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Trade Policies and the Pandemic: Implications for the Auto Sector

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- Recent Trade Policies
- Effects of the Pandemic
- Prospects for the Future



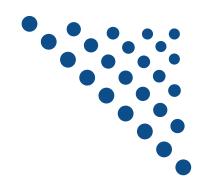


The European Union is coming to Washington tomorrow to negotiate a deal on Trade. I have an idea for them. Both the U.S. and the E.U. drop all Tariffs, Barriers and Subsidies! That would finally be called Free Market and Fair Trade! Hope they do it, we are ready - but they won't!

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Recent Trade Policies

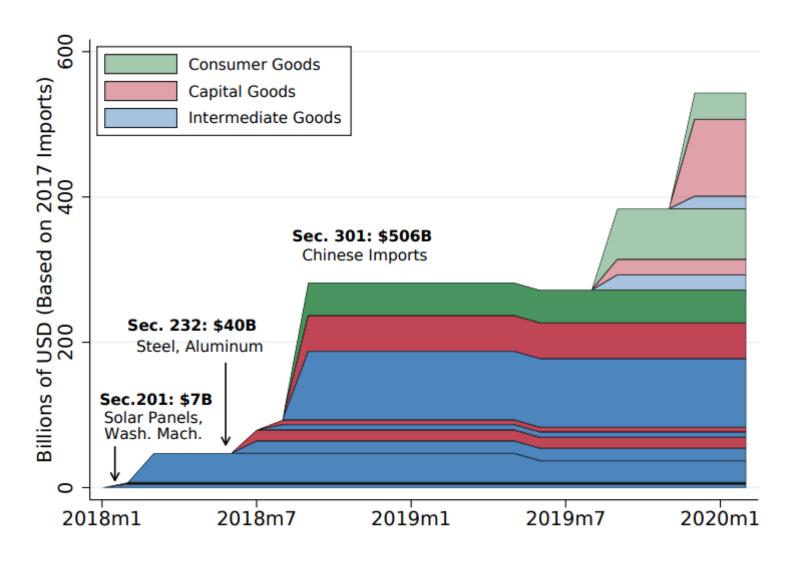


Tariffs by Trump

- Tariffs on steel and aluminum
- Tariffs on China
- Threat of tariffs on cars (still pending)
- Threat of tariffs on Mexico (resolved)
- Tariffs on EU, retaliation for Airbus



Figure B1: Composition of New U.S. Import Tariffs: 2018-2019



Source: Flaan & Pierce 2020

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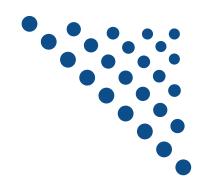


Other Trade Actions by Trump

- Amendment of Korea-US FTA
 - Extends 25% tariff on light trucks
- Renegotiation of NAFTA into USMCA
 - Greater North American auto content
 - Minimum value added by >\$16 labor
- Restrictions on trade with Huawei
 - May limit quality of US 5G telecom tech
- Block appointments to WTO



Recent Trade Policies



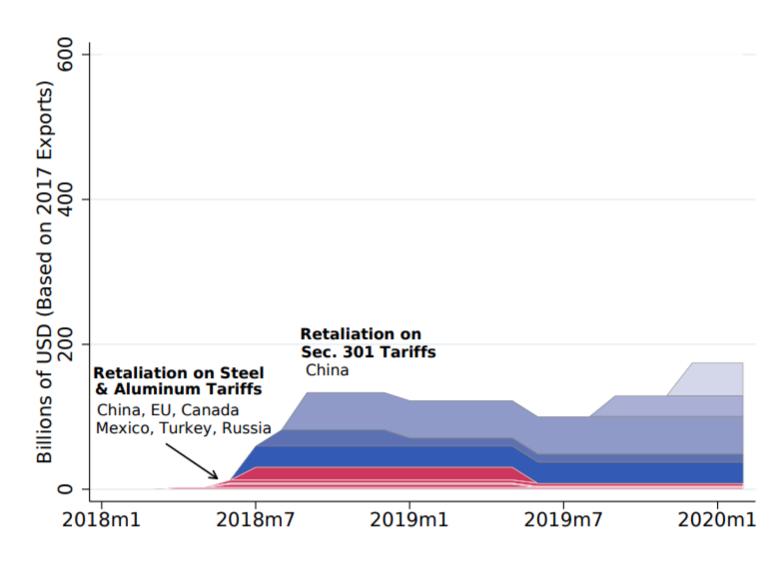
Trade Actions by Others

- Retaliatory tariffs by many countries
- Retaliatory tariffs by China (Trade War)
 - o "Phase One" truce





