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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR WORLD TRADE

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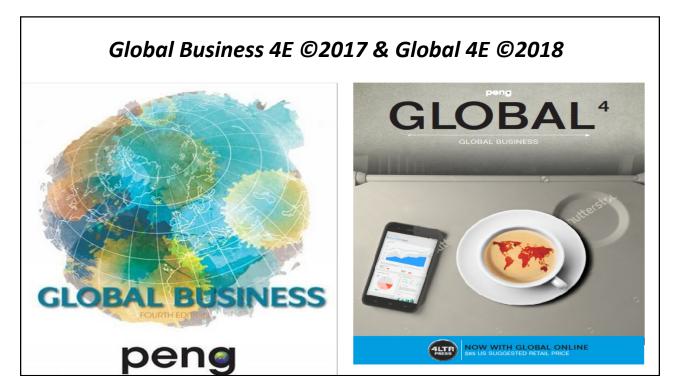
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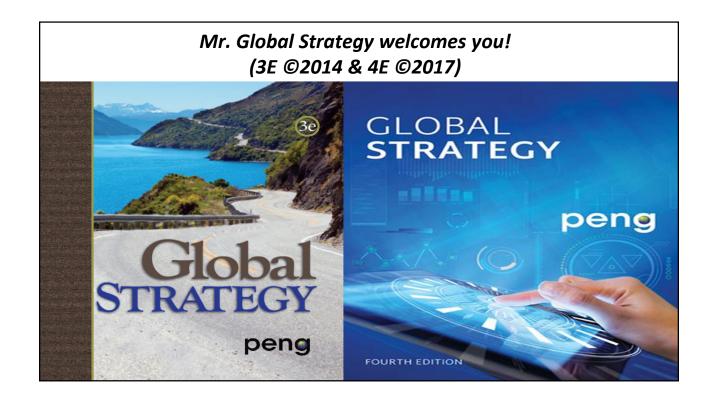


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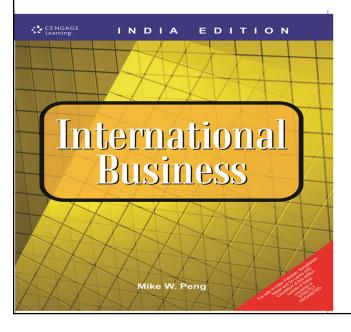








Global Business in India (Peng & Srivastava)

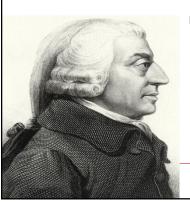




DEBATES ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mercantilism:

• Jean-Baptise Colbert (1661-83, served as King Louis XIV's finance minster)



Free trade:

Adam Smith
 (professor at the University of Glasgow; published The Wealth of Nations, 1776; theory of absolute advantage)

• David Ricardo (member of Parliament; published *On the Principles of Political Economy and Taxation*, 1817; theory of comparative advantage)

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THE UNITED STATES EXPORT PERFORMANCE IS NOT BAD

Top 5 global merchandise (goods) exporters:

- 2008: GER, CHN, USA, JPN, NED
- 2011: CHN, USA, GER, JPN, NED
- 2013: CHN, USA, GER, JPN, NED
- 2015: CHN, USA, GER, JPN, NED
- 2017: CHN, USA, GER, JPN, NED
- * Every year the United States is the global *champion* in service exports
- * A silver medal in goods and a gold medal in services
- * CASE: Why are U.S. exports so competitive?

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QUIZ

What is the largest *merchandise* exporting state among the top 10?

[Trade has two categories: (1) merchandise/goods and (2) service. This question focuses only on No. 1.]

A: California F: New York

B: Florida G: Ohio

C: Illinois H: Pennsylvania

D: Louisiana I: Texas

E: Michigan J: Washington

QUIZ ANSWER

(2017 TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS: \$1.547 TRILLION)

What is the largest *merchandise* exporting state among the top 10?

