

US Tariffs on Canadian Imports

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This weekend the illustrious leader of the United States of America placed a 25% tariff on Canadian and Mexican imports into US (Figure 1). This tariff rate happens to be greater than the rate imposed on China's imports, a purported enemy of the US.¹ The underlying reason is that we Canadians seem to have a border problem in terms of illegal immigrants and drugs.

In the back drop and not so hidden is the continuing narrative to make Canada the 51st state of the US. For those who continues to think it is a joke, check out what Trump says on his own social media platform (Figure 2).

As a Canadian, I cannot help but to feel angry with this weekend's events, and our nation's reaction to the imposed tariffs. I asked DeepSeek, "If country A imposes a 10% tariff on country B, then what can country B do to mitigate the situation?". This is what DeepSeek says:



Figure 1: Trump's Tweet

To mitigate the impact of Country A's 10% tariff, Countries B can adopt several strategies:

1. **Diplomatic Negotiations:** Engage in talks with Country A to negotiate lower or removed tariffs, emphasizing mutual benefits.
2. **Market Diversification:** Expand exports to other countries to reduce reliance on Country A, thereby lessening the tariff's impact.
3. **Seek Alternative Suppliers:** Find new suppliers for imported goods to offset costs and maintain economic stability.
4. **Invest in Domestic Production:** Enhance local manufacturing capabilities to reduce dependence on imports and lower vulnerability to external tariffs.
5. **Leverage Legal Frameworks:** Utilize international trade agreements or legal chan-

¹President Trump Imposes 25% Tariffs on Canada and Mexico, and 10% Tariffs on China - David E. Bond, Gregory Spak, Ian Saccomanno, Samuel Scoles - [Article at White & Case](#)

nels to challenge the tariffs, ensuring compliance with existing trade laws.

6. Promote Global Free Trade: Advocate for reduced trade barriers worldwide to counteract protectionist measures by Country A.
7. Public Relations Campaigns: Inform consumers and businesses about the negative effects of tariffs to garner support for fair trade practices.
8. Consider Retaliation: As a last resort, impose reciprocal tariffs on Country A's exports if negotiations fail, ensuring proportionality to avoid escalating tensions.

By combining these strategies, Countries B can effectively address the challenges posed by Country A's tariffs while safeguarding their economic interests and fostering global trade stability.



We pay hundreds of Billions of Dollars to SUBSIDIZE Canada. Why? There is no reason. We don't need anything they have. We have unlimited Energy, should make our own Cars, and have more Lumber than we can ever use. Without this massive subsidy, Canada ceases to exist as a viable Country. Harsh but true! Therefore, Canada should become our Cherished 51st State. Much lower taxes, and far better military protection for the people of Canada — AND NO TARIFFS!

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Figure 2: The real reason for the tariffs

which gives them control of our vast natural resources including the rare earth materials. They aspire to gain access to the Arctic as this will be the new trade route through the Northwest Passage. Making Canada into the 51st state will complete the land bridge to Alaska.

Fellow Canadians, we should not have to vote to determine the state of our sovereignty. If you like America, then move there. If we have nothing, then why does Trump wants to annex us? We are a warm-hearted people with diversity, generosity, and ingenuity, living on our great land filled with natural beauty and resources. BUT we are not weak and stupid. We are proud of our nation and willing to defend its interests! We stand on guard for thee!

We already tried **item 1**, and Trudeau has already said that Trump is not answering his calls.

I totally agree with **item 2 and 3**. To diversify our markets, we should eliminate all Canadian import tariffs influenced by the US, for example, the 100% EV tariff on Chinese EV cars. We should explore deeper trade relationship with the UK, EU, and the BRICS+ nations.

In terms of **item 4**, we should double down our oil industry by investing in heavy crude refinement, and export our excess oil, and perhaps cooperate with OPEC+.

Note that **item 8**, retaliation is the last resort.

I think the ship has sailed. Our relationship with the US has changed forever and is not going to revert back the way it was. This new tariff policy has revealed the true greed of the US hegemony and their focus on our geographic wealth and advantages. They seek annexation