# The Effects of Trade Agreements: Global Value Chains, Digitization and the Trade in Tasks

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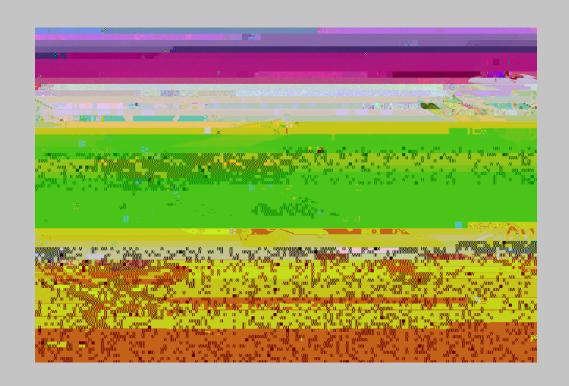
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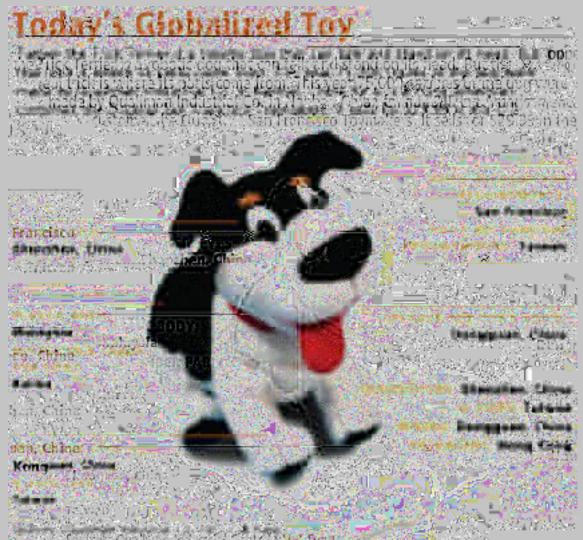
# Traditional view of trade policy

- Value chains are local
  - Firms trade to reach foreign consumers
  - Mercantilist trade policy
    - » Export promotion
    - » Import protection
  - Free trade agreements are tool to exchange export promotion