A: California #2 (\$172B / 12%) F: New York #4

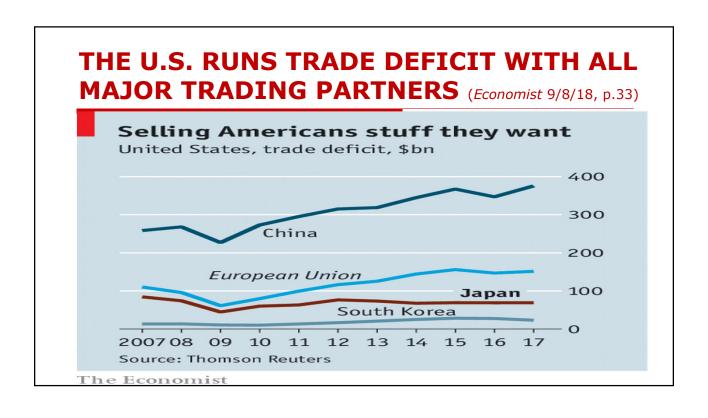
B: Florida #8 G: Ohio #9

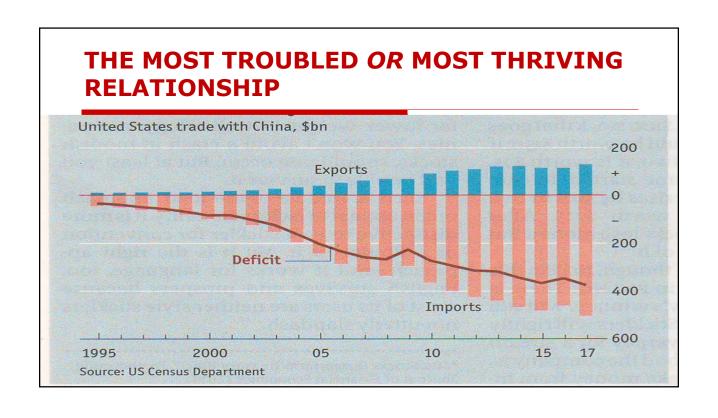
C: Illinois #5 H: Pennsylvania #10

E: Michigan #6 J: Washington #3

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UNBALANCED TRADE US vs. Rest of World Year **Rest of World** Merchandise and Services Trade **US** Goods US Services Trade Trade Deficit Surplus \$ 796 \$ 230 **Billion** S Imports Billion Goods 2343 Services 552 14 © M. W. Peng (www.mikepeng.com)

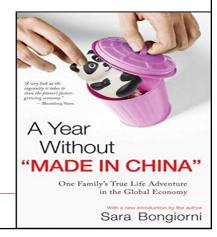




AN AMERICAN FAMILY SPENDS A YEAR WITHOUT "MADE IN CHINA" GOODS

- ☐ Life is possible, but extraordinarily challenging.
- □ No more cheap toys, shoes and Halloween costumes. Young kids and grandma were not happy. ⁽³⁾
- ☐ Had to boil water after coffee maker broke.
- ☐ Discovered "Made in USA" lamps all had made in China parts.
- ☐ The family was thankful their ancient TV did not break down.
- Would the family like to do the experiment again? "Not a chance!"

SOURCE: S. Bongiorni (2007), A Year without "Made in China" (Wiley).

