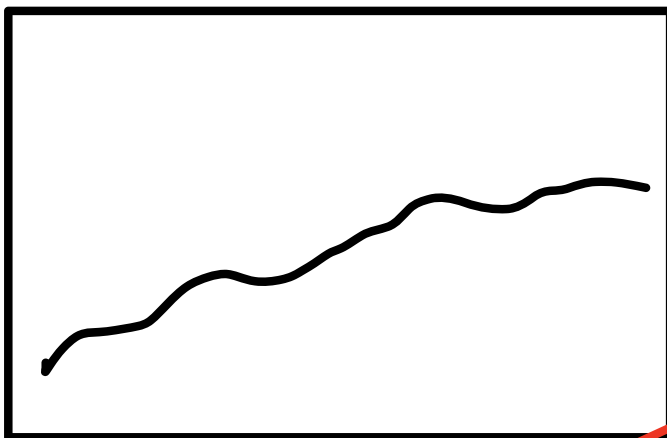


# The Flow of Goods Around the World

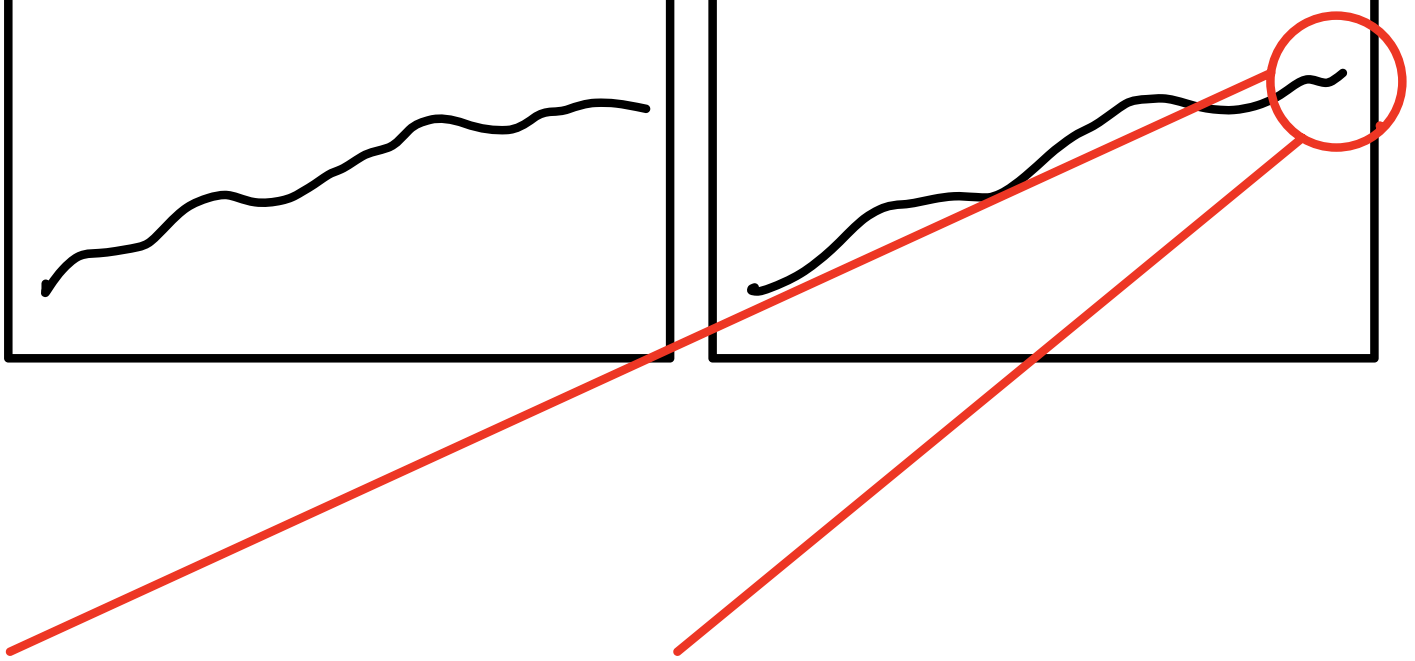
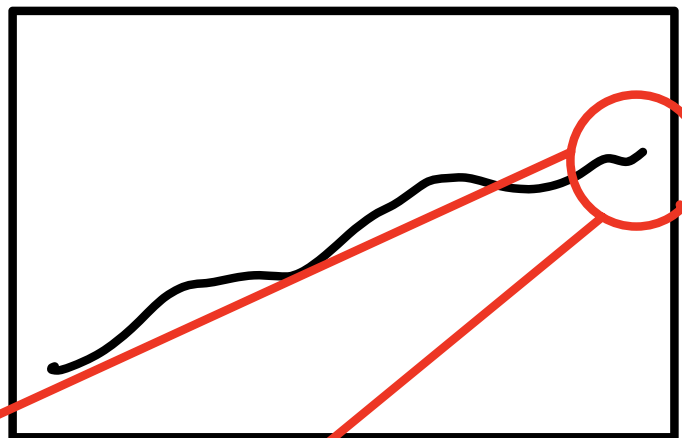
Over the last decade, and especially in 2025, the collective brain of humanity has turned its attention to the difference between where goods like food and cars are *made* and where they are *consumed*. Motivated by the desire to reduce transportation emissions or by national security concerns, humanity appears to be peeking under the hood of the global trade system, with the subject debated everywhere from government circles to taxi rides.

