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NAFTA was created as part of a more general move on the part of the United States Government towards reducing trade barriers and creating a world wide regime in which occurs as freely possible.

The US government has promoted free trade even as this led to the rise of countries that would compete with them. Government Officials have typically believed that this is in the best interest of the United States.

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allowed three to be greater production in those countries. This allowed the people of the three countries to join a higher standard of living.

5. What is NAFTA?

Ans: NAFTA means North American Free Trade Agreement , which was negotiate by former an agreement between the U.S. Canada and Mexico that allows them to trade with each other without paying imports taxes.

Since it came into force , NAFTA has benefited all three economies, raising cross-broader trade and investment. NAFTA create an established order in the new relationship with America and Canada, with a specific timetable for the opening of most key industries.

When it was established?

Ans: A 1994 agreement made by the U.S. Canada and Mexico for the gradual elimination of tariffs and import quotas so as to remove barriers to free trade among those countries.

NAFTA's Activities:

Ans: a) To reduce barriers to trade
b) To increase cooperation for improving working conditions in North America.
c) To create an expanded and safe market for goods and service produced in North America
d) To establish clear and mutually advantageous trade rules
e) To help develop and expand world trade and provide a catalyst to broader international cooperation.

NAFTA's History

Back in 1984, President Ronald Reagan passed the Trade and Tariff Act, which allowed the president special authority to negotiate free trade agreements more quickly. Going off of Reagan's initiative, Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney supported the president and the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was eventually signed in 1988; it went into effect one year after.

When George H.W. Bush became president, he began to negotiate with Mexican President Salinas to generate a trade agreement between Mexico and the U.S. The trade agreement was part of President Bush's three-part plan called the [Enterprise for the Americas Initiative](#), which also included debt relief programs.

After Mexico lobbied for a trilateral trade agreement in 1991, NAFTA was created as a way to open up free trade between the three, not just two, superpowers in North America. President

H.W. Bush signed the NAFTA agreement in 1992, which was also signed by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Salinas.

The agreement went into effect under Bush's successor President Bill Clinton, who signed the agreement himself on Dec. 8, 1993. By January of 1994, the trade agreement was in effect.

Despite a joint effort, [NAFTA was considered](#) one of President Clinton's first victories as president.

What Is NAFTA's Purpose?

According to [NAFTA's article 102 of the agreement](#), there are 6 declared objectives of the treaty.

1. Eliminate barriers to trade in, and facilitate the cross-border movement of, goods and services between the territories of the parties.
2. Promote conditions of fair competition in the free trade area.
3. Increase substantially investment opportunities in the territories of the parties.
4. Provide adequate and effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in each party's territory.
5. Create effective procedures for the implementation and application of this agreement, for its joint administration and for the resolution of disputes.
6. Establish a framework for further trilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation to expand and enhance the benefits of this agreement.

What Has NAFTA Accomplished?

While there is ample debate as to the long-term benefits of NAFTA, the agreement has accomplished several things since its implementation in the 1990s.

Apart from expanding consumer choice for the past 20 years, NAFTA has multiplied trade between the three countries by about 3.5 times compared to 1994, according to an Associated Press report back in 2013.

Additionally, all three countries have enjoyed increased trade, economic growth, and higher wages since NAFTA was approved in 1994, but whether these are the result of NAFTA remains a question for experts. In fact, a 2010 Congressional Research Service report claimed that "Most studies after NAFTA have found that the effects on the Mexican economy tended to be modest at most."

Still, NAFTA has lived up to its aims in some fashion, increasing U.S.-Mexican trade to \$481.5 billion in 2015 and U.S.-Canada trade totaling \$518.2 billion. That's a 255% and 63.5% increase respectively, [according to the Mexican Embassy in Canada](#). Although the jury is out as to if these

phenomenal increases are due solely to NAFTA (which they are almost certainly not), experts believe the treaty has certainly helped.

As of 2017, Mexico and Canada are the second and third-largest exporters to America, behind China in the number one spot. However, current threats to withdraw the United States from NAFTA could have significant impacts on tariffs. Without NAFTA keeping tariffs between the three countries at around 0%, tariffs would revert to those set by the World Trade Organization, which, according to The New York Times, average at about 7.1% for Mexico, 3.5% for the United States, and 4.2% for Canada.

Still, NAFTA has intellectual property (IP) provisions that help protect and give rights to the countries involved in relation to their intellectual property. However, [recent discussions over the protection of data](#) under current provisions have called NAFTA to increase protection levels for IP.

Additionally, through the NAFTA Certificate of Origin, [exporters can often waive tariffs](#) if they "certify that goods qualify for the preferential tariff treatment accorded by NAFTA" - which would receive reduced duties. The application must be completed by the exporter, but would reduce duties on exports between the three countries.

