacturing self-sufficiency. We'll have to put down our TV remotes to begin the process of restoring American sovereignty and manufacturing, but we can do so by writing to our legislators, both state and national.

Even the dullest politicians cannot misinterpret a blizzard of letters demanding the repatriation of America's industrial base. (E-mails and Faxes are not as effective.) They may ignore the occasional demands of a small minority of letter-writers, but they cannot ignore thousands of letters on the same subject that flood their offices.

That particular phenomenon has the effect of concentrating their minds on such matters as what they will do with all their free time if they happen to lose their seat in the next election.