

A Remarkable Resemblance: Germany from 1900 to 1945 and China today. Time for a NATO for trade?

The only real solution to confronting the most dominant power trader in history is to use a multitude of tactics.

... we should not reject free trade ideals. But we should also not be blind to the harsh reality that the world now is distorted by the world's strongest power trader: China. The answer is not deglobalization. It is not protectionism. It is not holding on to the naive hope that free trade could prevail if the United States simply "ends the trade war" (started by China). Rather, allied nations need to understand the adversary they face, and respond bravely, strategically, and expeditiously.

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Vision

Brave, strategic, and expeditious response

Mission

To confront the most dominant power trader in history

Values

Free Trade

Courage

Strategic Focus

Expediency

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Tactics

Use a multitude of tactics to offset China's distortion of world markets

1. Policies

Support advanced and critical industries through smart, coordinated industrial and technology policies

This means that allied nations need to do a better job of supporting their own advanced and critical industries through smart, coordinated industrial and technology policies.

Stakeholder(s):

Advanced Industries

Critical Industries

2. Alliances & Trade Pacts

Build stronger alliances and deeper trade pacts among free-trading nations

It means stronger alliances and deeper trade pacts among free-trading nations.

Stakeholder(s):

Free-Trading Nations

3. Collaboration

Engage in closer collaboration between allied nations to push back on Chinese predatory power trade practices

It means closer collaboration between allied nations to push back on Chinese predatory power trade practices, including increasing foreign aid to help developing nations avoid crippling dependency on China and better coordinating export controls and inward investment reviews.

4. Economic Sacrifices

Name and shame nations that are unwilling to make even modest economic sacrifices to help constrain China power trade

It means that a “coalition of the willing,” led by the United States, should name and shame other nations that are unwilling to make even modest economic sacrifices to help constrain China power trade, rather than free riding on the efforts of a few nations, such as Australia, the United States, and, it appears, the United Kingdom.

5. Trade Organization

Form a NATO for trade

It means the formation of a “NATO for trade” to more effectively counter Beijing’s strategy of picking off trade adversaries one at a time and bullying them into submission.

Stakeholder(s):

Democratically Allied Trade Organization :

This new organization—call it the Democratically Allied Trade Organization (DATO)—should be governed by a council of participating countries, and if

any member is threatened or attacked unjustly with trade measures that inflict economic harm, DATO would quickly convene and consider whether to take joint action to defend the member nation.

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