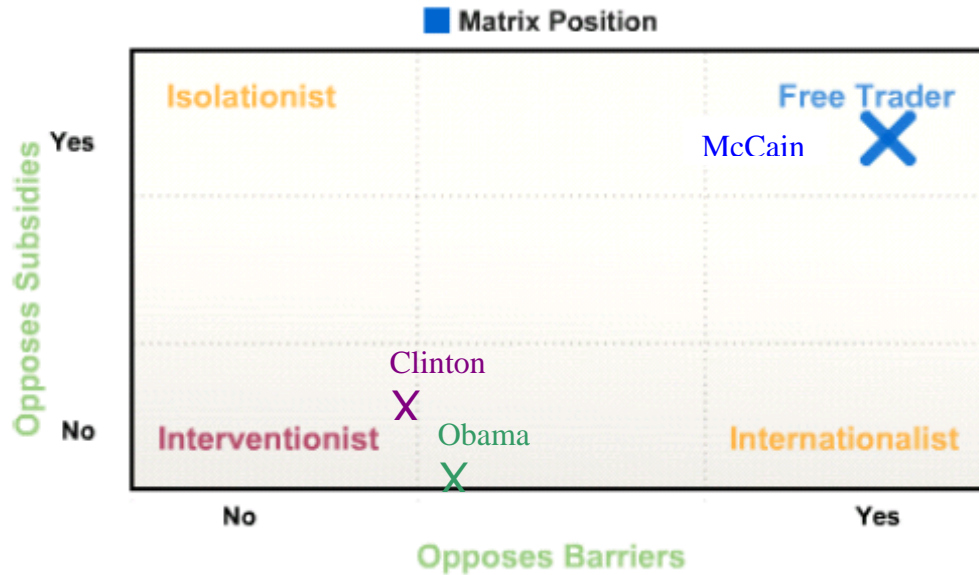


## Trade Issues

### The Presidential Election



Where candidates stand, based on Congressional votes (full record).  
 Source: Cato Institute, at <http://www.free-trade.org/congress>

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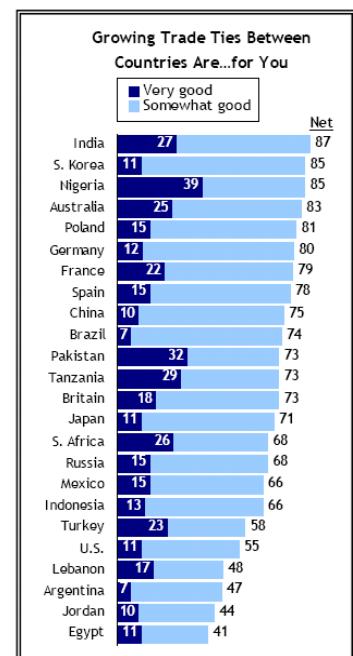
1. What kind of subsidies?
2. Are free trade agreements pro-free trade?

### A Sustainable Trade Agenda?

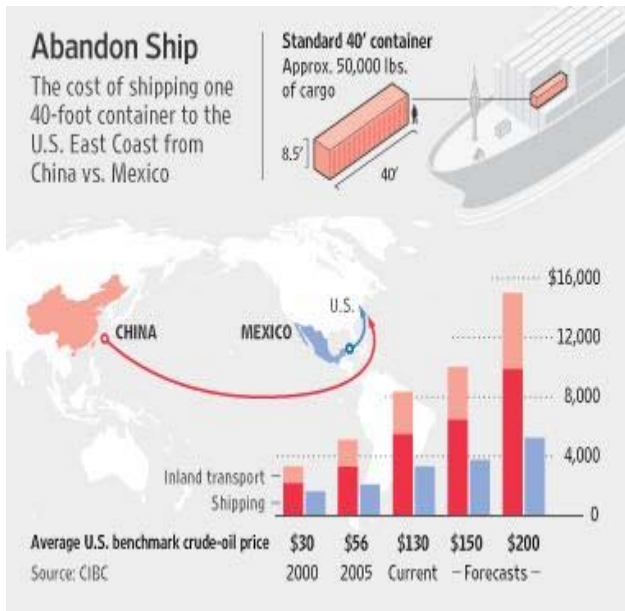
Trade is viewed as having a positive force in the United States – but not uniformly, and not as much as in other countries. And the positive perspective decreasing.

Graphics: from Pew, “Some positive signs for U.S. Image,” June 2008.

Enthusiasm for Trade Ties			
<i>Trade good for your country</i>			
	2007	2008	Change
<b>Decreased</b>			
Mexico	77	69	-8
Jordan	72	65	-7
Turkey	73	67	-6
Argentina	68	62	-6
U.S.	59	53	-6
<b>Increased</b>			
Poland	77	85	+8
Brazil	72	80	+8
Spain	82	89	+7
Nigeria	85	91	+6

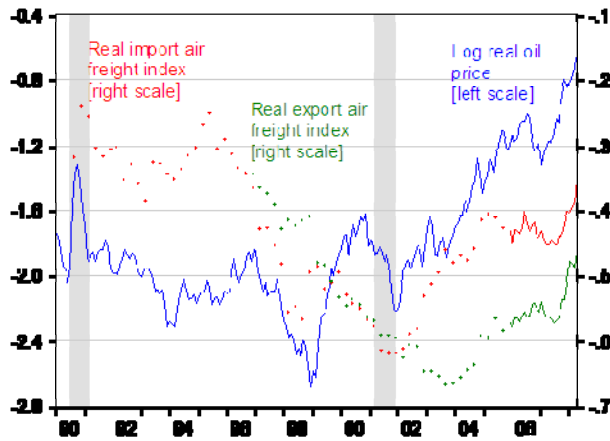


## Is Globalization Monotonic?



We tend to think that trade flows are always increasing as trade and transactions costs decline. But is that always so?

Source: Jeff Rubin and Benjamin Tal, "Will Soaring Transport Costs Reverse Globalization?" *StrategEcon* (CIBC, May 27, 2008). [http://research.cibcwm.com/economic\\_public/download/smay08.pdf](http://research.cibcwm.com/economic_public/download/smay08.pdf)



Log real oil price (blue) and log real import air freight cost index (red) and export air freight cost index (green); series deflated using the CPI-U. NBER-defined recession dates shaded gray. Source: BLS via FREDII, BLS, Import/Export Prices, 13 May 2008 release, and NBER.

## The Demise of Doha and the Implications for the WTO

Doha Round is dead for now. Will the world turn to regional trading arrangements and is that a good thing?

## CFIUS and Foreign Direct Investment

How can one balance off national security concerns against the desire to maintain an open international investment regime?