

The Wonders of Free Trade

Wipe Out

A connection? The number of manufacturing jobs in Los Angeles County fell in the decade to 587,000 from 861,000, a decrease of 32%, census data show Los Angeles County's median income dropped from \$45,600 in 1990 to \$42,200 in 2000 when adjusted for inflation. — *Los Angeles Times*

A Great New Service Economy Job

Rick Payne is working full time in one of those big home improvement stores. But he's supporting a wife and four kids on \$7.50 an hour. When we sat down with Payne, his wife Alexis and 12-year-old, Brandon, they had \$17 to their name. *60 Minutes II*

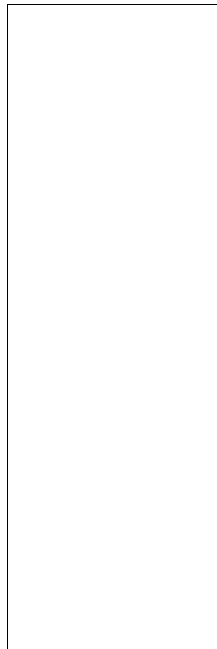
Accelerating The Race To The Bottom

"The majority of the jobs are going to be moved overseas in the next five years. There's just no way around it," said Teresa Hartsaw, chief executive of ePerformax, a Memphis, Tenn., firm that operates its three call centers in the Philippines. Hartsaw said corporations can cut their costs by 70 percent by using offshore employees.

— *The Denver Post*

A Lose-Lose Situation

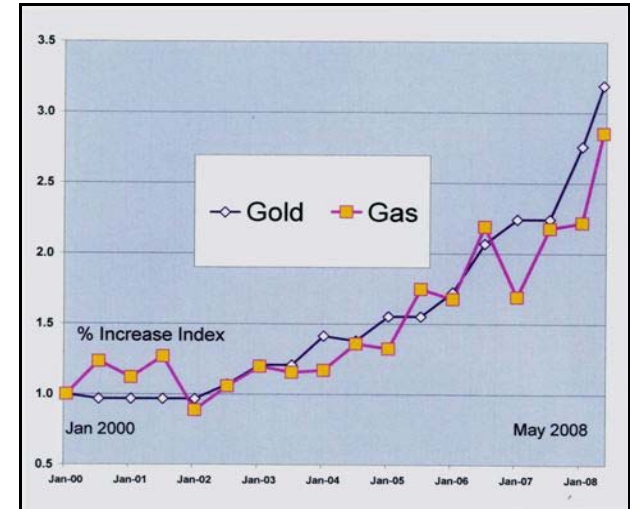
Wouldn't it be refreshing if our officials in Washington had the courage to admit what most voters have long figured out—that making goods cheaply in developing countries hasn't done much to raise the standard of living for most foreign workers, nor has it turned them into consumers of American products. Rather, in too many instances, global trade has meant soaring unemployment for low-skilled Americans who can least afford to lose their jobs. — *Charlotte Observer*



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End Free Trade

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Gas Prices Have Not Gone Up—The Value of the Dollar Has Gone Down



Cheap imports made by semi-slave labor in China drive down American wages, drive down the value of the dollar and drive up the price of fuel. Multi-national corporations benefit and American workers lower their standard of living.

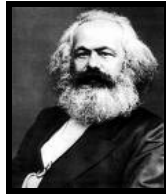
Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton studied economics during winters at Valley Forge as an army officer with George Washington. He had read the *Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith, but he categorically rejected Free Trade when he became the Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton saw that the United States would always be a weak agricultural nation if cheap manufactured goods were allowed to enter the country. Consequently, one of the first acts of Congress was to place tariffs on foreign goods. Behind strong tariff walls, the U.S. was on its way to being an economic wonder and world power.



Karl Marx

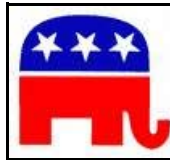
Karl Marx saw free trade as a way of destroying capitalism (and its workers) and establishing his dictatorship of the proletariat.



