

Adjusting to the US Economic Policy: The Role of ASEAN

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The Coming Tariff Guys

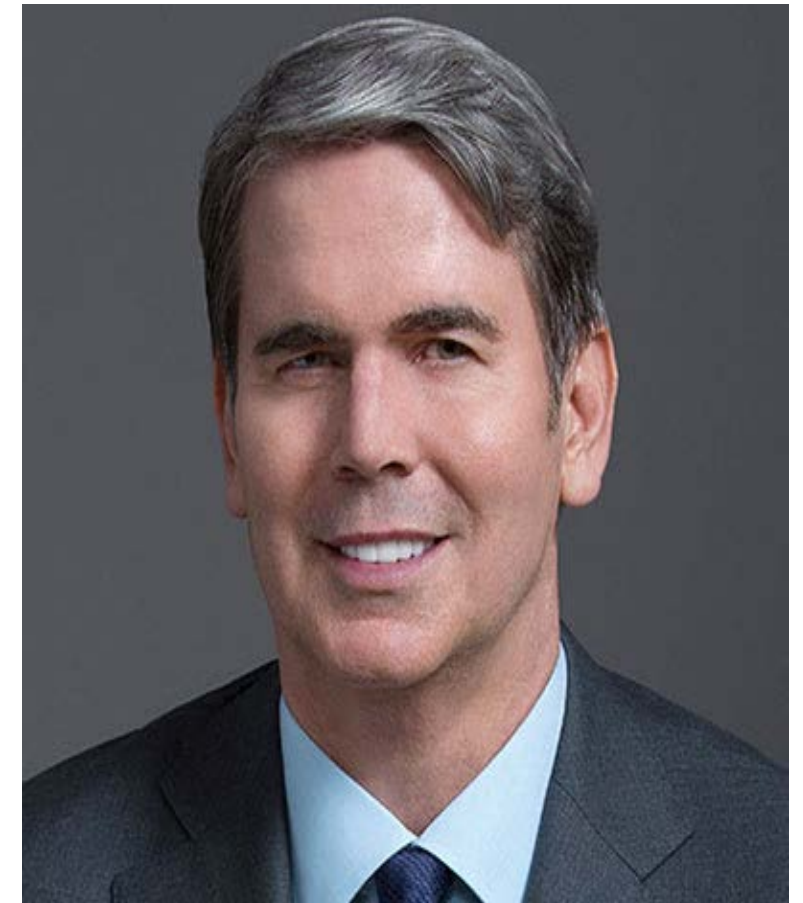
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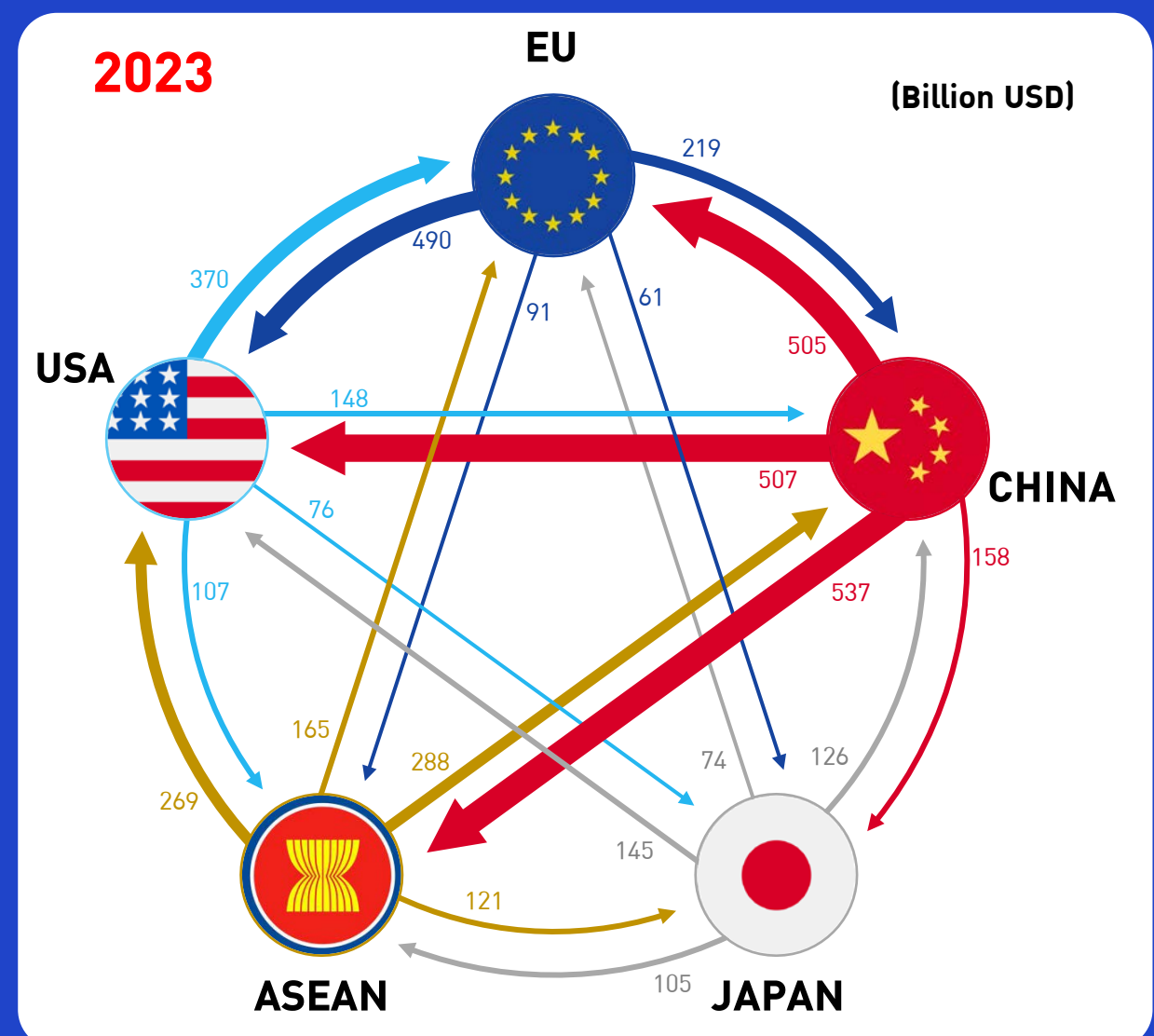