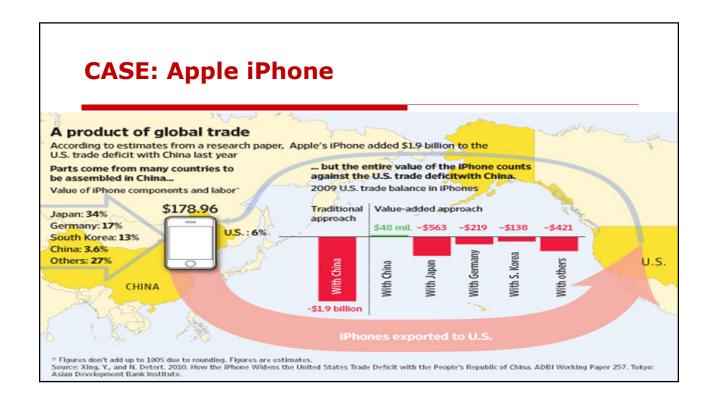


BUT THE TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA IS OVER-STATED

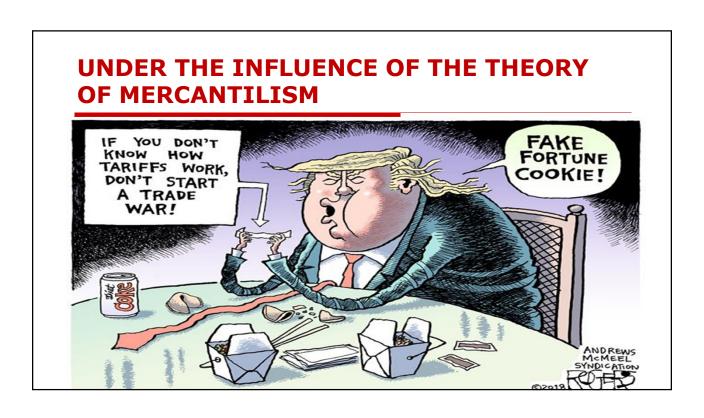
- ☐ Most of the "Chinese exports" are produced by non-Chinese multinationals operating in China via FDI (including many U.S. firms).
- China only contributes two-thirds of domestic content (value-added) of its exports.
- ☐ The United States contributes **90%** domestic content of its exports.

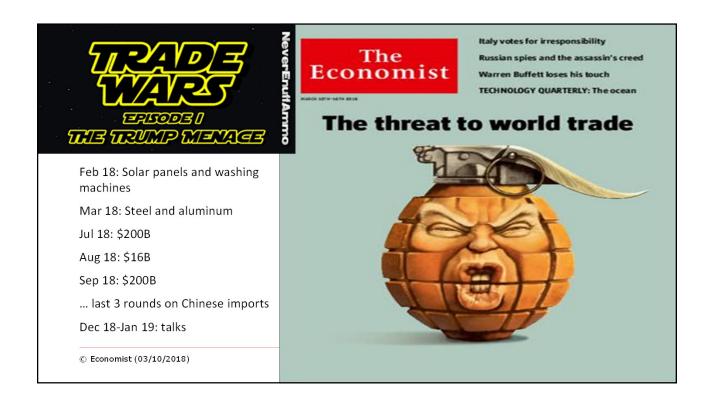
SOURCE: H. Kee & H. Tang (2016), Domestic value added in exports:

Theory and firm evidence from China, American Economic Review, 106(6) 1402-1436.