# Foreign components in Bombardier CSeries

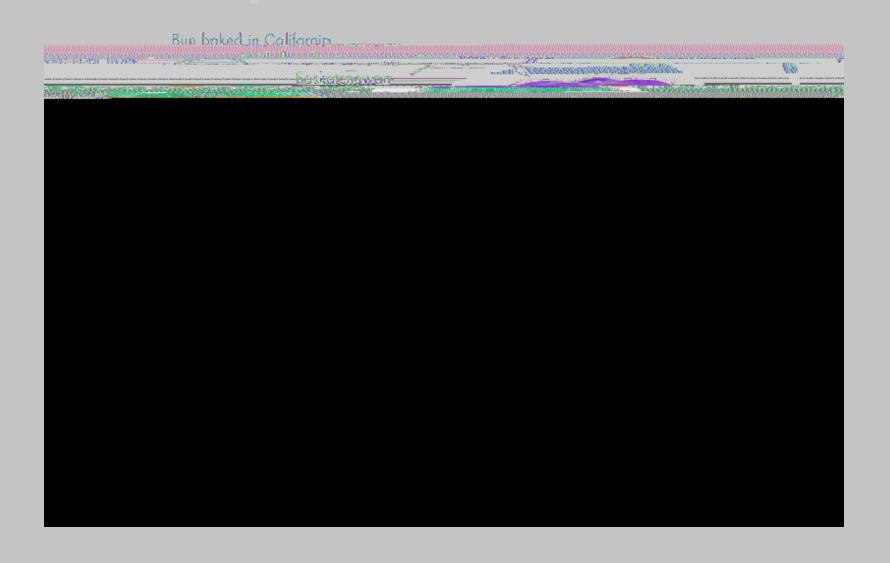




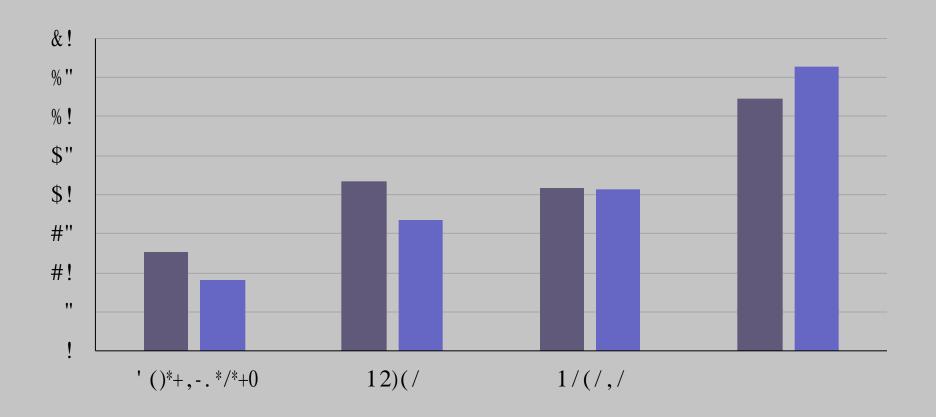




# The value chain of a Burger

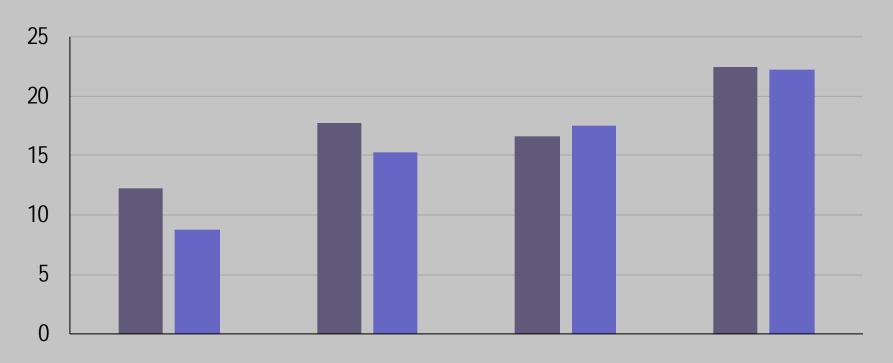


#### Foreign content share of gross exports, 2011 and 2016



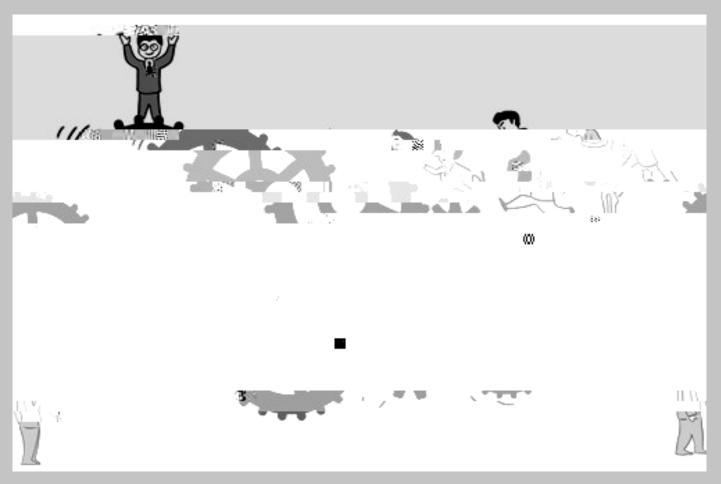


# Domestic value added embodied in foreign exports as a share of gross exports, 2011 and 2015

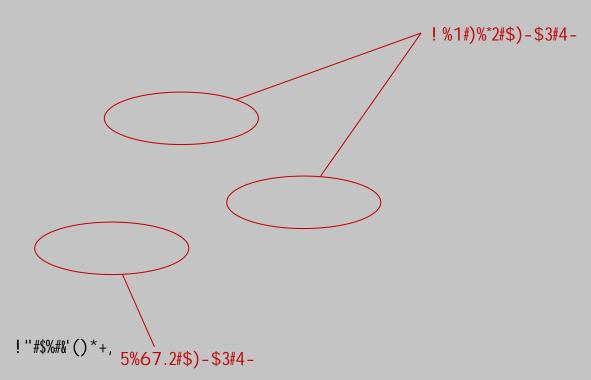




# Efficiency-seeking motive

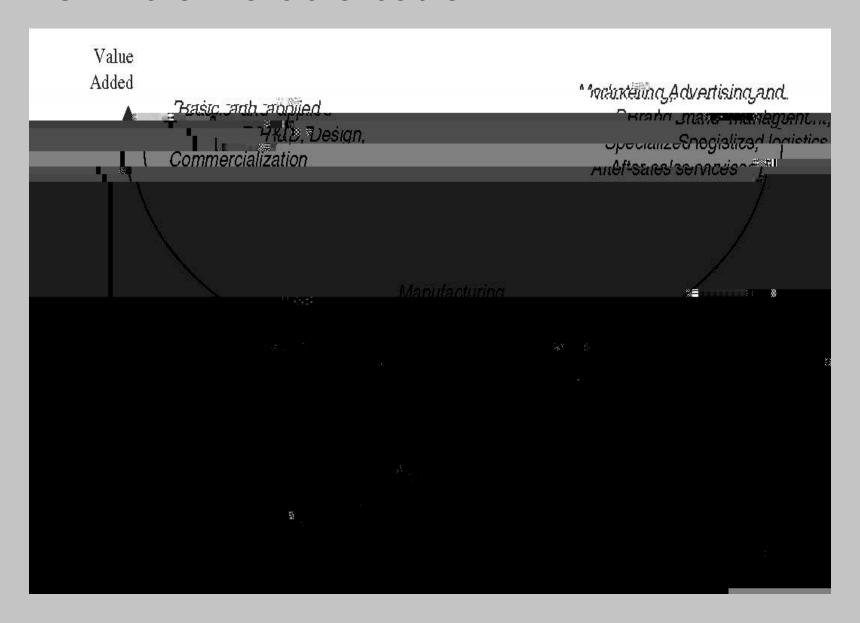


#### Porter's value chain





#### Smile of value creation



# Flexibility-seeking



# Donald J. Trump, May 13, 2019

Their [sic] is no reason for the U.S.

Consumer to pay the Tariffs, which take effect on China today. [...] Also, the Tariffs can be completely avoided if you by [sic] from a non-Tariffed Country, or you buy the product inside the USA (the best idea). That's Zero Tariffs. Many Tariffed companies will be leaving China for Vietnam and other such



# Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America, May 20, 2019

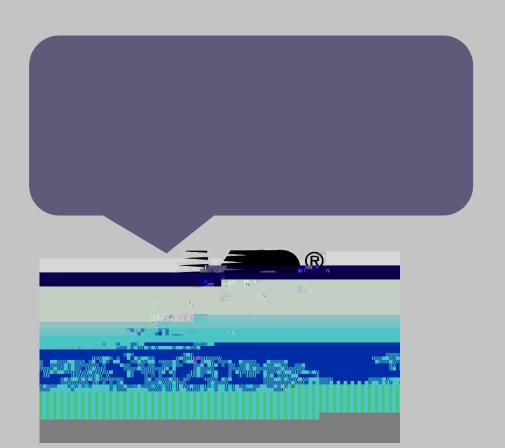