How Has NAFTA Impacted the Economy?

NAFTA's impact on the economy is seemingly mixed. When President Clinton first signed the treaty in 1993, he predicted an enormous economic benefit.

"NAFTA will tear down trade barriers between our three nations, create the world's largest trade zone, and create 200,000 jobs in [the U.S.] by 1995 alone," President Clinton claimed. "The environmental and labor side agreements negotiated by our administration will make this agreement a force for social progress as well as economic growth."

However, the successfulness of the treaty in accomplishing these goals is up to debate.

Since its implementation, NAFTA has benefited the economy through [increasing overall trade to well over \\$1 trillion](#) between the countries.

Additionally, the treaty has helped protect foreign investors by allowing them to bypass courts with complaints of government regulation negatively impacting their businesses. [According to USA Today](#), Mexico and Canada paid out around \$350 million in damages to foreign investors - but the United States hadn't paid any as of 2013.

Some estimates suggest NAFTA has only benefited U.S. GDP by around 0.5%, or around \$80 billion, according to the Council on Foreign Relations.

Still, apart from the financials, NAFTA has had a certain impact on [supply-chain-related sectors](#) including transportation. The provisions in NAFTA allow for liberal regulation of land transportation regarding streamlining licensing and processing for truckers through an open U.S.-

Mexico border. Moreover, NAFTA's history with the environment has largely helped maintain environmental data across the three countries in North America, but [recent concerns](#) center around this aspect of the treaty being cut for budget purposes.

Criticism of NAFTA

Over the course of its duration, there have been many critics of NAFTA and what it has accomplished. Many critics blame NAFTA for a decrease in manufacturing workers, which CNN reported to be down from 17 million in 1994 to 12.4 million in 2017 - claiming to be sending those jobs to Mexico, which is lower-cost employment.

Additionally, critics claim that the [maquiladora programs](#) implemented in Mexico exploit Mexican workers, and that workers who did keep U.S. manufacturing jobs must accept lower wages due to competition.

President Trump has been vocal about his harsh stance on trade with other countries, leading up to the [current trade war with China](#). The president has also been a notable critic of NAFTA. President Trump allegedly wants to terminate NAFTA, as per his agenda opposing free trade with Mexico, and also reportedly wants to put a 35% tax on goods, like Ford ([F](#) - [Get Report](#)) cars, that are made in Mexico, according to CNN.

In fact, the president has been critical from the beginning.

"NAFTA is the worst trade deal maybe ever signed anywhere, but certainly ever signed in this country," Trump told then-candidate Hillary Clinton during a debate in 2016.

However, Trump isn't the only one criticizing the agreement.

Former President Obama reportedly blamed NAFTA for an increase in unemployment during his 2008 Presidential campaign. Criticizing the treaty during his presidency, Obama proposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership deal (which is similar to the Trump presidency's changes to NAFTA), calling on U.S. trading partners to "adhere to strict labor and environmental standards," according to Politico.

However, the Trump administration's wishes to alter NAFTA are causing experts to scratch their heads - especially in reference to the TPP.

"It is ironic that they want to fix a 'terrible' agreement by including provisions from the TPP, one deal that the administration claims is even worse," Bill Reinsch, a fellow at the Stimson Center, told Politico last year.

Regardless of the debate over its long-term effects, NAFTA is undoubtedly one of the most important trade agreements in recent history.

What is the role of Nafta?

The North American Free Trade Agreement, abbreviated **NAFTA**, is an agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico that eliminated tariffs and **duties** on trade between the three countries. Trade barriers began dropping as of Jan. 1, 1994, and were completely eliminated on schedule by Jan. 1, 2008.

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The major **functions of NAFTA** are: Eliminate trade barriers in various service sectors belonging to its member nations. Reduce high Mexican tariffs and help to promote agricultural exports.

How long has Nafta been in effect?

The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (CUSFTA) - NAFTA superseded the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (CUSFTA), which had come into effect **five years** earlier on January 1, 1989. At that time, Canada and the United States signed an historic agreement that placed them at the forefront of trade liberalization.

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Who is a member of Nafta?

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is an agreement signed by **Canada, Mexico**, and the **United States** and entered into force on 1 January 1994 in order to establish a trilateral trade bloc in North **America**.

What are the Nafta rules of origin?

The **NAFTA** grants benefits and reduces tariffs only on goods that qualify under the **NAFTA Rules of Origin**. ... Only originating goods as defined by **NAFTA** are entitled to receive duty-free or reduced tariff treatment. May 23, 2018

How does Nafta benefit the US?

The North **American** Free Trade Agreement is a trade deal between the **US**, Mexico, and Canada. ... **NAFTA** eliminated most tariffs, such as taxes on imports and exports, and on traded goods among the three nations. It put in place processes to get rid of other trade barriers too. Feb 5, 2017

Where is the headquarters of the Nafta?

