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## 1 | Facts

- China tried to control trade/currency
- A lot of inflation happened
- Money was eventually privatized

## 2 | Claims

- China "let in the flood" for two factors
  - political
    - \* originally wanted to control trade ("foreign goods, not foreign people")
    - \* but this backfired, so they allowed trade to regain control
  - economic
    - \* silver coinage because original currency was not trusted
- "China's efforts to control piracy were hampered by incompetence at the top level"
- "By the time the wokou were terrorizing the southeast coast, the Chinese empire had no functioning currency"

## 3 | Questions

- Why didn't the rulers avoid printing so much money? They must've seen inflation coming
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