"There have been suggestions that industries should quickly shift sourcing to countries other than China in the wake of these additional tariff threats. While our industry has been moving away from China for some time now, footwear is a very capital-intensive industry, with years of planning required to make sourcing decisions, and companies cannot

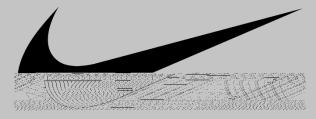


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#### Nike versus New Balance





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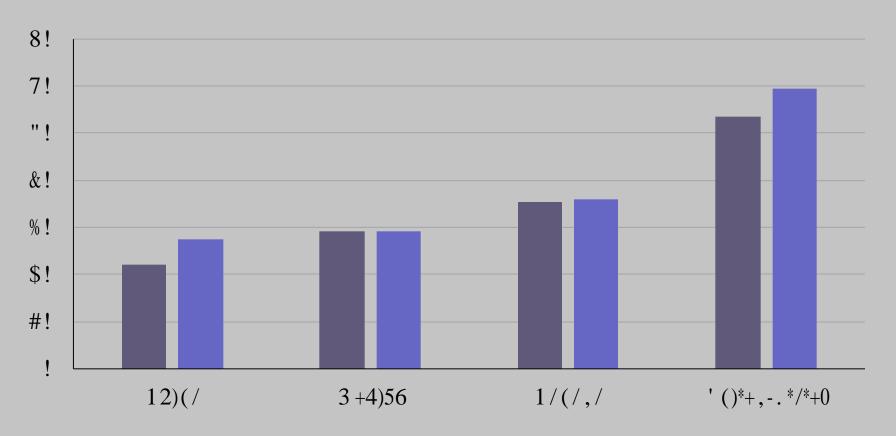
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- Facilitate the transmission of goods and information across borders
  - at-the border trade facilitation (e.g. WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement)
  - beyond-the-border trade facilitation (e.g. Belt Road Initiative)



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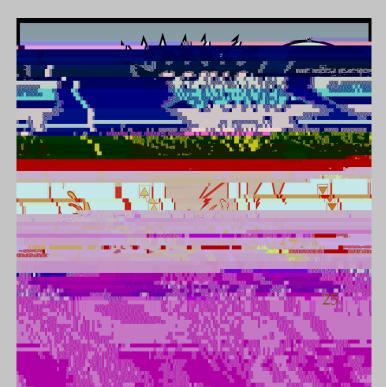
#### Domestic services share of gross exports, 2011 and 2016



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