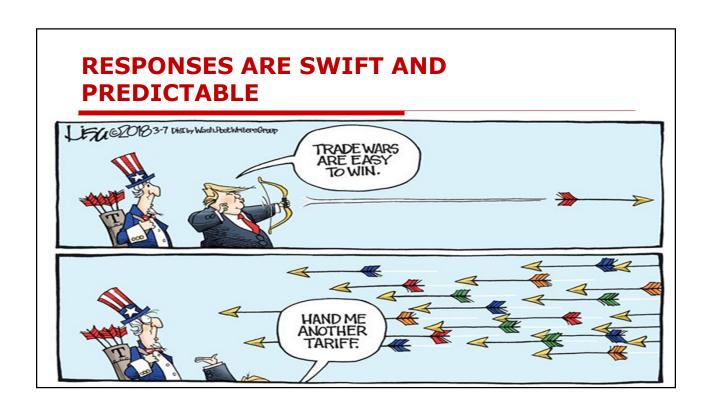


THE REST OF THE WORLD: CONFUSED INITIALLY



REALIZING THE CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

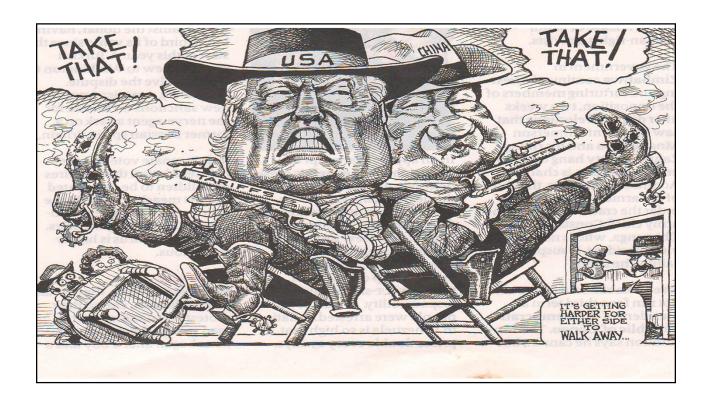


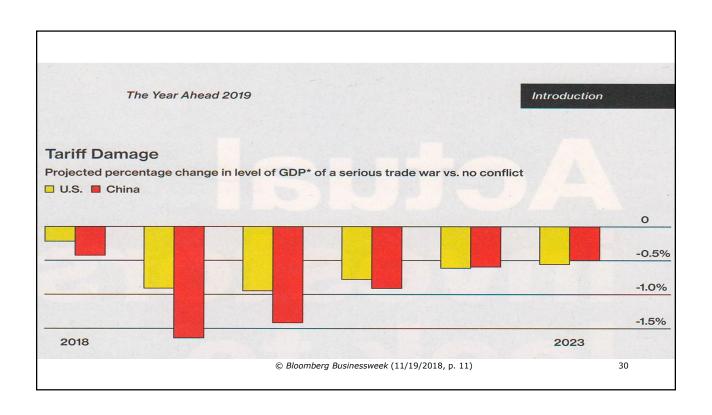












WHO ARE PAYING FOR THE TARIFFS?

- ☐ President Trump: "China is now paying billions of \$\$ in tariffs."
- ☐ That would be the case, if Chinese exporters indeed absorb the *entire* additional cost of tariffs without raising prices.
- Otherwise, U.S. importers and ultimately consumers are eating up the tariffs.
- U.S. firms and workers in sectors being retaliated against are also paying.

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SHARE THE PAIN, BUT WHERE IS THE GAIN?

- ☐ Midwestern soybean farmers lose their China market to Brazilian rivals.
- ☐ Maine lobsters get "cooked."
 - The \$1.5B industry face new Chinese/EU tariffs of 25% and 8%, respectively, but their Canadian rivals can ship their catch duty-free.
- ☐ Harley-Davidson is moving some production (and jobs ⑤) to Europe to avoid EU tariffs.
- ☐ The *largest* U.S. auto exporter to China, BMW is moving some X3/X5 production (and jobs ③) from Spartanburg, South Carolina, to China to avoid the 40% duties.

SOURCES: Bloomberg Businessweek (2018), As the trade war heats up, lobsters get cooked, Nov 12: 12-16; Bloomberg Businessweek (2018), Trade, Nov 19: 14-15.

RESHORING (MOVING JOBS BACK) IS CHALLENGING

- ☐ In 2015, GE Appliance Division tried to "reshore" manufacturing back to the States.
- ☐ The rising Chinese labor cost + superb U.S. worker productivity → overall labor cost to be competitive.
- ☐ But parts suppliers had disappeared from the U.S., and shipping parts from China made the final product prohibitively expensive.
- ☐ In 2016, GE sold the division to Haier (\$5.4B)

SOURCE: F. Contractor (2017), What is at stake in China-US relations? *Rutgers Business Review*, 2(1): 1-22.

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WHO ARE GAINING?

- ☐ In 2018, China, in response to U.S. complaints about "forced tech transfer" through joint ventures, relaxed long-standing JV requirements for aerospace and auto firms.
 - The biggest winner is Tesla, which will have a wholly owned factory in Shanghai the first in China.
 - In China, Tesla's "made-in-USA" cars had to cut prices by 12% to 26%.
- Reversing globalization helps the few and harms the many.
 Please let me know if you have other examples of companies that are gaining.

DEBATE: SHOULD THE U.S./CHINA TRADE DEFICIT BE OF CONCERN?

- No: Based on classical free-trade theories, the U.S. and trading partners mutually gain from a deeper division of labor.
 - Every American household gains \$2,380/year
 - 1 Boeing 737 = 6 million pop-up toasters
 - An "All-American" made iPhone = \$2,000+
 - China reinvests the surplus \$ into U.S. assets mainly Treasury securities
- Yes: Based on the theory of mercantilism, large and increasing deficits are not sustainable.