Figure 3: Timeline of Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Exports: 2018-2019



Source: Flaan & Pierce 2020



Source: CNBC.com

The first trade salvo was fired by the U.S. in early 2018, but the bilateral trade war between the U.S. and China really kicked into a higher gear in July 2018.

Effects of the Pandemic

Effects of the Pandemic on Economies

- Travel halted
- Stock markets fall
- Factories shut down
- Supply chains interrupted
- Trade plummets
- Unemployment
- Reduced GDP
- Panic buying and shortages



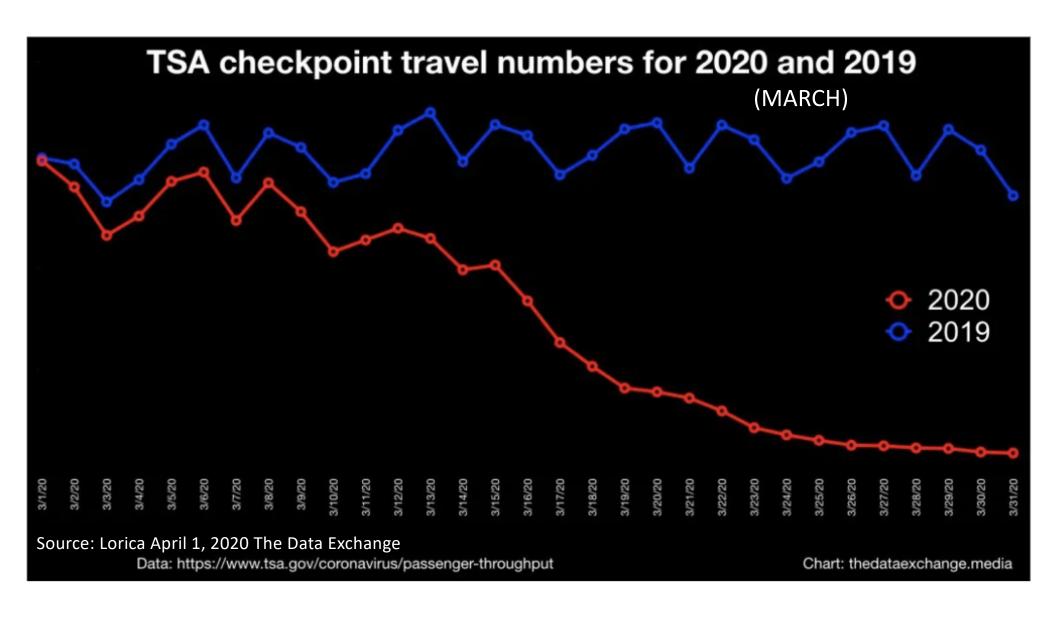


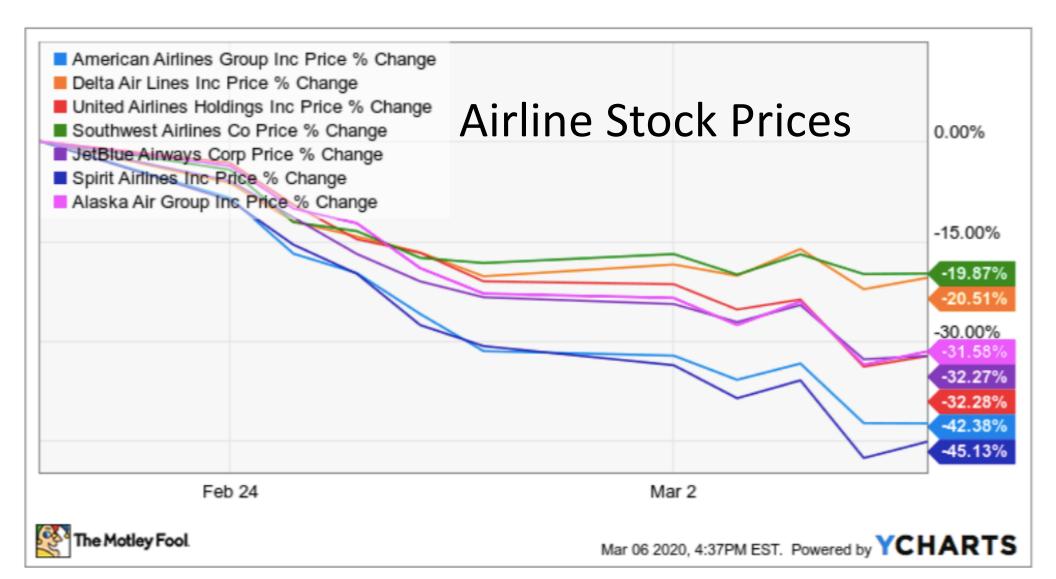




Travel



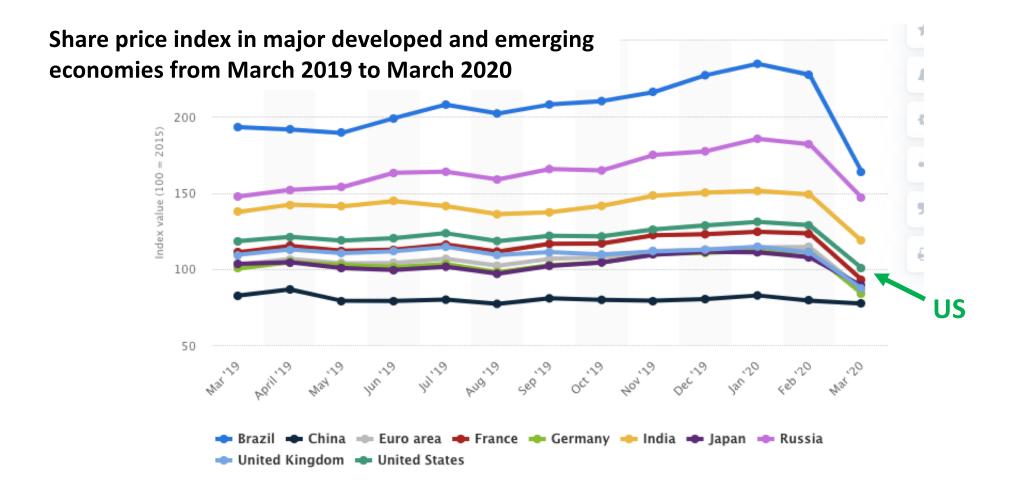






Stock Markets





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Source: Statista



Factory Shut-downs





Where have vehicle assembly plants closed?

Click on a state in blue to learn more.

Plans to restart As of Apr 22:

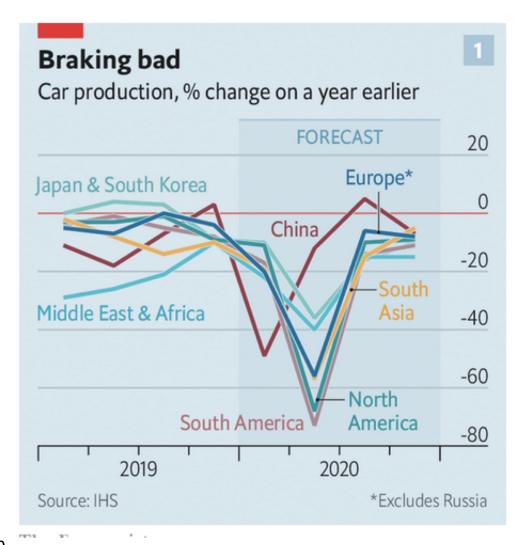
Ford: None GM: None

FCA: sometime after May 3

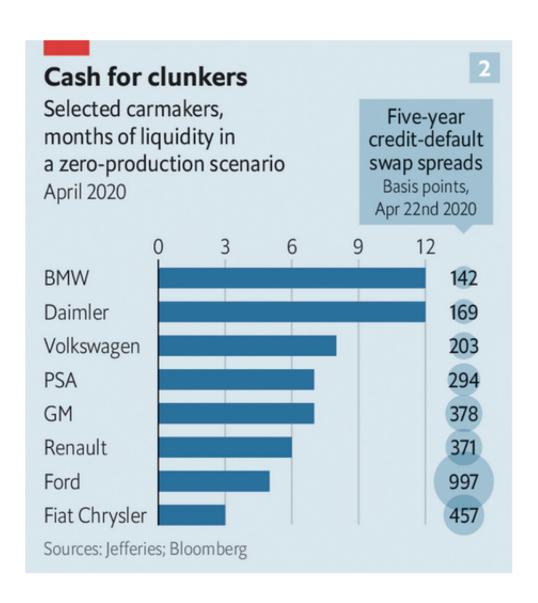
Others: See map

Reported yesterday: Ford, GM, & FCA targeting May 18 to resume limited production (WSJ) 5/4 5/3

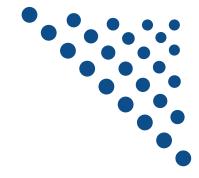
Source: Automotive News, March 25, 2020



Source: Economist Apr 23, 2020



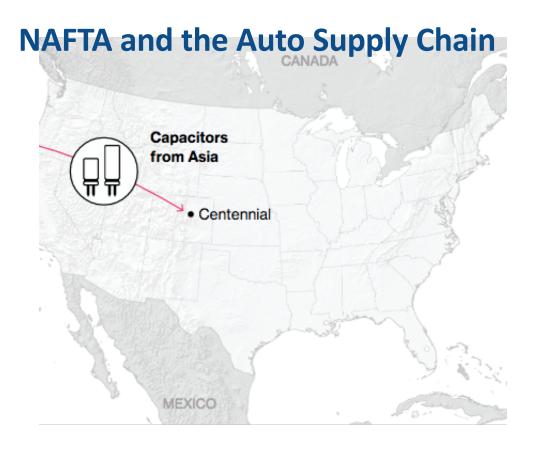
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Supply Chains