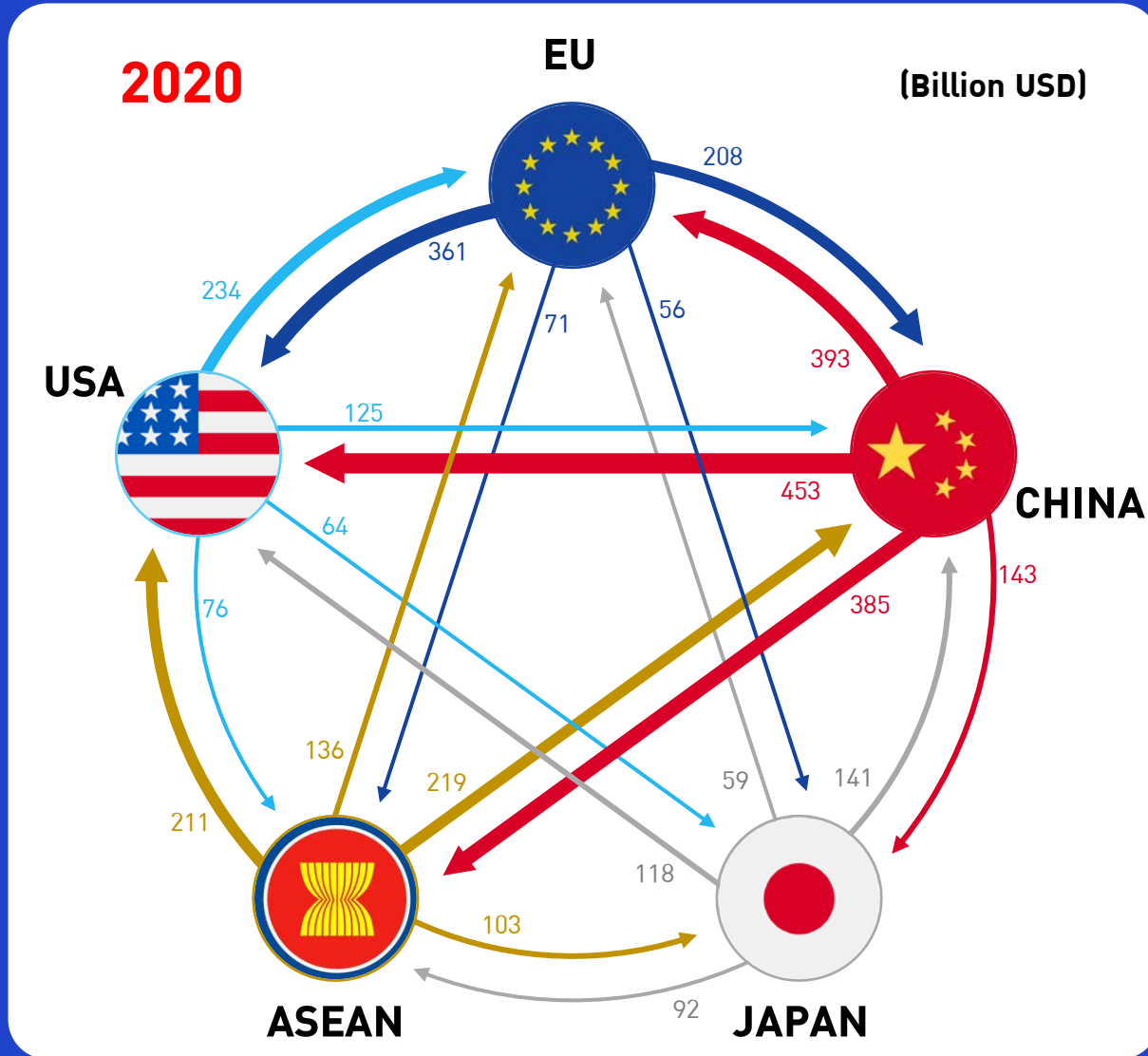
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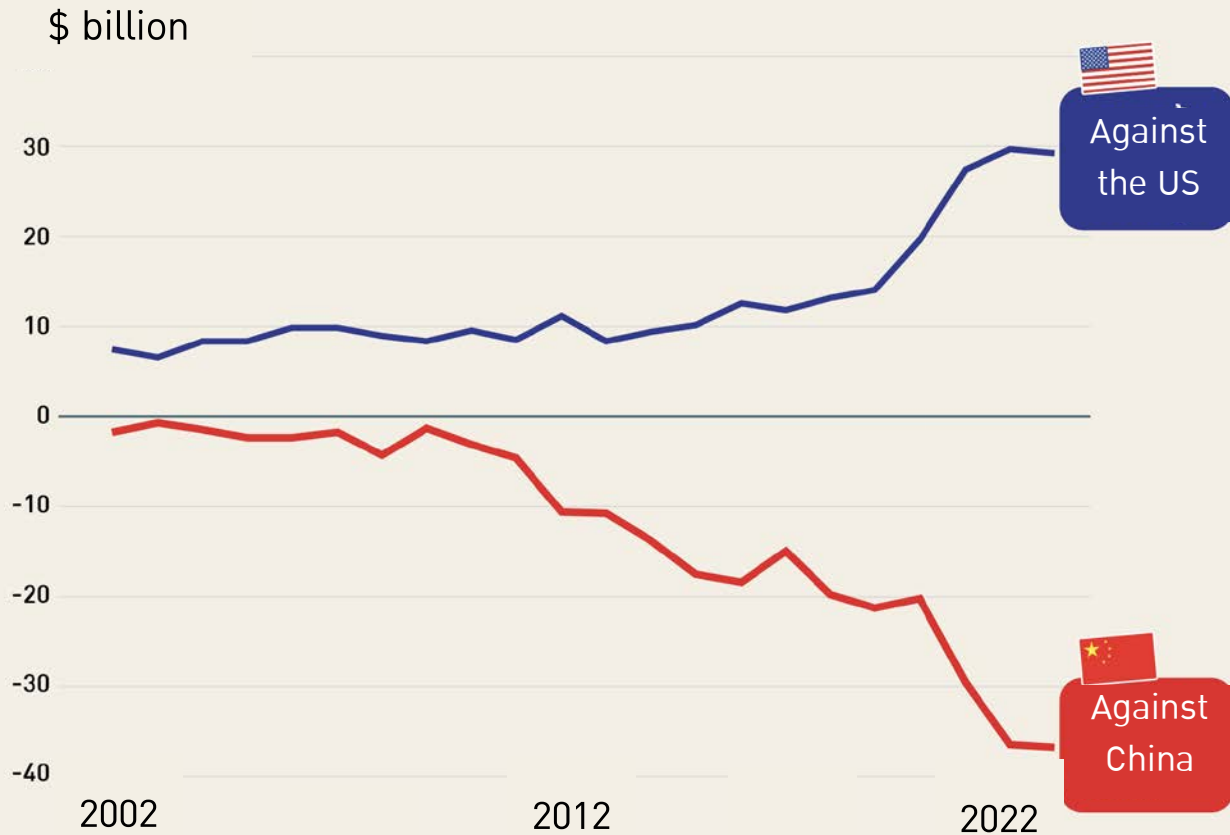