The NAFTA Secretariat is comprised of: the Canadian Section located in **Ottawa**; the Mexican Section located in **Mexico City**; and. the United States Section located in **Washington, D.C.**

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Is a Nafta certificate required?

The **NAFTA Certificate** of Origin is not **required** for shipments to another **NAFTA** country unless the product qualifies for preferential tariff treatment under the **NAFTA** rules of origin. A **certificate** is not **needed** if the shipment does not qualify for preferential tariff treatment.

How many jobs has Nafta created?

Supporters of NAFTA estimate that some **14 million jobs** rely on trade with Canada and Mexico combined, and the nearly **200,000** export-related jobs created annually by NAFTA pay an average salary of 15% to 20% more than the jobs that were lost, according to a PIIIE study. Sep 6, 2016

Who negotiated Nafta?

NAFTA was negotiated by the administrations of U.S. Pres. **George H.W. Bush**, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, and Mexican Pres. **Carlos Salinas de Gortari**.

Why is Nafta important to the United States?

The North American Free Trade Agreement is a treaty between Canada, Mexico and the **United States**. That makes **NAFTA** the world's largest free trade agreement. ... The three signatories agreed to remove trade barriers between them. By eliminating tariffs, **NAFTA** increases investment opportunities.

How does Nafta benefit Mexico?

Economic growth has been steady at around two percent, but that growth is far from the growth the deal was supposed to bring. However, **NAFTA** has boosted foreign investment in **Mexico**, and it has allowed **Mexico** to boost exports which now compose a large portion of the **Mexican** GDP.

What are pros and cons of Nafta?

Chart of NAFTA Pros and Cons

List	Pros	Cons	Worth It?
Trade	Increased.		Yes
Jobs	Created 5 million U.S. jobs.	682,900 U.S. manufacturing jobs lost in some states.	Yes
Wages	Average wages increased.	Remaining U.S. factories suppressed wages.	Yes
Immigration		Forced jobless Mexicans to cross the border illegally.	No
Workers		U.S. unions lost leverage. Mexican workers were exploited.	No
Environment		Canada exploited shale fields. Mexican environment deteriorated.	No
Oil	Costs less in the United States.	Improved Mexican economy.	Yes
Food	U.S. costs lower	Mexican farmers went out of business.	No
Services	U.S. finance and health care exports increased.	Put Mexican companies out of business.	Yes
FDI	Increased.	None.	Yes
Government Spending	More competitive bidding on government contracts.		Yes

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How the new USMCA trade deal factors into Trump's trade war with China

One clause in the new deal to replace NAFTA appears to target Canada and Mexico's trade dealings with China

NAFTA's Economic Impact

President Trump has reached a deal with Canada and Mexico to restructure the North American Free Trade Agreement, hoping a new trilateral accord will reinvigorate the U.S. manufacturing sector.

Introduction

The North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, is a three-country accord negotiated by the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States that entered into force in January 1994. NAFTA's terms, which were implemented gradually through January 2008, eliminated most tariffs on products traded between the three countries. Liberalization of trade in agriculture, textiles, and automobile manufacturing was a major focus. The deal also sought to protect intellectual property, establish dispute resolution mechanisms, and, through side agreements, implement labor and environmental safeguards.

NAFTA fundamentally reshaped North American economic relations, driving unprecedented integration between Canada's and the United States' developed economies and Mexico's developing one. In the United States, NAFTA enjoyed bipartisan backing; it was negotiated by Republican President George H.W. Bush, passed a Democratic-controlled Congress, and was implemented under Democratic President Bill Clinton. It encouraged regional trade to more than triple, and cross-border investment between the three countries also grew significantly.

Yet NAFTA has remained a perennial target in the broader debate over free trade. President Donald J. Trump says it has undermined U.S. jobs and manufacturing, and in October 2018 his administration struck a deal with Canada and Mexico on an updated version of the pact, to be known as the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA.

What is NAFTA and why does Trump want it renegotiated?

What is NAFTA, who are the winners and losers, and why did Trump call it 'the worst trade deal' in US history?

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US President [Donald Trump](#), on the campaign trail, labelled NAFTA "the worst trade deal" ever signed by the US.

Trump blames NAFTA for wiping out US manufacturing jobs because it allowed companies to move factories to [Mexico](#) where labour is cheaper.

In April 2017, US President threatened to pull out of the trade agreement. Canada and Mexico insisted to renegotiate it instead, and Trump agreed.

Here is what NAFTA is all about.

What is NAFTA's impact on Mexico and Canada?

According to the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), NAFTA gave a [major boost](#) to Mexican farm exports to the US, which have tripled since NAFTA's implementation. Hundreds of thousands of Mexican auto-manufacturing jobs have also been created, and most studies [have found](#) that the pact had a positive impact on Mexican productivity and consumer prices.

