

REAL Free Trade



In his 1796 Farewell Address, George Washington provided a sound free trade policy: "The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible."

A real free trade policy would be established and maintained by Congress (Constitution, Article I, Section 8). Ideally such a policy would enable U.S. businesses to trade with foreign businesses with minimal regulations and tariffs except for restrictions regarding national security, and would not permit expansive multilateral trade agreements that would lead to economic and political integration.



AMERICA VS. TRADE AGREEMENTS

As Americans, we have an opportunity and obligation to preserve our national independence and our uniquely American personal freedoms by preventing congressional approval of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) free trade pacts.

The time to contact Congress is now!

A vote to approve the TPP agreement is expected in late 2013. A vote on the TTIP agreement is expected in 2015.

Learn more about the TPP and TTIP agreements and how to stop them by going to the "Choose Freedom — STOP FREE TRADE AGENDA" action page on JBS.org.



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 Choose Freedom
STOP FREE TRADE Agenda



Not-So-Free TRADE

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

— Declaration of Independence, 1776

- Our personal freedoms, based on these rights, are our most precious inheritance as Americans. They have been protected by the Constitution for over 200 years. Our continued enjoyment of these freedoms depends on our continued national independence.
- However, the free trade agenda seeks economic and political integration with other nations. This would end our national independence and our uniquely American personal freedoms.



TPP

Trans-Pacific Partnership

- Expected TPP vote by Congress in late 2013.
- This pact is intended to be a “high standard” free trade agreement among the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim nations.
- This far-reaching free trade agreement is being negotiated largely in secret. It would further dilute our national independence and thereby erode our personal freedoms.

TTIP

Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership

- Expected TTIP vote by Congress in 2015.
- This pact is intended to bring about extensive economic integration of the United States with the European Union.
- Because political union always follows economic union, the TTIP agreement would result in the eventual political merger of the U.S. and EU and mean the end of our national independence and uniquely American personal freedoms.



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TRADE Examples



NAFTA

- Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1993.
- NAFTA has led to the economic integration of the United States with Mexico and Canada and the beginning stages of political integration into a North American Union (NAU).



European Union

- The European Union (EU) has morphed from the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951 to the European Union in 1993 with the resulting political integration under one flag of 28 formerly independent nations.
- In 2007 the United States signed an agreement with the EU and Germany for a “transatlantic economic integration plan” that set the stage for the TTIP Agreement that’s being negotiated in 2013.