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U.S. Supply Chain Dependency on China

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The United States supply chain system is an innovative and popular industry in the business world. Recently, it has received increased media attention due to the Covid-19 epidemic highlighting the weaknesses of its organization. In fact, President Biden has emphasized the importance of the supply chain system. This past November a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill passed, emphasizing the importance of making a strong, domestic supply chain. Consequently, attention was drawn to self-sufficiency when numerous bottlenecks and delays were created in supply chains all around the world. Prime examples of supply chain shortages included toilet paper, pasta, and semiconductor chips. For the U.S. as well as many European nations, the dependence on China created numerous short- and long-term problems that have yet to be solved. This project examines the United States, Germany, and Japan's dependence on China. These three countries were chosen as they each rely on China for different industries (Germany for pharmaceuticals and machinery, Japan for technology, and the U.S. for assembling a majority of all domestically sold goods). My research data demonstrates that all these nations must continue to rely on China, but over the years can begin to slowly re-shore, when off shored companies or services return to their original country or offshore to a new nation.