The Changing Trade Pattern



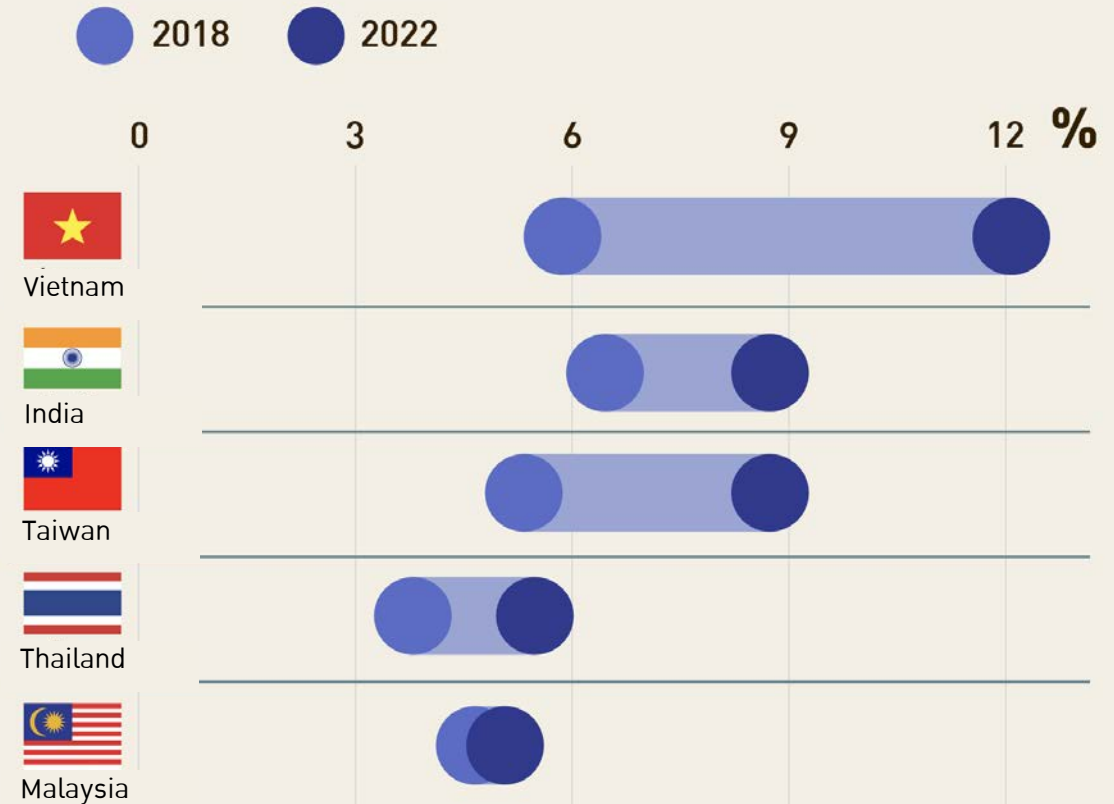
Source: TDRI, data from the IMF and CEIC