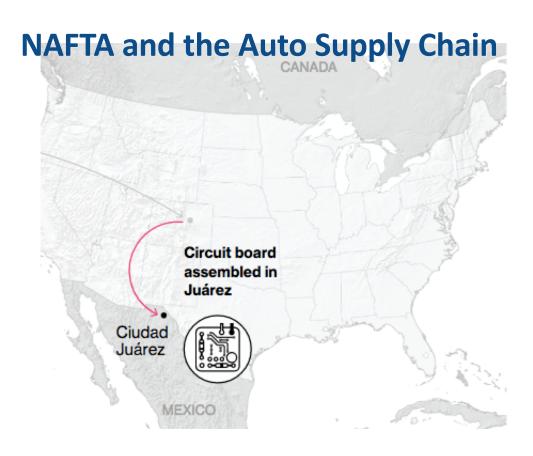






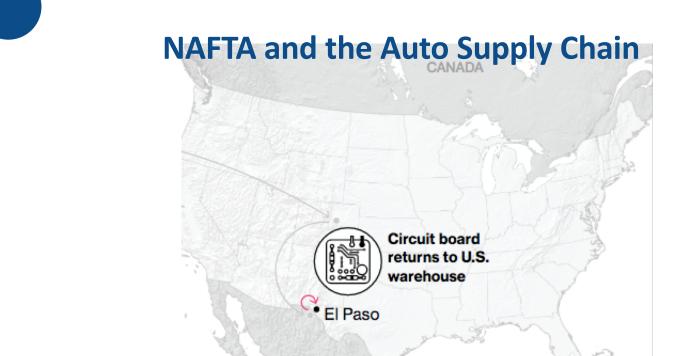










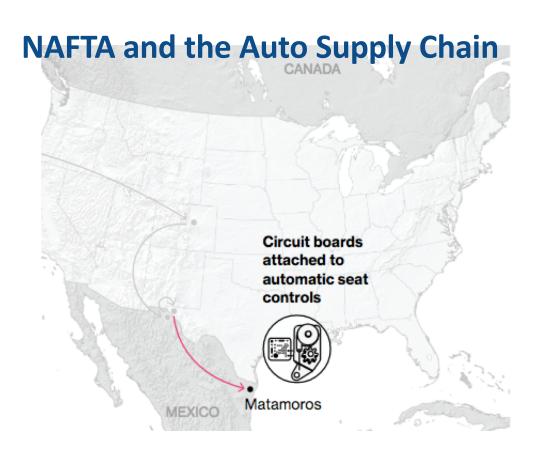


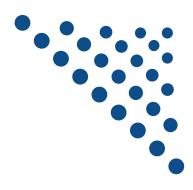
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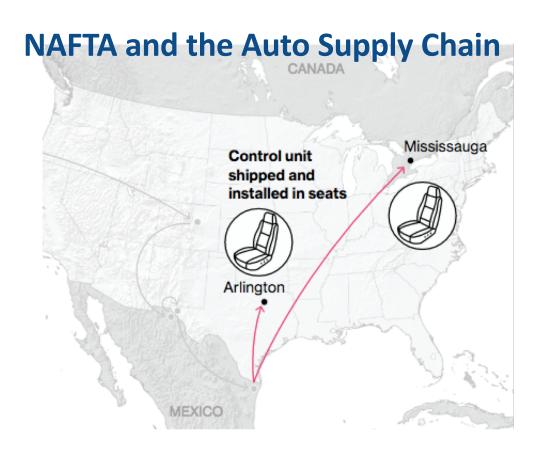


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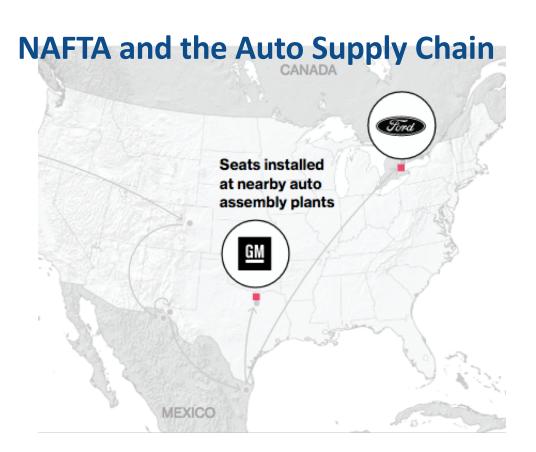






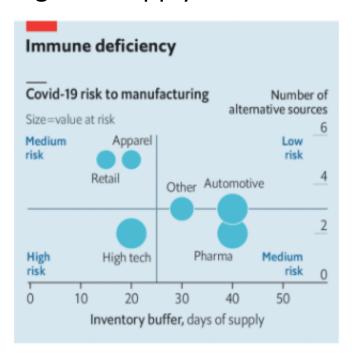








The new coronavirus could have a lasting impact on global supply chains





Source: Economist Feb 15, 2020

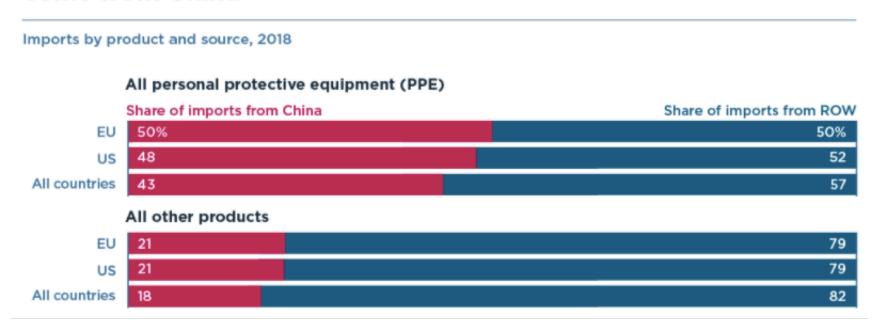




Trade



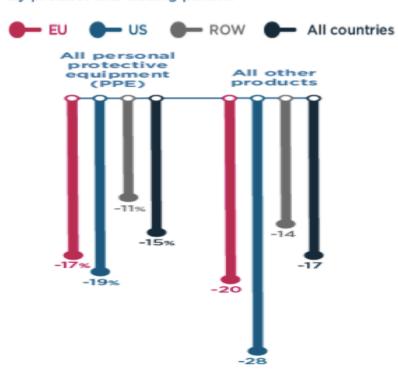
Much of the world's imports of personal protective equipment come from China