But there are significant [downsides](#): Mexico's economy grew at an average rate of just 1.3 percent a year between 1993 and 2013 during a period when Latin America was undergoing a major expansion, and poverty remains at similar levels to 1994, while mass unemployment has increased.

Some believe that, instead of fulfilling its promise of providing cheaper food to Mexicans, NAFTA deepened Mexico's dependency on food imports, leaving it unprotected from volatility in international food prices and exchange rates, [reported Al Jazeera](#) recently.

On Wednesday, thousands of Mexican farmers and workers took to the streets demanding that NAFTA be abandoned. They argue that the deal has devastated Mexican small farms, which struggle to compete with US imports.

Canada has seen strong gains in cross-border investment in the NAFTA era, [according](#) to the CFR: Since 1993, US and Mexican investments in Canada have tripled. Canadian agriculture, in particular, saw a boost, while employment in Canadian manufacturing held steady.

However, the "productivity gap" between the Canadian and US economies remains wide: Canada's labour productivity [remains at 72 percent](#) of US levels.

Where was the Nafta signed?

Clinton signed it into law on December 8, 1993; the agreement went into effect on January 1, 1994.

Clinton, while signing the NAFTA bill, stated that "NAFTA means jobs. **American** jobs, and good-paying **American** jobs.

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What US president started Nafta?

The **North American** Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is signed into law by President **Bill Clinton**. Clinton said he hoped the agreement would encourage **other** nations to work toward a broader world-trade pact.

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6 Advantage of NAFTA?

ANS: a) Quadrupled Trade

b) Lowered Prices

c) Increased Economic growth

d) Create Job

e) Increase Foreign Direct Investment

f) Reduced Government spending

6 Problems of NAFTA?

U.S. Jobs Were Lost

a) U.S Jobs were lost

U.S. Wages Were Suppressed

b) U.S wages were suppressed

Mexico's Farmers Were Put Out of Business

c) Mexico's farmers were put out of business

Maquiladora Workers Were Exploited

d) Maquiladora workers were Exploited

Mexico's Environment Deteriorated

e) Mexico's environment deteriorated

NAFTA Called for Free U.S. Access for Mexican Trucks

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Donald Trump does not want to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement. He wants to kill it.

The Canadian gripe that could still kill NAFTA negotiations

Trump can try to kill NAFTA, but it will still host the World Cup in 2026

The US, Canada and Mexico will [jointly host soccer's World Cup](#) in 2026—a reminder that the economic ties binding the three nations together will outlast US president Donald Trump's [bluster about trade back-stabbing](#).

Trump wants to update NAFTA? Great. Kill it? No thanks

President Trump's announcement Monday that he was replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement with a deal just with Mexico was, like so much of what comes out of the White House, as much posturing as policy.

For starters, there is no deal with Mexico, at least not yet. There's a "[preliminary agreement in principle](#)" by the two sides to update certain provisions of NAFTA, but Mexican officials said multiple times Monday that they have a non-trivial precondition: Canada must be on board too.

Trump and other administration officials didn't acknowledge as much Monday. Instead, Trump threatened to slap tariffs on more Canadian goods if our neighbor to the north didn't accede to terms in short order.

Second, if Canada does join in, the deal would look a lot like the old NAFTA regardless of what it's called. The changes agreed to by Mexico resemble what the Obama administration was pursuing through the Trans-Pacific Partnership — a trade deal with 11 mostly Asian countries that Trump abandoned — just with fewer partners.

Trump Reaches Revised Trade Deal With Mexico, Threatening to Leave Out Canada

WASHINGTON — President Trump said on Monday that the United States and Mexico had reached an accord to revise key portions of the North American Free Trade Agreement and would finalize it within days, suggesting he was ready to jettison Canada from the trilateral trade pact if the country did not get on board quickly.

This means war: furious Canada and Mexico launch retaliation after Trump imposes tariffs

Canada responded to the US tariffs on steel and aluminium by imposing billions worth of countermeasures, while Mexico put duties on food and steel and the EU vowed its own retaliation

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Canada, the largest exporter of steel and aluminium to the United States, said it would apply countertariffs of 25 per cent and 10 per cent on US\$16.6 billion worth of American metals, farm goods and other products, to take effect July 1.

“That Canada could be a national security threat to the US is inconceivable,” said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, noting the many Canadians who have died alongside US soldiers in joint military operations over the years. “These tariffs are an affront to the long-standing security partnership between Canada and the United States.”

Mexico responded to the news by announcing immediate retaliatory tariffs on US products including pork bellies, apples, grapes, blueberries and flat steel.

Canada and Mexico face a tricky renegotiation of their trade deal with the United States