This page attempts to provide intuition on the ever-more important matter of how goods flow around the world.

Trade as % GDP



Trade in Tons

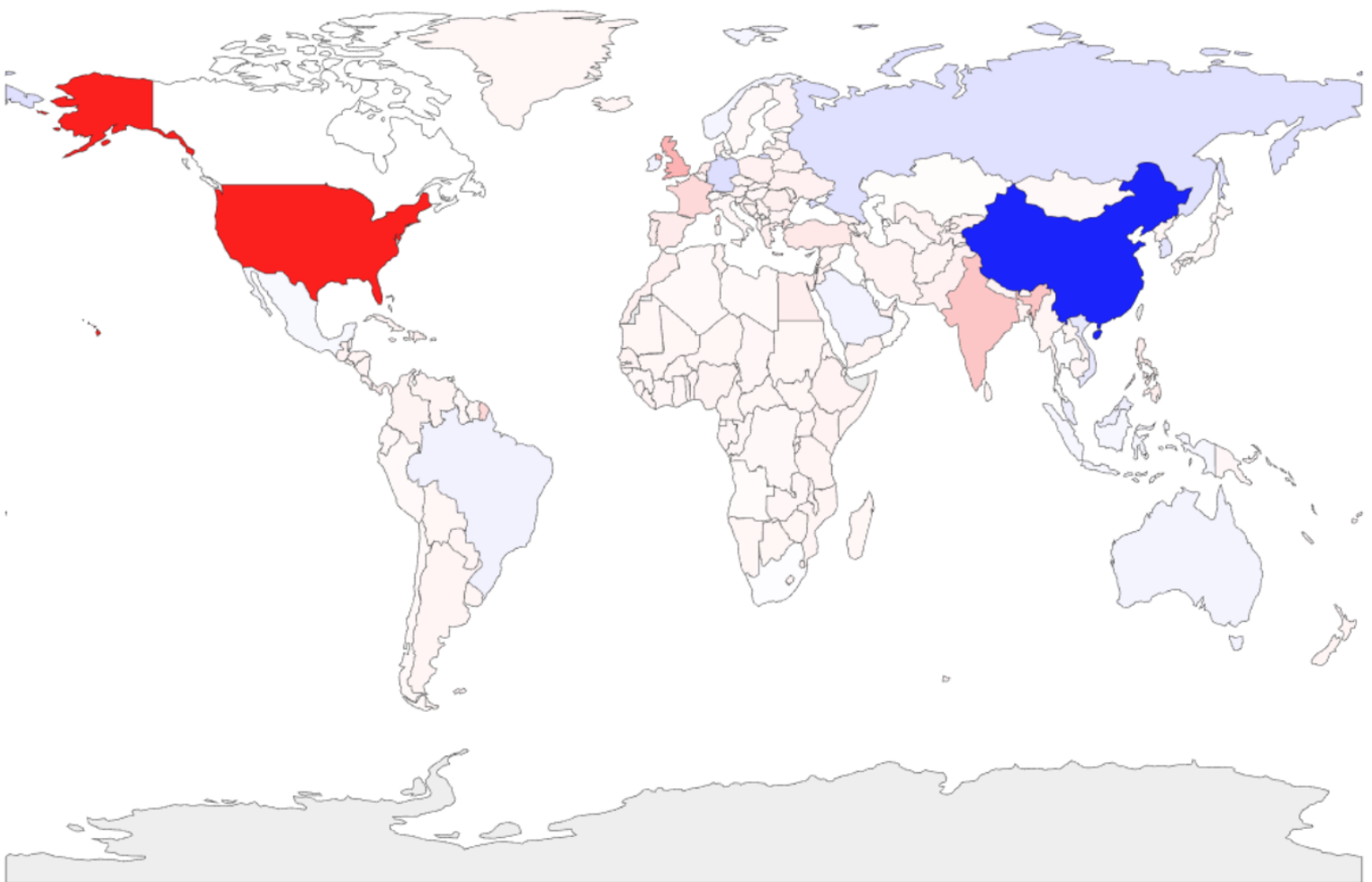




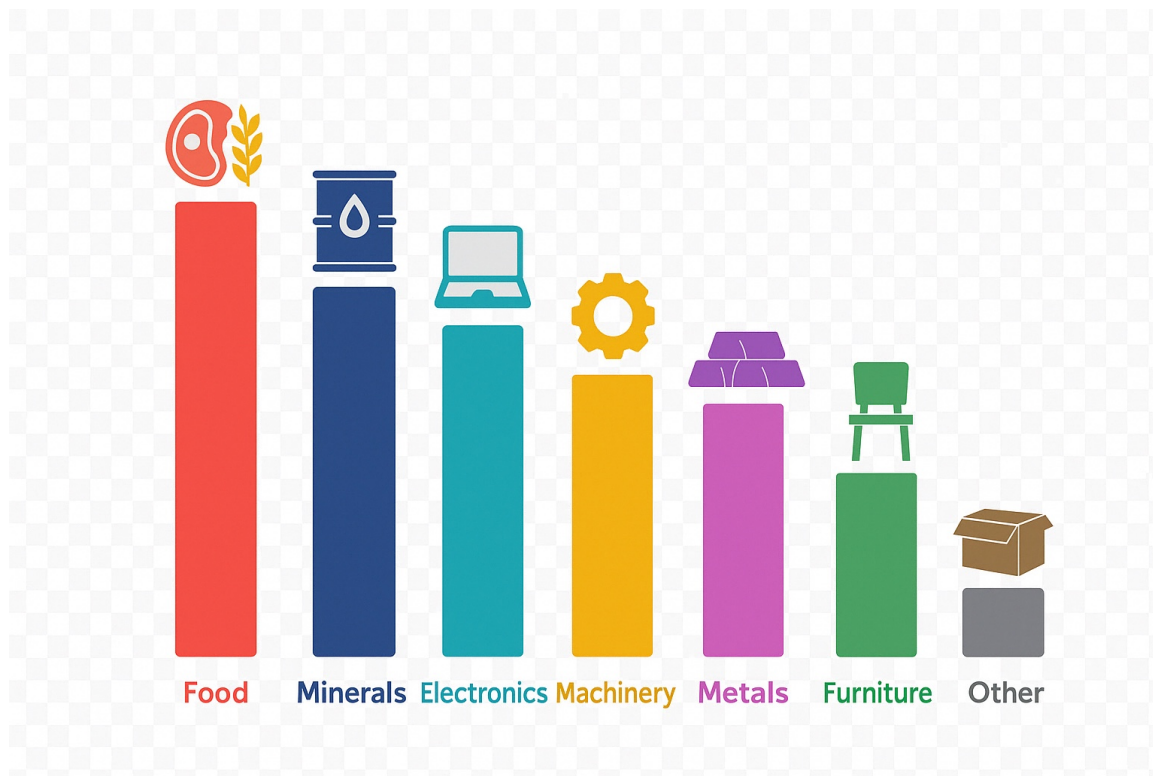
15 Billion Metric Tonnes per year  
=  
7 x the weight of all 1.2Billion  
Active Cars

In dollar terms, some countries  
consume more material goods than  
they create. Others produce the  
difference.