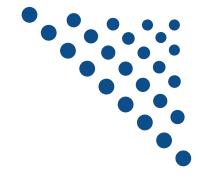
Source: Bown (2020)

China's exports of personal protective equipment fell less than its exports of other products

China's export growth in January and February 2020 relative to January and February 2019, by product and trading partner



Source: Bown (2020)

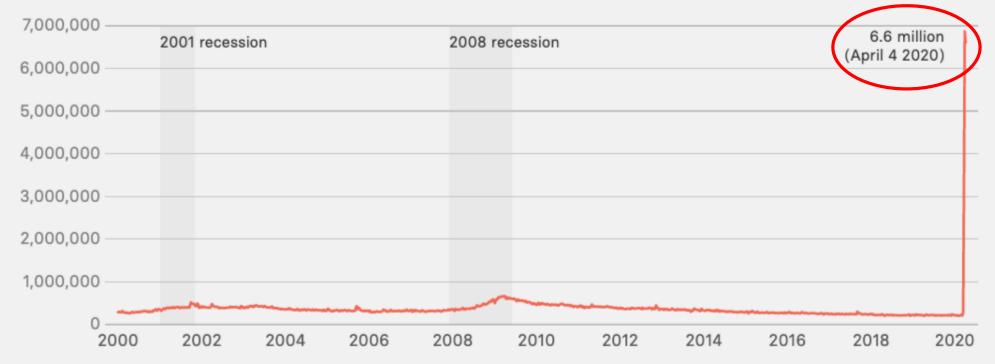


Unemployment







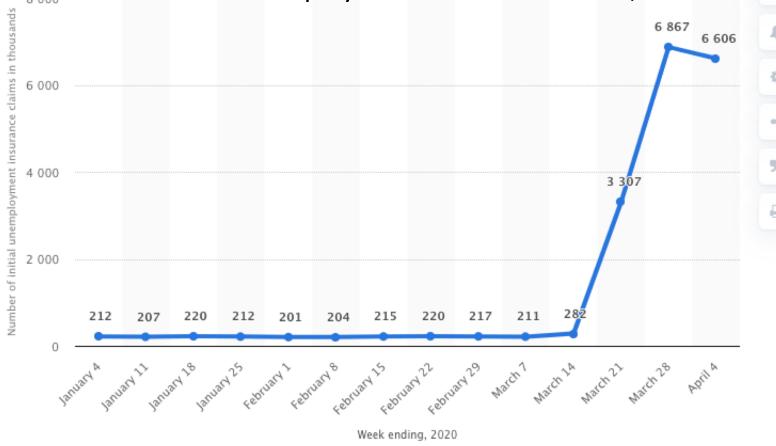


Notes: National data are seasonally adjusted.