Thailand's Trade Balance



Source: Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

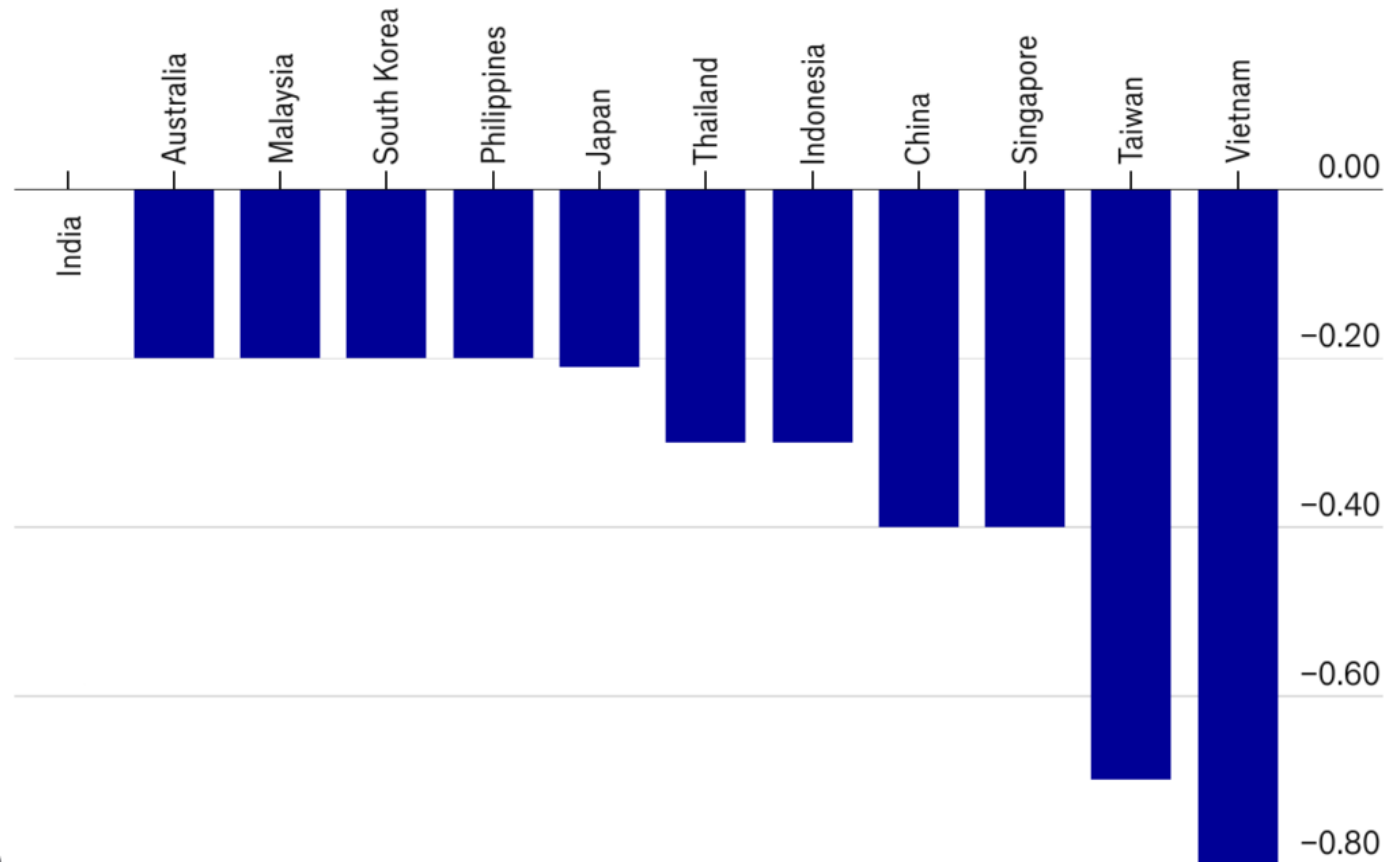
Share of the US 's manufacturing import