Trade Suprluses and Deficits in \$ Billion



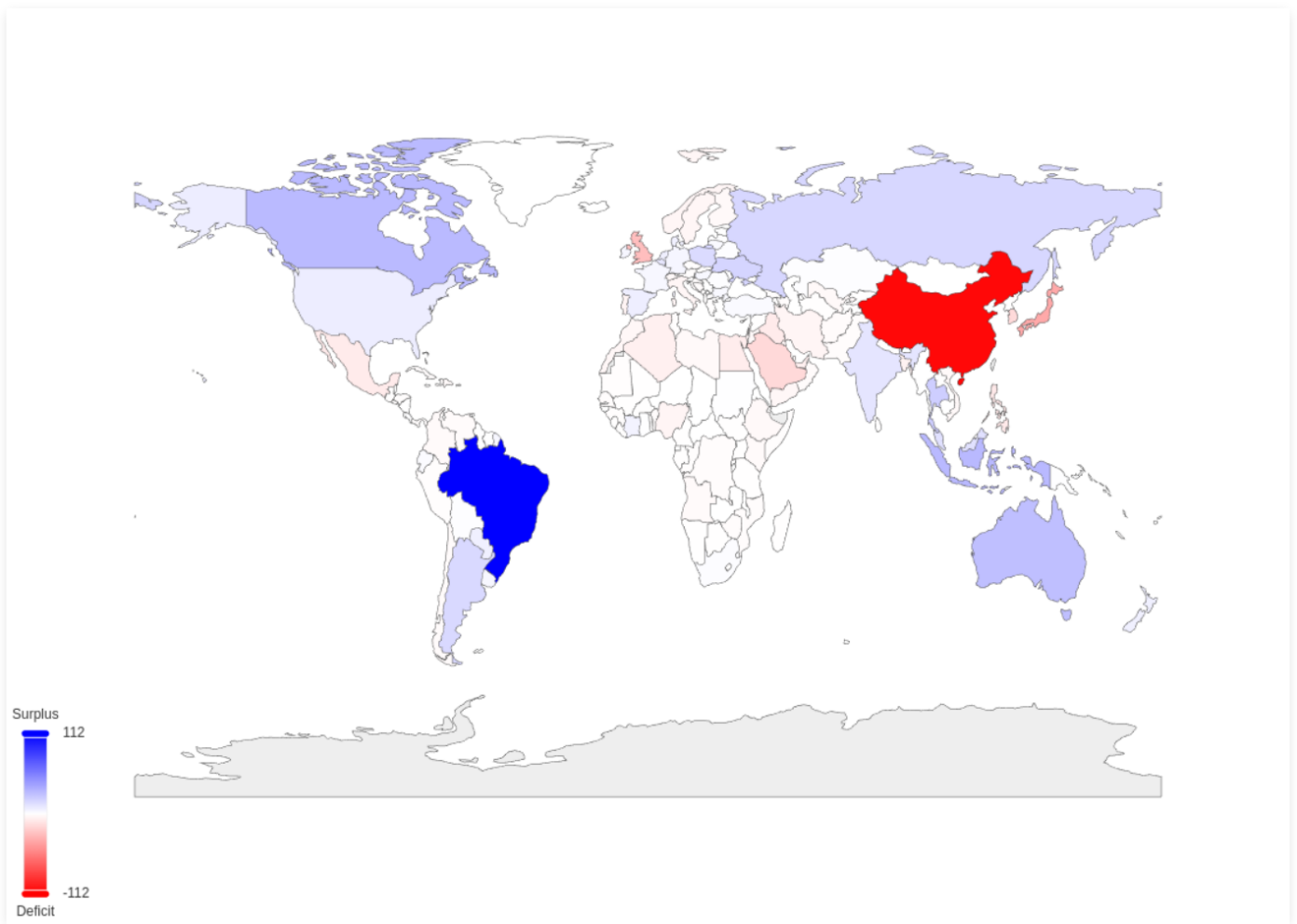
What is it that they don't make enough of? 'Optional' items like toys or essentials like food and energy? What is being traded?



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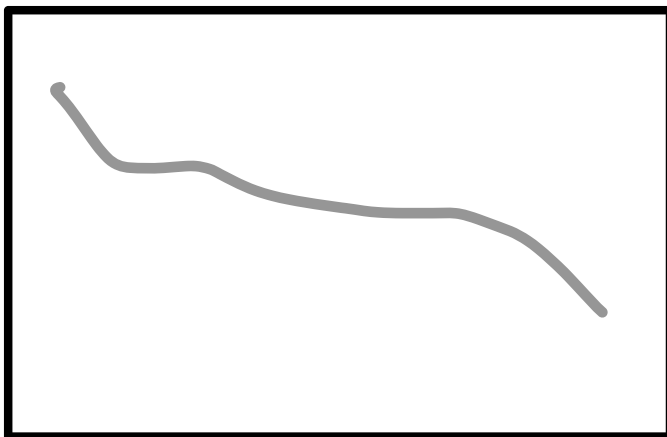
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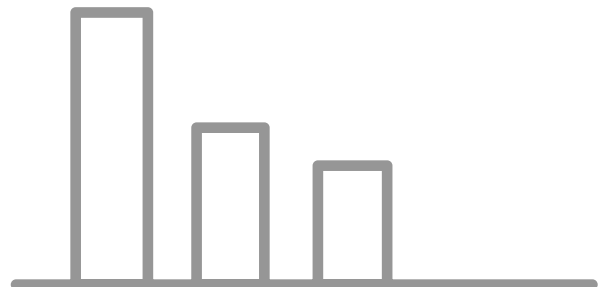


