

2024 Election Industry Impact: Trade

Analyses of how the results of the 2024 election will affect trade

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Roadmap

- Policy impacts
- Potential Trump administration officials
- Potential congressional committee leadership



Republican trifecta policy impacts on trade

How the Republican trifecta will impact trade policy



Increased tariffs on US imports, with significant tariff increases on imports from China. Potential for the US to pull out from the World Trade Organization, and potential WTO collapse. Renegotiated USMCA Trade Agreement, with more favorable terms for the US. US remains a net oil exporter.

Policy priorities



Increased tariffs on US imports: The Trump administration can impose and hold baseline tariffs on most foreign goods without congressional approval, and a Republican trifecta would not reign in executive powers over trade



Domestic manufacturing: Trump's tariff plan would enable a "Strategic National Manufacturing Initiative" with the goal of increasing domestic output



Oil and gas exports: Oil and gas exports rose during the first Trump presidency and Trump calls for energy independence

Key industry impacts



Increased tariffs on US imports:

Increased disputes with foreign governments over US tariffs, and potential retaliatory tariffs on US exports. Higher costs for general goods as US manufacturing develops



Domestic manufacturing: The US is forced to increase domestic manufacturing as imported goods have increased costs. Uncertainty in the global economy as market prices adjust, decreased imports from China



Oil and gas exports: The US may continue to be net exporters of both oil and gas as Republicans push for energy independence. If US imports on oil and gas decrease, then the trade deficit may reduce slightly



Likelihood of potential actions in the trade industry under a Republican trifecta





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Key executive branch figures that may impact trade policy (1/3)

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE



CEO of investment firm Cantor Fitzgerald and cochair of Trump's transition

BIOGRAPHY

- Became president of Cantor Fitzgerald at 29, after eight years of working there
- Lost 658 employees during the 9/11 attacks

POLICY POSITIONS

Institute Trump's vast tariff scheme

 Supports efforts to "tariff the rest of the world and keep them the heck out"

Cut taxes and regulation

- · Supports elimination of income taxes
- · Backs plans to deregulate cryptocurrency market

SECRETARY OF STATE



Marco Rubio

Senator from Florida

Vice Chair of Senate Intelligence Committee

BIOGRAPHY

- City commissioner in West Miami
- Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
- Elected to the US Senate in 2010

POLICY POSITIONS

Hawkish on foreign policy

Maintains a hard line against Iran and other US adversaries

End the conflict in Ukraine

 Voted against continuing aid as senator; thinks hard choices are needed to end the conflict

Counter China's rising influence

Believes economic policy needs to address China



Key executive branch figures that may impact trade policy (2/3)

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

POTENTIAL PICKS



Bill Hagerty

Senator from Tennessee

Ambassador to Japan during Trump's first term



Kevin Warsh

Former member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Economic adviser to President George W. Bush



CEO and co-founder of investment firm Apollo Global Management

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTRE

POTENTIAL PICKS



Abel Maldonado

Former lieutenant governor of California



Ray Starling

USDA official during Trump's first term



Key executive branch figures that may impact trade policy (3/3)

SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY



Kristi Noem

Governor of South Dakota

Former US representative

BIOGRAPHY

- Became South Dakota's first female governor in 2019
- Served as at-large representative for South Dakota from 2011 to 2018

POLICY POSITIONS

Hardliner on immigration

- Will oversee implementation of Trump's campaign promise of mass deportations
- Sent members of the South Dakota National Guard to the southern border as governor
- Believes sanctuary cities should be held accountable for not adhering to federal policy

SECRETARY OF ENERGY



Chris Wright

CEO of Liberty Energy

BIOGRAPHY

- Founded Pinnacle Technologies, a fracking company, in 1992
- Former chairman of Stroud Energy

POLICY POSITIONS

Against net-zero emissions pledges

• Believes the approach is impractical and costly

Deregulate the energy sector

• Believes in "sensible regulation"

Increase nuclear energy production

 Wants to increase nuclear production from 4% to 10% of energy production



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Potential committee leaders in the 119th Congress that could impact trade policy

POTENTIAL GOP LEADERSHIP

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Senate Finance



Mike Crapo (R-ID)



Ron Wyden (D-OR)



Foreign Relations



James Risch (R-ID)



Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)



Financial Services



French Hill (R-AR-2)



Bill Huizenga (R-MI-4)



Andy Barr (R-KY-6)



Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)



Ways and Means



Jason Smith (R-MO-8)



Richard Neal (D-MA-1)