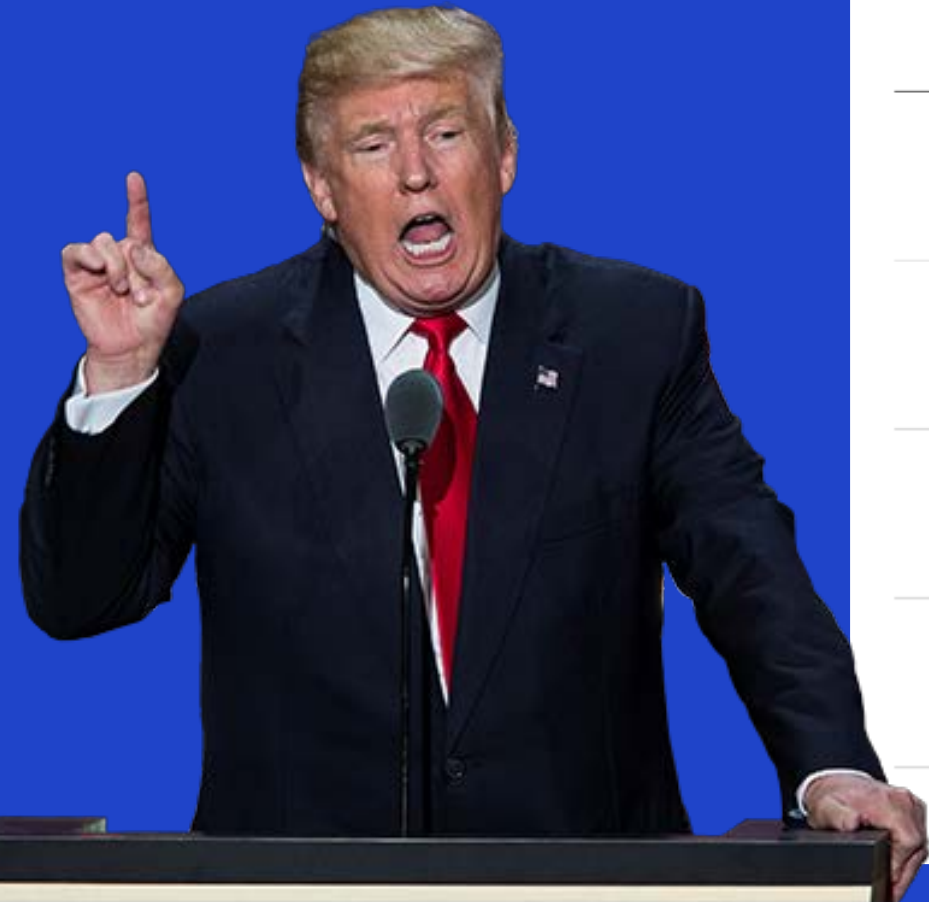
Source: The Economist

Impacts of the 2nd Trump Presidency on Asia

Downgrade of 2025-2026 GDP forecast (%)