## The case of Yemen/Egypt

### Food Deficit



### Main Sources



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## Mineral Fuels

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## Metals and Ores

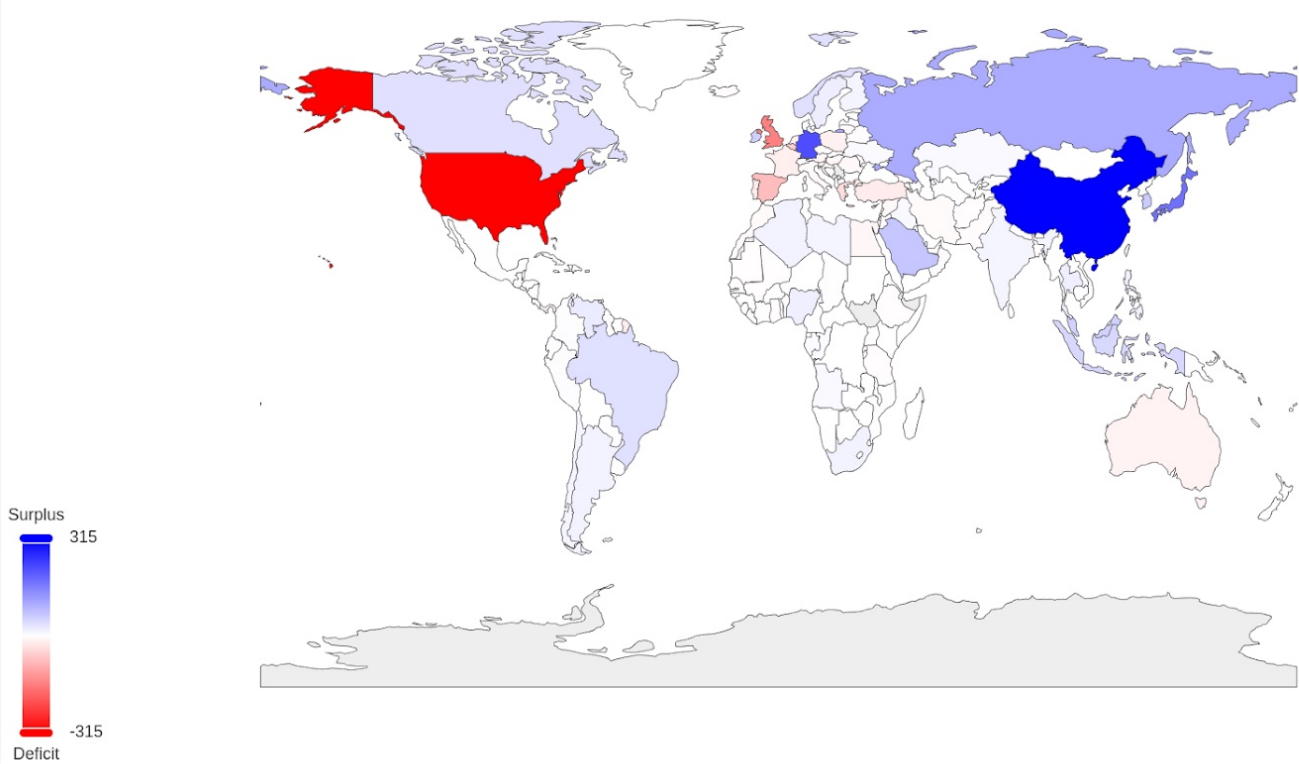
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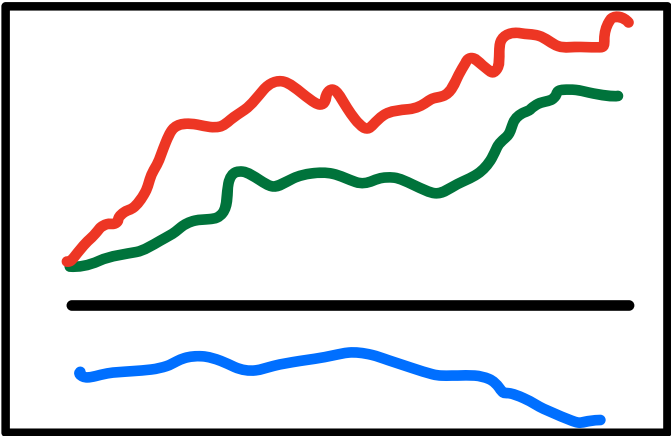
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Feel free to explore the location of deficits or surpluses for any year after 1995 and for different product categories!

World Trade Balance Map (2004)



Imports/Exports



largest imports/exp  
Main Sources

