



UNITED NATIONS

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION:

US VS CHINA

Dear Delegates,

Hello! Welcome to Fairfield University's annual Model United Nations conference! We are very excited to have so many intelligent, passionate students here to discuss issues with such high degrees of salience. Your devotion to the resolution of such difficult topics doubtlessly invokes an energizing sense of inspiration and hope for the future.

The Chair of your committee will be Corinne Cude. She is from the small town of Oxford, Connecticut, about 30 minutes away from the university. Currently, she is a sophomore. Her major is not yet declared, but she is considering a double major in International Studies and Politics with a minor in English and Art History. She was a part of Model UN in high school and has been in the university's Model UN for two years. She has an ardor for learning about different cultures and, more specifically, Asian history and politics. Ultimately, she hopes to further her education by going to law school, with the long-term intention of becoming an attorney.

There will be two co-Chairs on your committee. One co-chair is Luka Zedginidze. He is an international student from the nation of Georgia, in eastern Europe. Also a sophomore, he is majoring in International Business and Economy. He has extensive experience with Model UN, as he was the captain of UN club in High School and he has been a Chair on two different occasions. He is very passionate about the economic conditions of states and how it affects their international policies. Ultimately, his career goal is to work in an international bank.

The second co-Chair is Lissbeth Larrea Ortiz. She is from the historic town of Sleepy Hollow, New York, located an hour away from Fairfield. Lissbeth is currently in her Freshman year at Fairfield University. She is attending the Dolan School of Business, and her major is undeclared. Lissbeth moved to the United States when she was 13 years old, and this inspired her to stay relevant with current issues around the world. Lissbeth was part of the Model UN club at her school for 2 years and this is her first year in the university's Model UN.

The trade war between the US and China has been going on since 2017. It started when President Trump signed the Day Action Plan to resolve trade differences with China but failed to follow through. Following this incident, both nations started taxing exported goods for each other. This created tension with China, because it felt like it was being targeted and its economy was being affected because of it. Although there have been talk about a truce throughout the years, the battle between the two countries has been insatiable. So far, the US has charged tariffs of \$550 billion US dollars worth of Chinese products and China has charged tariffs of \$185

billion US dollars worth of US goods. However, on June 2019, trade talks between the two power nations began again, leaving an uncertain future for trade between the power nations. The US has already put on hold some of its previously established tariffs, which were supposed to become valid at the beginning of October. Given that nothing has been consolidated yet, it is safe to assume that this trade war is still going on strong and that it still holds an incredible influence over the world economy.

This committee's primary aim is to ameliorate the tension and strife that has been fostered between the United States and China because of the trade war that both countries are currently engaged in. Both are powerhouses, approximately matched in terms of resources; each are seeking a resolution which best suits their country. As each has a unique set of political, economic, and social factors, delegates must be sure to consider the ways in which they affect the country's perception of "resolution" and, ultimately, the compromise that will be reached.

This conflict has resulted in a serious breakdown of relations between China and the United States. Laymen, like farmers and consumers, are paying the price, while the stock markets continue to be unstable. As such, we look forward to your ideas surrounding the resolution of such a serious dissension. Basic-level reference material is included in your guide, but we strongly encourage further research be conducted to develop a sound position. Feel free to contact any of the dias at any time, should there be any questions regarding our topic.