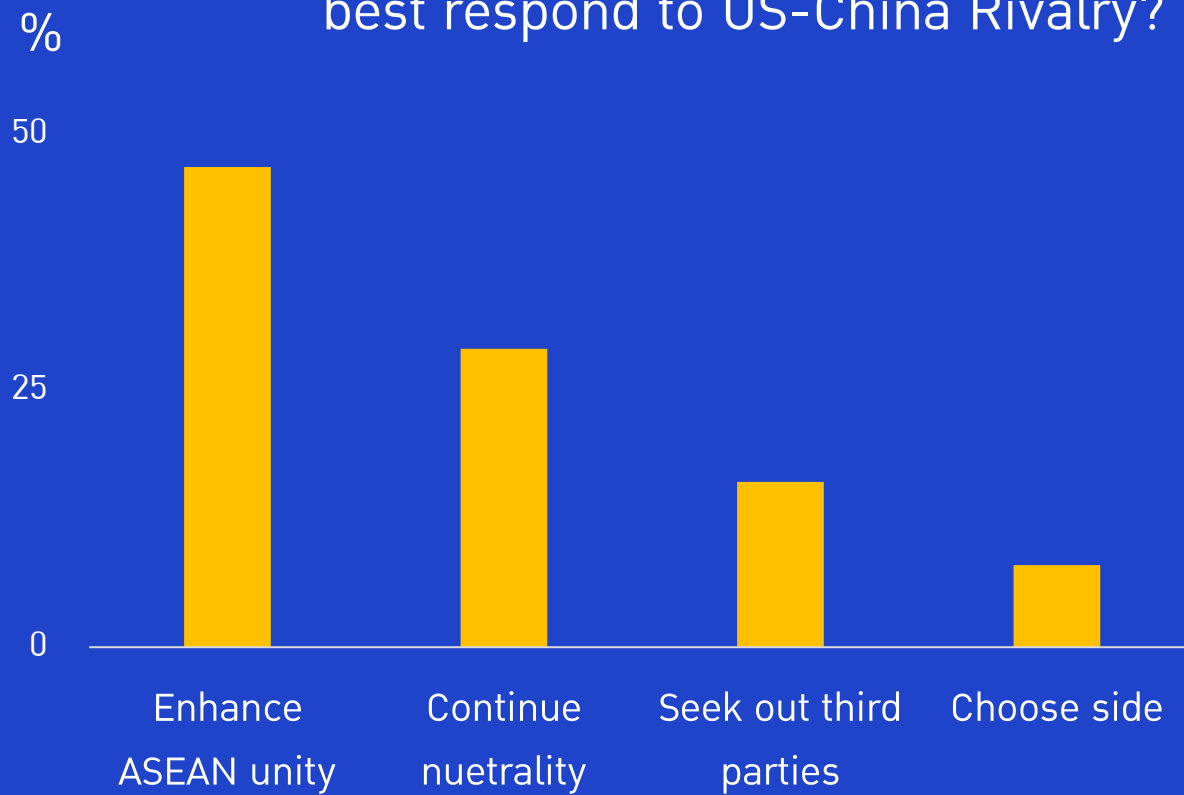


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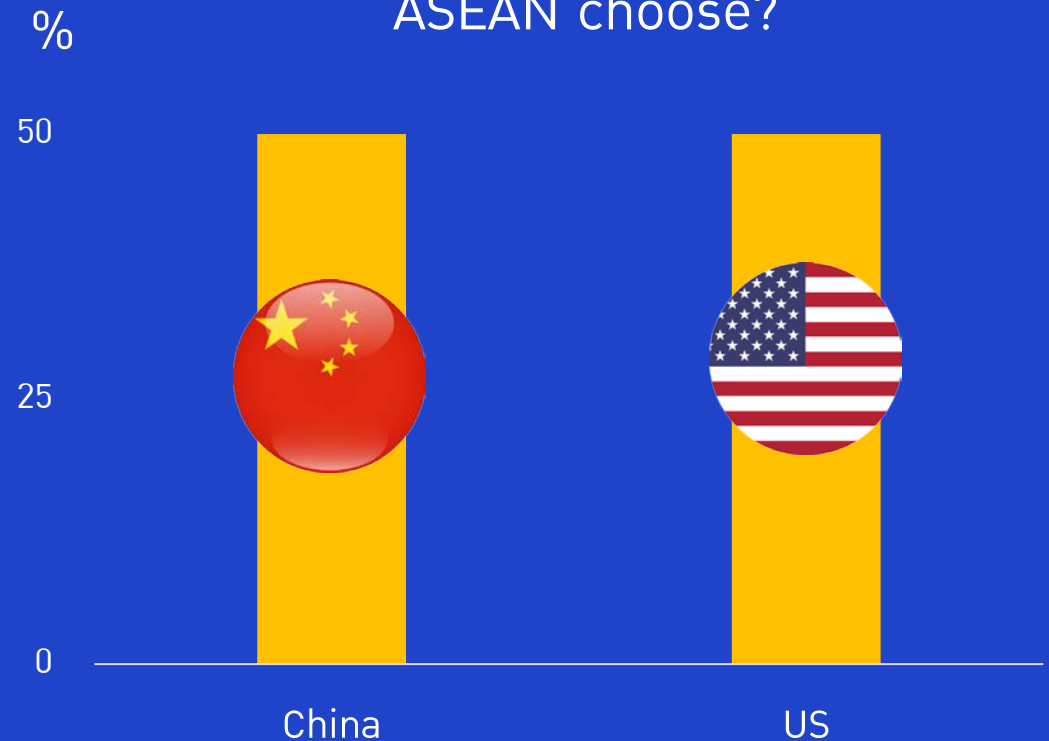


Responding to US-China Rivalry

How should ASEAN best respond to US-China Rivalry?