Source: Department of Labor, NBER

Source: Buzzfeed

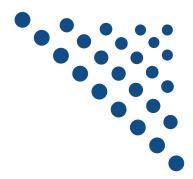




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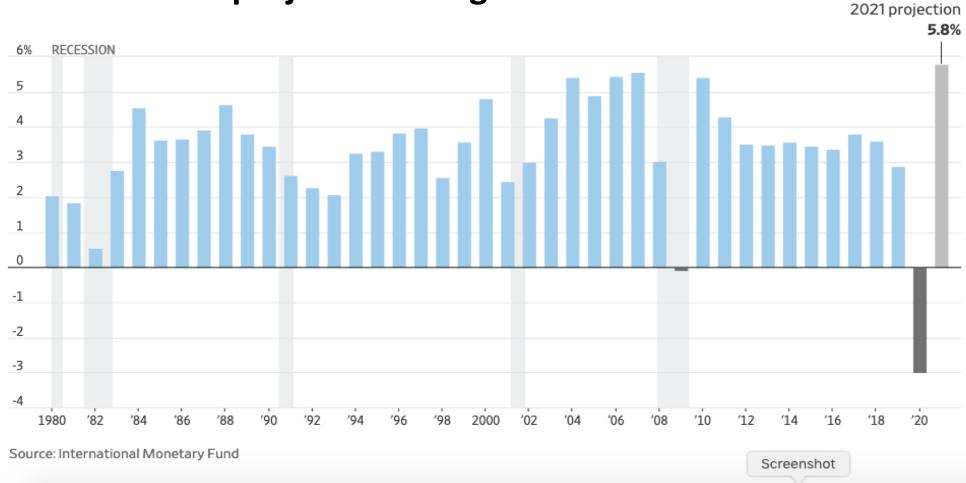




GDP



Historical and projected change in world real GDP



Source: WSJ Apr 15, 2020

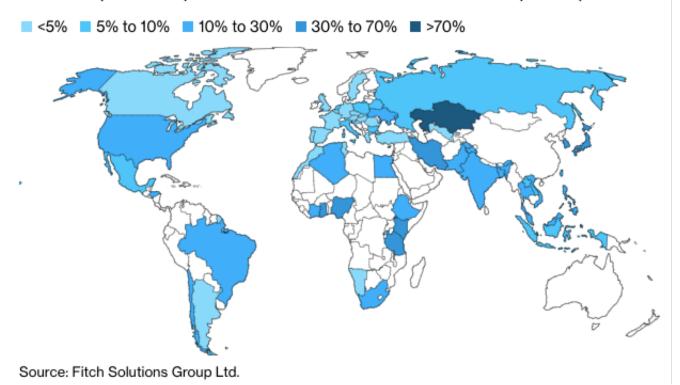


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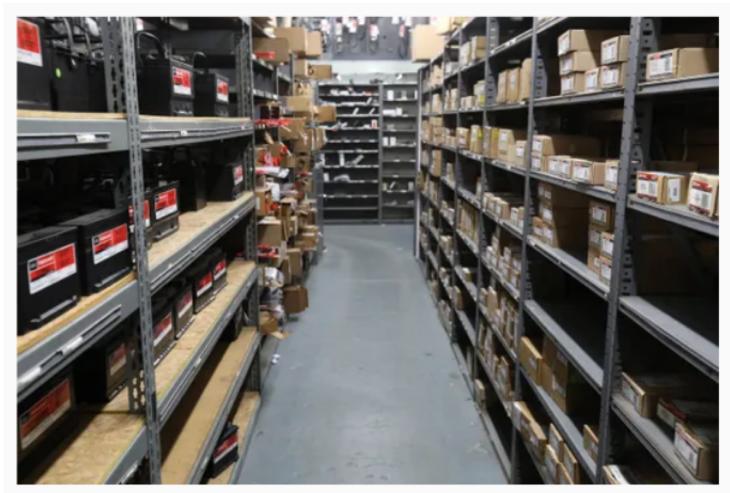


Supply Chain at Risk

Auto component imports from China as a share of total car-part imports



Source: Bloomberg News



The parts department at Village Ford in Dearborn, Michigan on Thursday, March 5, 2020. (Photo: Eric Seals, Detroit Free Press)

Source: Detroit Free Press

Effects of the Pandemic

Headlines

- Mar 2 CNBC: Automakers are 'scrambling' for parts and preparing war rooms as coronavirus spreads
- Mar 10 NBC News: Carmakers and car owners could soon feel the impact of the coronavirus
- Mar 12 Detroit News: J.D. Power warns coronavirus could cause car part shortages
- Mar16 USNews: Automakers Dodged Parts Shortage, but **Virus Poses New Threat**
- Mar 22 NNY 360: Coronavirus could cause car part shortages
- Mar 29 Automotive Logistics: Critical parts shortage continues
- Apr 15 Bloomberg: China's Fledgling Car Rebound Faces Risks of **Parts Shortage**









Any Questions?

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