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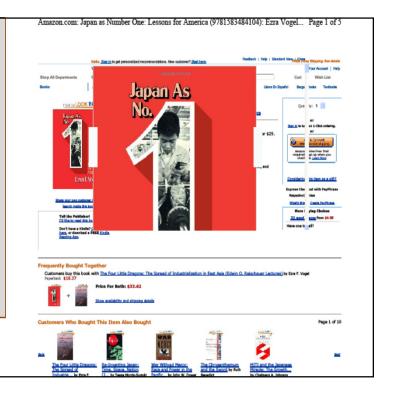
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What happened to the "Japan on steroids" literature (Japan as No. 1 — 1979)?

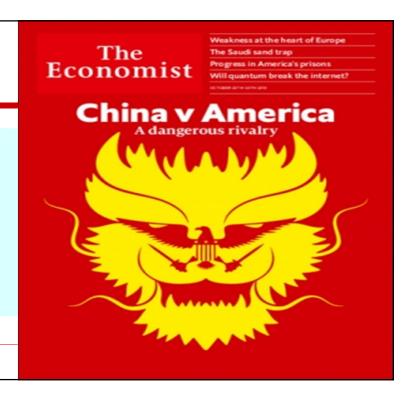
Did Japan "take over" America (circa 1989)?

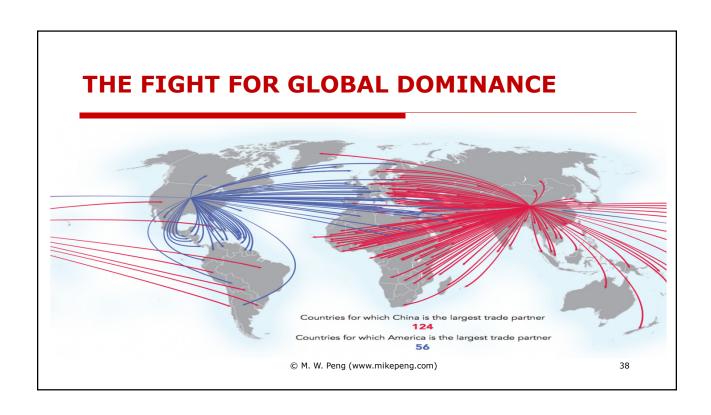




THE GREAT RIVALRY

- * Is this the end of (constructive) engagement? (Economist 10/20/18)
- * But President G. W. Bush labeled China a "strategic competitor" 17 years ago. (2001)
- * Even today, U.S.-Russian space cooperation remains strong.





My belief (and hope):
The current trade wars will
not last long, because the
ODD COUPLE (the G2) will
have to work (sleep!)
together.

Unlike some (human) couples, divorce is not an option. ©

(Economist 10/24/2009)





The best (and most profound)
recent China book I'd
recommend:
Kissinger:
On China (2011)

"Conflict is a choice, not a necessity."



New York Times Bestseller

Henry Kissinger On China

with a new afterword



DEBATE: WHAT HAPPENS IF NAFTA GOES AWAY?

- ☐ The three neighbors will still trade, but gains will diminish.
- □ NAFTA preserves more U.S. jobs because 40% and 25% of import value from MEX and CAN is made in USA.
 - Only 10% of import value from CHN is made in USA.

SOURCES: M. W. Peng (2017). What happens if NAFTA goes away, $\it Texas$ $\it CEO$, Jan; What happens to Texas if the US withdraws from NAFTA? $\it Dallas$ $\it Morning$ $\it News$, May 9.



