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Summary: China's business cycle used to be highly correlated with the US business cycle because of Chinese exports to the US. But the business cycles in China and the US have decoupled for three reasons: 1) Chinese home prices are falling. US home prices are rising. 2) China's working-age population is declining. The US working-age population is growing. 3) The US and Europe have imposed tariffs and want to produce more goods at home. This is negative for Chinese exports. If US growth is about to slow down, then it will magnify the ongoing slowdown in China.

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