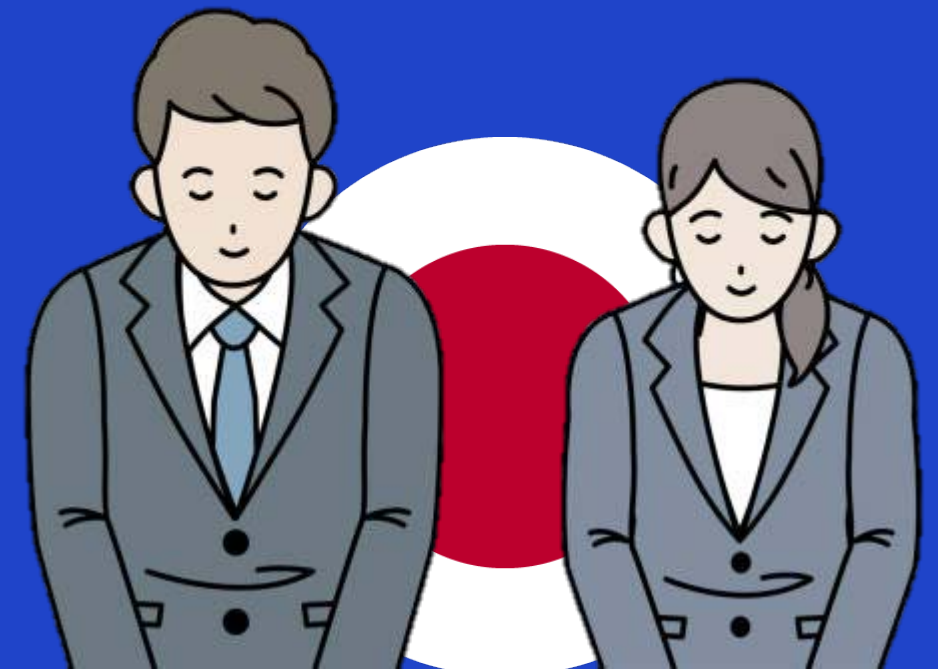
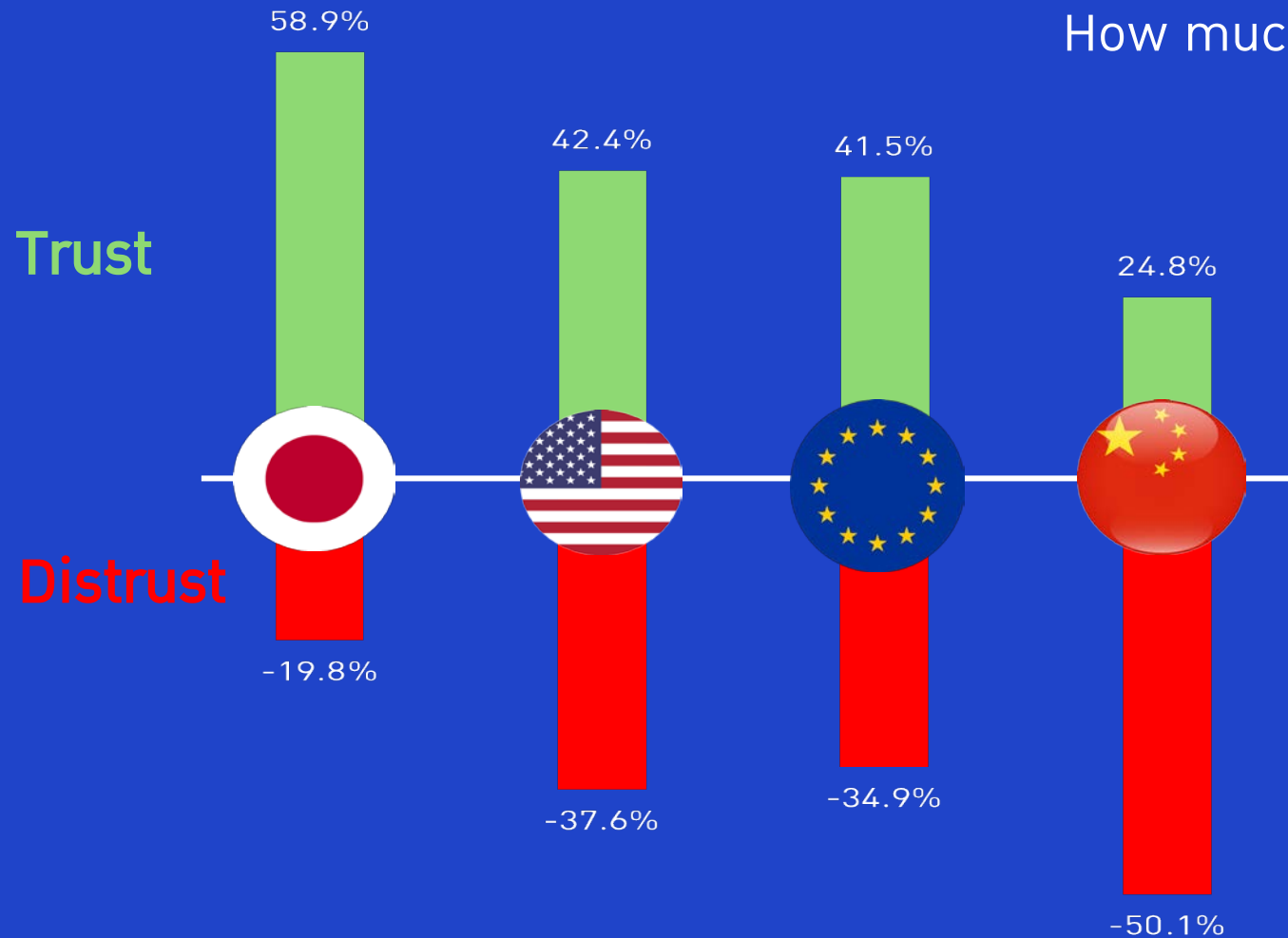


If forced, which side should ASEAN choose?



Most Trusted Major Powers

How much do you trust each major power?



ASEAN and Japan should

- support the WTO and the rule-based system
- cooperate more deeply in sustainability, food security and tourism

Japan's travel industry sees continued boom to Asian destinations

Lower costs and shorter flights entice customers to nearby travel



Source: Asia Nikkei, October 14, 2024