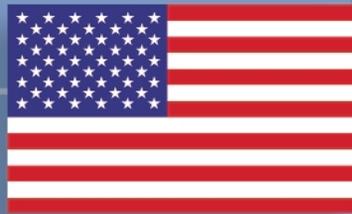
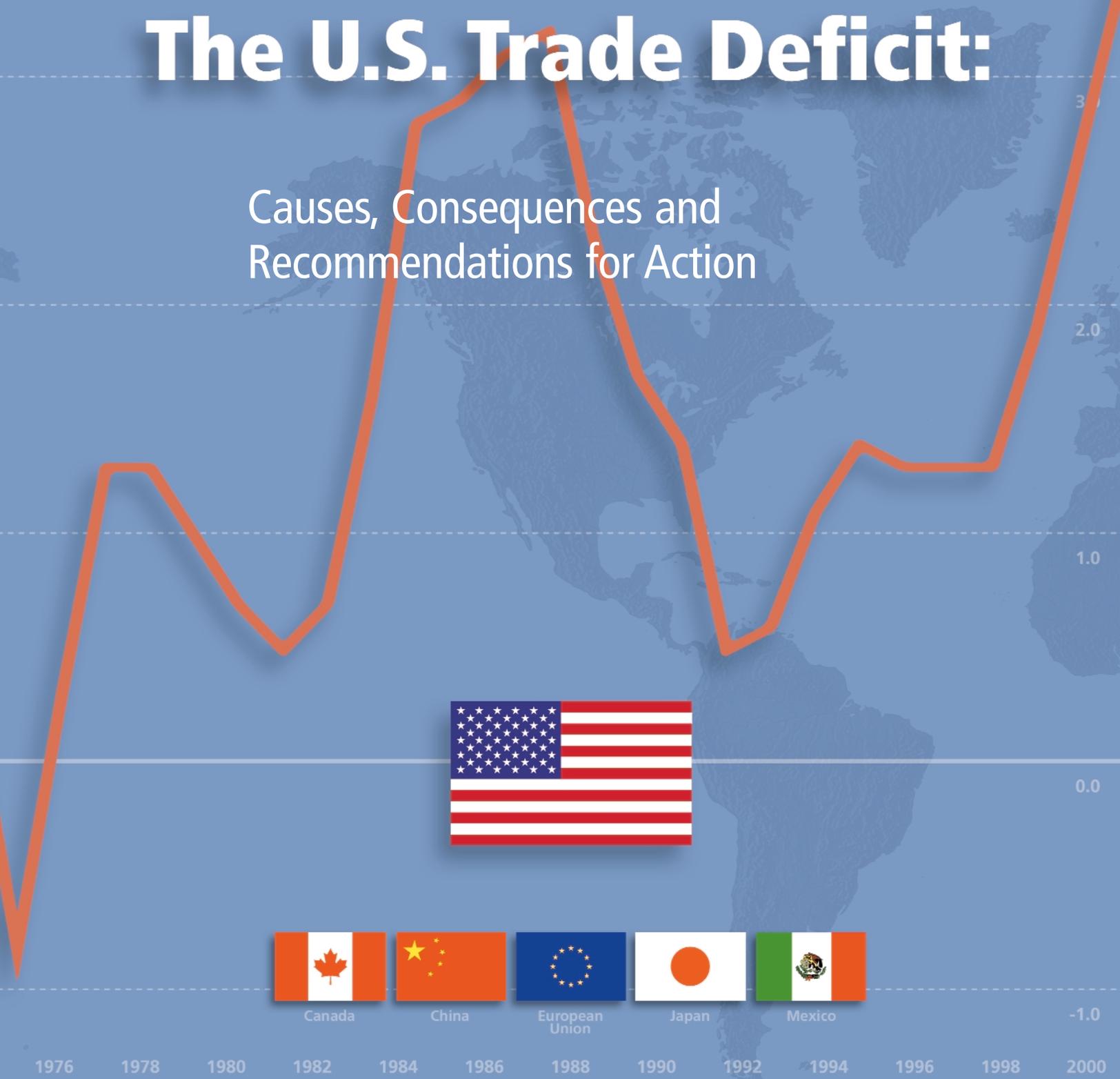




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## Report of the U. S. Trade Deficit Review Commission

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The Commission was created in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill signed into law on October 21, 1998 (19 U.S.C. 2213 as amended).

# The Charter of The U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission

The Commission will examine and report to the President, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and other appropriate committees of Congress on a range of issues including the following:

- a) The causes and consequences of the merchandise trade and current account deficits and specific bilateral trade deficits.
- b) The impact that United States monetary and fiscal policies may have on U.S. merchandise trade and current account balances.
- c) The relationship of the merchandise trade and current account balances to the overall well-being of the United States economy, and to wages and employment in various sectors of the U.S. economy.
- d) The extent to which the coordination, allocation, and accountability of trade responsibilities among Federal agencies may contribute to the trade and current account deficits.

The Commission is composed of 12 members appointed by the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Three Commissioners were appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate as recommended by the Majority Leader of the Senate after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Finance. Three Commissioners were appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate as recommended by the Minority Leader of the Senate after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Finance. Three Commissioners were appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. Three Commissioners were appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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