

Understanding Trump's Trade War

For decades, the United States has silently borne the weight of global economic imbalances—from unfair trade deals and one-sided environmental obligations to foreign aid and defense spending that benefit others at America's expense. Meanwhile, adversaries like China have exploited U.S. openness, built their economies on intellectual property theft, and manipulated international systems for their own gain.



In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » Economic Warfare, Unfair Trade, and China's Exploitation
- » America's Global Burdens and the Need for Reciprocity
- » The Path Forward: Trump's Trade Strategy and the NSIC Institute



YOUR MISSION: Understand how economic warfare has eroded U.S. power, and how we can restore America's economic strength and independence.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » Unfair trade practices and economic exploitation by adversaries like China are hollowing out America's industrial base, threatening both jobs and national security.
- » American taxpayers are subsidizing the defense and prosperity of other nations while neglecting our own—an imbalance that demands immediate correction.
- » Financial advisors and citizens alike need to recognize the tools and strategies available, like those taught at the NSIC Institute, to safeguard investments and align capital with America's long-term resilience.

Ep. 9-343 (OSINT) Open-Sourced Intelligence Report. This briefing is an exclusive teaching by Kevin Freeman and includes a review of this year in the Economic War Room®.

Kevin Freeman is considered one of the world's leading experts on the issues of Economic Warfare and Financial Terrorism. He has consulted for and briefed members of both the U.S. House and Senate, present and past CIA, DIA, FBI, SEC, Homeland Security, the Justice Department, and local and state law enforcement. His research has been presented in critical DoD studies on Economic Warfare, Iran, and Weapons of Mass Destruction to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense, Intelligence. He has traveled extensively with research trips to and China and throughout Europe and the Americas. He is also a contributing editor for Tactics and Preparedness magazine.

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1. Economic Warfare, Unfair Trade, and China's Exploitation

The economic rise of China did not occur by chance—it was the product of decades of aggressive, calculated economic warfare.

From intellectual property theft to non-reciprocal tariffs, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has strategically used US trade policies and openness against us.

Companies in China openly admitted to stealing American innovation, and the CCP has now codified such behavior into law.

“They said, we’re going to take all the best ideas from all the major manufacturers... I said, ‘but isn’t that intellectual property theft?’ They looked at me like I was stupid. They said, of course, that’s what we do.” –Kevin Freeman

This exploitation has made China the world’s second-largest economy and a global threat, even as it avoids environmental responsibility and uses American financial markets to fund its expansion.

Meanwhile, American workers have lost millions of jobs and more than 90,000 factories since 1994.



Attention: America is not losing a new trade war—it has refused to fight back in one that's already been underway.

2. America's Global Burdens and the Need for Reciprocity

The U.S. also continues to serve as the world's safety net—funding defense for NATO allies, offering massive foreign aid, and complying with international climate standards that somehow don't apply to China.

This generosity has been taken for granted while elites and media figures shame Americans for wanting fairness.



“We’re racking up massive debts in foreign aid, as well as carrying out other nations who can then afford to lavish health policies and generous vacations and pensions on their people.” —Kevin Freeman

One of the most obvious examples is America's green initiative.

Even as America leads the world in reducing emissions, global organizations punish it while exempting major polluters.

This unjust treatment is not just fiscal—it undermines U.S. sovereignty and the ability to invest in domestic priorities.

China wants the world to push Green initiatives that it refuses to follow for itself because the CCP knows ‘clean energy’ will eventually cripple industries and infrastructures in the US, or at the very least slow America's potential for economic growth.



Attention: America cannot sustain being the world's bank, police, and environmental scapegoat without collapsing under the weight.

3. The Path Forward: Trump's Trade Strategy and the NSIC Institute

By implementing reciprocal tariffs and calling out non-tariff barriers, Trump is forcing global players to negotiate on fair terms.

According to congressional testimony from U.S. Trade Representative Jamison Greer, Trump's policy has led to new investments, job creation, and foreign countries lowering their own trade barriers.



“This national emergency declaration and tariff action is the most significant change in US trade policy since we allowed China to join the World Trade Organization.” –Kevin Freeman

But policies alone aren't enough.

That's the role of the NSIC Institute—a network of trained financial advisors committed to aligning capital with individual liberty, national security, and traditional American values.

The NSIC equips advisors to avoid investments that fund adversarial regimes or promote harmful ideologies like ESG and DEI that cripple our economy.

⚠ Attention: America's financial frontline starts with advisors who understand the battle—and are trained to navigate it.

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4. **Support Reciprocity:** Advocate for trade policies that prioritize fairness, domestic industry, and national security.
5. **Spread Awareness:** Share this whitepaper with colleagues, clients, or community leaders who need to understand the stakes.
6. **Hold Leaders Accountable:** Demand elected officials support tariff reform, reshore manufacturing, and stand up to foreign influence.

ONGOING ACTION STEPS:

1. **Read Kevin's new book [Pirate Money](#) to learn about a solution to protect Americans from inflation and the looming threat of CBDC.**
2. **Get a copy of [According to Plan](#) to better understand these domestic attacks on our Liberty as well as the overall Marxist plan to consume America.**
3. Seek opportunities to inspire other Americans to stand up for what is right.
4. Send them this Economic Battle Plan™ and ask them what they are doing to stand for America and Liberty!
 - » Elect Politicians that understand the need to preserve American Liberty.
 - » Encourage and ask your elected officials to educate themselves.
 - » Ask them how they are working to strengthen our education system and reverse the push for Marxist indoctrination. These are big issues, if your representatives are not aware and working toward solutions directly or indirectly based on their committees, hold them accountable!

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6. Be certain to buy Kevin's new book, *Pirate Money: Discovering the Founders' Hidden Plan for Economic Justice and Defeating the Great Reset*. Learn more at www.PirateMoneyBook.com.





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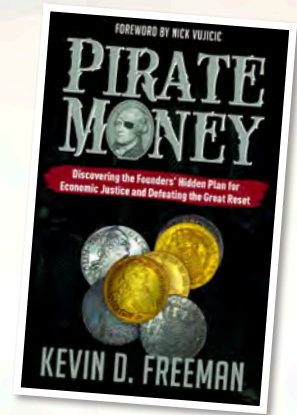
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