







COST INPUTS OF INTEREST



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New York Cotton Futures: last 12 months (December 19)

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WHY IS COTTON SO CHEAP?

PRICES ARE DOWN DESPITE A LOW OUTPUT.

EXPERTS WERE PREDICTING THAT COTTON PRICES WOULD REMAIN HIGH AS LATE AS FEB 2019.

COTTON MARKET

China accounts for 1/3 of global cotton consumption.

LARGEST PRODUCERS OF COTTON ARE:

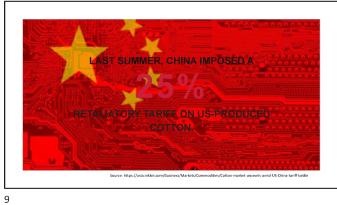
- USA
- India • China

USA ranks 3rd among the top three producers of cotton and is the top exporter.



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Spun Polyester in China, India and Pakistan: last 12 months (US\$)

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Polyester fabrics started to become popular after World War I in the apparel market.

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Source: https://www.thomasnet.com/insights/as-china-bans-plastic-waste-imports-demand-for-polyester-fabrics-picks-up/

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Many manufacturers were shifting away from natural materials such as cotton, wool and linen and moving toward more man-made fabrics.

Why? Because they are usually less expensive and faster to produce.

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FIBER YARN - 32s China - 30s India - 30s Pakistan

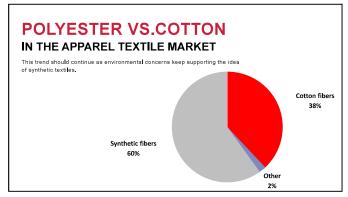
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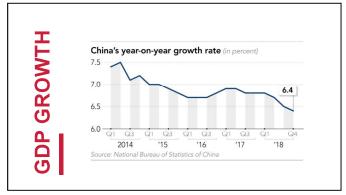
CHINA TRADE WAR **PREDICTING** · China is one of the world's largest users of cotton. • If China continues to source cotton from countries other than the USA, farmers will stop producing cotton. **TOMORROW** • If less farmers produce cotton in the USA, price will COTTON RISE.

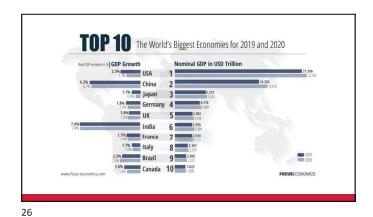












MINIMUM WAGE VS AVERAGE WAGE

- Minimum wage in China only tells part of the story.
- As nominal GDP keeps growing in China, signifying a healthy economy, the country is moving up the value chain.
- \bullet Shift from manufacturing jobs to more innovation and services.
- Example
- ∘ Shanghai Minimum Wage = USD \$358 per month
- Shanghai Average Wage USD \$1405 per month



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GINI COEFFICIENT PREDICTING A statistical measure of the degree of variation or inequality represented in a set of values, used **TOMORROW** especially in analyzing income inequality. **FOLLOW THE** MONEY... 84.0 82.6 82.0

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CLIMATE CHANGE





According to the Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE), Apple and Nike tied for first place in terms of how green their supply chain practices are in China – two premium products with premium prices..

Is the Healthcare Laundry industry ready to pay for a green supply chain?

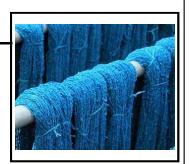
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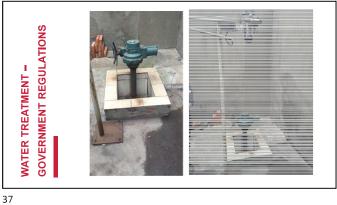
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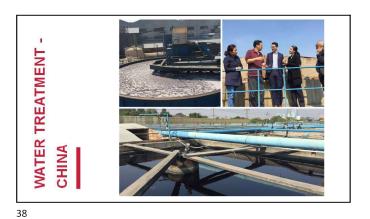
Example:

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- Environmental legislation in China forced the closure of intermediate factories and severely restricted the supply of key ingredient chemicals
- Jiangsu province was the hardest hit an area known for having an abundance of dye houses.













After Clean Water Act in USA in 1970s, many American textile factories shut down because they could not comply with the regulations - similar to what is happening now in China.



PREDICTING TOMORROW



CARBON TAX

· May increase cost of manufacturing



ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

 On the increase around the world





RESULTS?

• Increased lead times, and higher prices

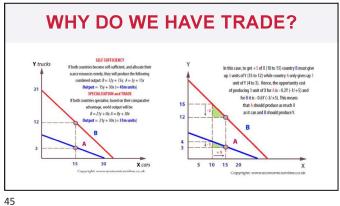
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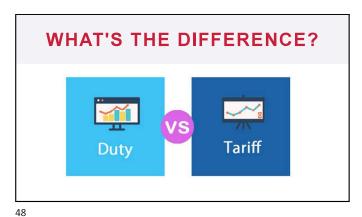
WHY DO WE HAVE TRADE? Absolute Advantage vs Comparative Advantage Country CARS 35 m TRUCKS 21 m

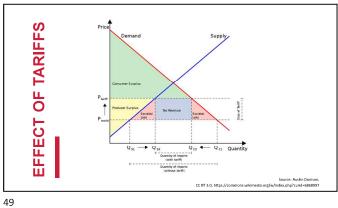
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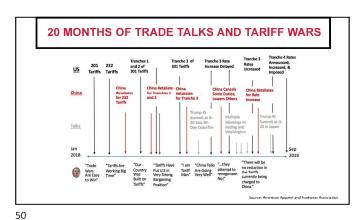


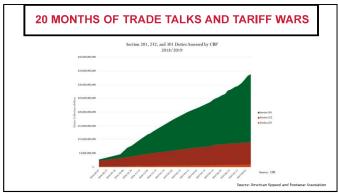














CHINA – USA TRADE WAR EFFECT ON CANADA

If USA companies source from different countries, the factory cannot survive – forcing the Canadian company to also source elsewhere.

Just the threat of this happening is enough for Canadian importers to shift their supply chain!



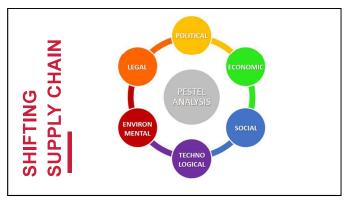
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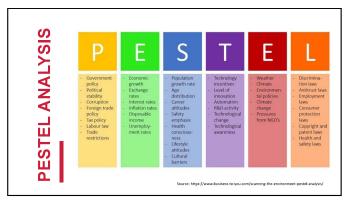
TRADE CONFLICTS ARE AFFECTING OPERATING MODELS AND GROWTH STRATEGIES

Survey of organizations "extremely concerned" about tools conflicts.

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