“The Free Trade system works destructively. It breaks up old nationalities and carries antagonism of proletariat and bourgeoisie to the uttermost point...the Free trade system hastens the Social Revolution. In this revolutionary sense alone...I am in favor of Free Trade.”

Republican Party, 1912

“The Republican tariff policy has been of the greatest benefit to the country, developing our resources, diversifying our industries, and protectig our workmen against competition with cheaper labor abroad, thus establishing for our wage-earners the American standard of living.”



Republican Party Platform, 1912

After World War II, the Republican Party and the nation as a whole turned away from the staunch protectionist policies. A desire to trade with defeated enemies, a decline in nationalism and the new economic vogue of Free Trade ended protection. of the U.S. economy.

Milton Friedman

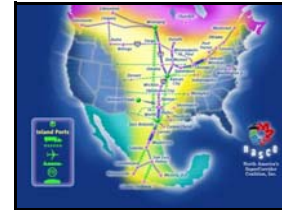
Milton Friedman, economist and Noble Prize winner was the most prominent champion of “free” trade and it is difficult to find any economist that disagrees. Friedman deceptively sold his utopian free trade theory as a universal theory of poor countries getting rich and rich countries getting richer.



Karl Marx knew better.

Kill NAFTA

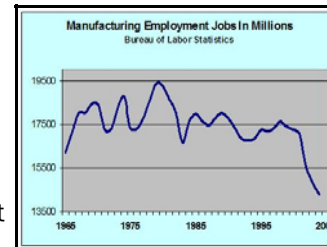
NAFTA was the ultimate free trade sell-out of American workers. Growing trade deficits with Canada displaced 270,248 manufacturing jobs while growing deficits with Mexico displaced 388,682 manufacturing jobs, for a total of 658,930 manufacturing jobs displaced (64.9% of the total).



Other Free Trade agreements were modeled on NAFTA and also impoverished American workers.

Millions of Manufacturing Jobs Lost

The beneficiaries of Free Trade have been the wealthy, who own assets or have protected professions (doctors, lawyers). Benedict Arnold CEO's get millions while jobs go to China. Workers without jobs cannot buy anything.



Corrupt Politicians

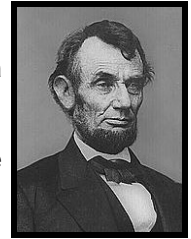
Congressmen selling American workers down the drain for campaign contributions.

Senator Joe Lieberman dines with USINPAC then co-sponsors laws to import thousands of hi-tech Indian workers for the jobs that are left.



Abraham Lincoln

Upon his election Abraham Lincoln faced a bankrupt United States. He created a central bank and issued a new currency, the “Greenbacks.” He installed high tariffs and build the railroad to the Pacific coast. The economic and trade reforms of Lincoln caused the great industrial expansion of the United States after Civil War.



End Free Trade

THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONDUCT FOREIGN TRADE TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE A SELF-SUFFICIENT, PRODUCTIVE, WEALTHY COUNTRY.

THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT CONDUCT ITS FOREIGN TRADE TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS AROUND THE WORLD BY DESTROYING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

- I. FREE TRADE IS A RACE TO THE BOTTOM.
- II. PROTECT MANUFACTURERS. WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS CANNOT BE CONSUMERS.
- III. PROTECT FARMERS. FARMERS DRIVEN OFF THE LAND CANNOT GROW CROPS.
- IV. DO NOT IMPORT CHEAP FOREIGN LABOR. DO NOT OUTSOURCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
- V. DO NOT PERMIT AMERICAN COMPANIES TO MANUFACTURE GOODS ABROAD WITH LOW COST FOREIGN LABOR AND IMPORT SUCH GOODS INTO THE UNITED STATES.
- VI. PLACE TARIFFS ON IMPORTED MANUFACTURED AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, SO THEY ARE ALWAYS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED.
- VII. DO NOT BE SEDUCED BY LOW PRICED FOREIGN GOODS. AS CONSUMERS CITIZENS MAY BENEFIT TODAY, BUT AS WORKERS THEY WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS TOMORROW.



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