SOLUTION: FROM NAFTA TO USMCA Dave Simonds

MANAGEMENT SAVVY (I)

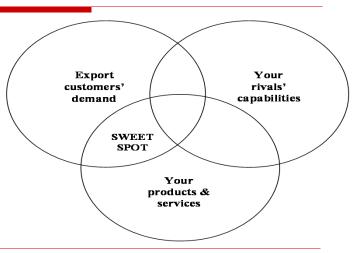
- INSTITUTION-BASED VIEW: Free trade is not free
 - Requiring commitment and sacrifice to demonstrate, safeguard and advance the gains from trade
- Don't abandon your largest (foreign) market
 - CHINA: Apple, Boeing and GM... Google is trying to go back
- Don't be a pure exporter—engage in foreign direct investment (FDI)
 - Consider FDI as strategic pre-positioning (in military terms) or real options (in financial terms)
 - Maine lobstermen who have invested in Canadian warehousing and logistics can respond quickly to tariffs
 - BMW have plants in both the U.S. and China
 - Tesla is currently starting its first FDI project in China

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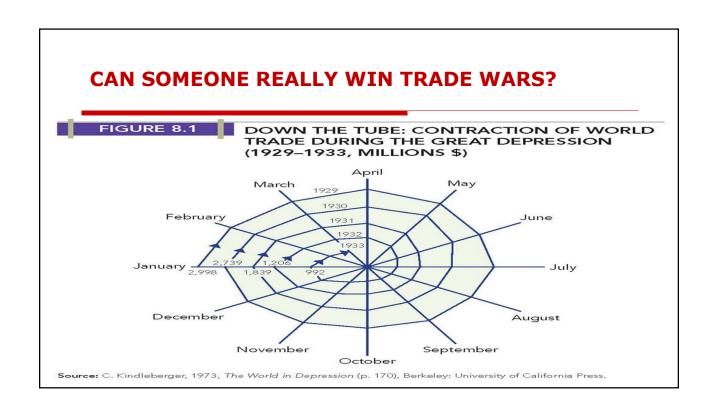
MANAGEMENT SAVVY (II)

- □ RESOURCE-BASED VIEW:
 Leverage valuable, unique,
 knowledge-based deep niches
 —SWEET SPOT
 - Denmark in specialty toys
 - Sweden in car carriers
 - Switzerland in watches
 - Minnesota in medical needles
 - Texas in fighter jets (from F-16 to F-35)



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MANAGEMENT SAVVY (III) The ultimate corporate social responsibility (CSR) Promote peace by strengthening trade and investment linkages JACK OF ALL TRADE MANAGEMENT TRADE MANA



FROM TRADE WARS TO ANTITRUST WARS

- As China may soon exhaust U.S. imports to retaliate, expect retaliation in *non*-tariff areas.
- U.S. firms in China may expect tax audits, environmental scrutiny, admin delays ... consumer boycotts.
- ☐ If U.S. firms in the U.S. (or EU) want to merge and clear U.S. (and EU) antitrust clearance, expect Chinese trustbusters to clip their wings.
 - EXHIBIT A: Qualcomm's \$44B merger with NXP (Netherlands) was killed by Chinese antitrust authorities (July 2018)

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THE OTHER TYPE OF TRADE WARS: SANCTIONS

- ☐ The record is sobering: Not very effective
- Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia and Venezuela
- ☐ More effective cases: South Africa (before 1994) and Libya (before 2003)
- ☐ Smart economic statecraft "will require an honest reckoning on the part of U.S. policymakers with the limits of American power" (Lew & Nephew, 2018, p. 149)

SOURCES: E. Fishman (2017), Even smarter sanctions, *Foreign Affairs*, Nov: 102-110; J. Lew & R. Nephew (2018), The use and misuse of economic statecraft, *Foreign Affairs*, Nov: 139-149; M. Pompeo (2018), Confronting Iran, *Foreign Affairs*, Nov: 60-70.

GET REAL WITH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) IN CHINA ... AND AMERICA

- ☐ Complaints about China's IPR are legitimate.
- ☐ But demanding China to stop the "Made in China 2025" policy is not realistic.
- Our *counterintuitive* policy advice based on the U.S. IPR history: *Help* "MIC2025" to foster indigenous stakeholders interested in IPR.
 - Between 1790 and 1891, violation of foreign IPR was *legal* in the U.S. ... but then the U.S. voluntarily changed IPR policy by 1891. What happened?

SOURCE: M. W. Peng et al. (2017), An institution-based view of global IPR history, *Journal of International Business Studies*, 48(7): 893-907.