Sincerely,

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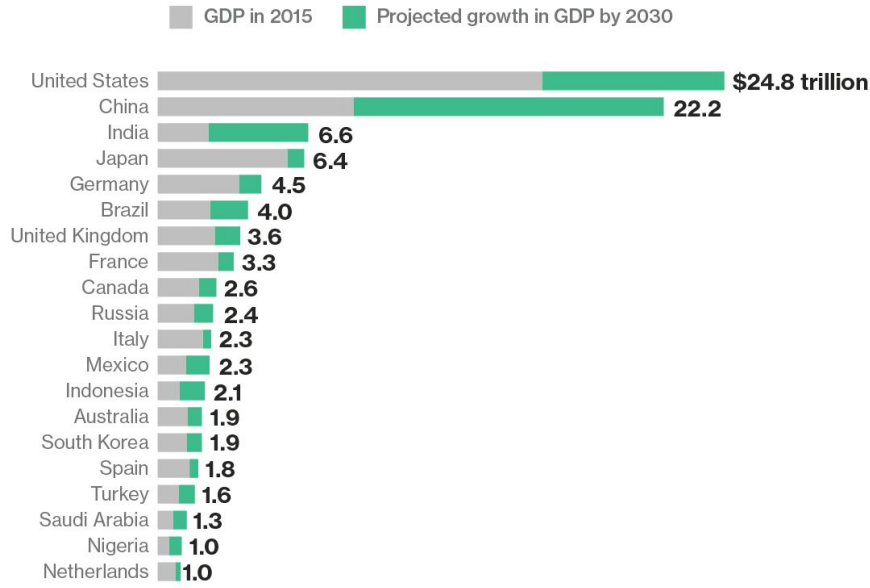
FOCAL QUESTIONS:

- 1.) How is China's new "*Belt Road*" initiative going to influence the United States' economy in the future?
- 2.) Can the trade war have a long lasting effect on either economy?
- 3.) Can the trade war be escalated to a level where it will prevent China's economic rise to power?
- 4.) Can the trade war be escalated to a level where it will cause an economic regression in United States?
- 5.) Assuming that trade war continues on the scale it is on now, what other countries will be affected (allies of both sides)?

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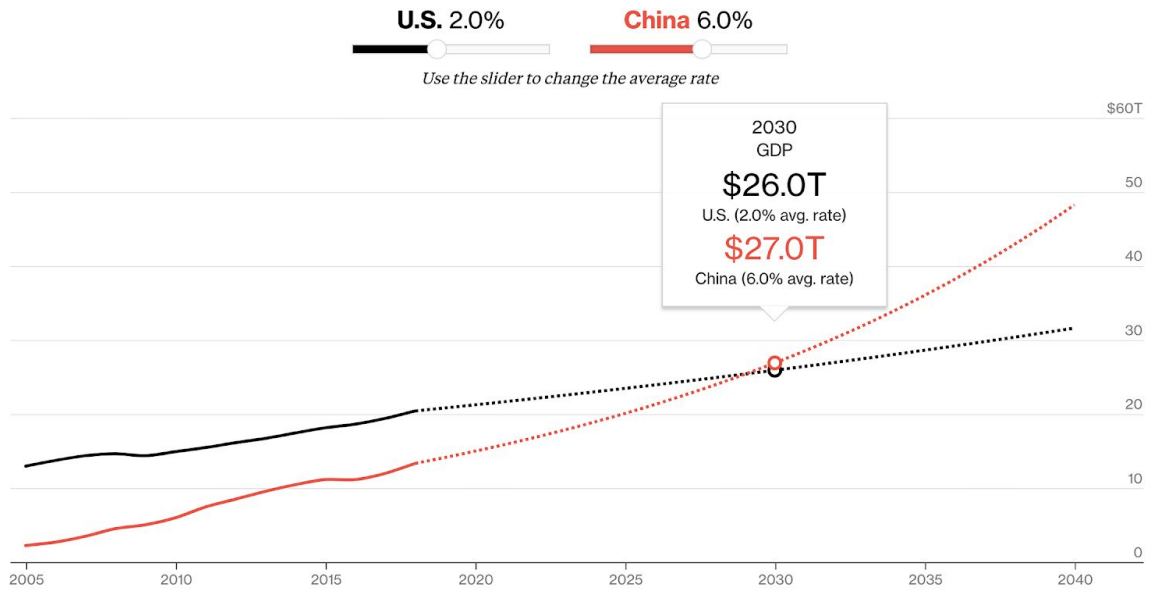
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