

### The NAFTA Nemesis

*Nemesis: A source of harm or ruin*

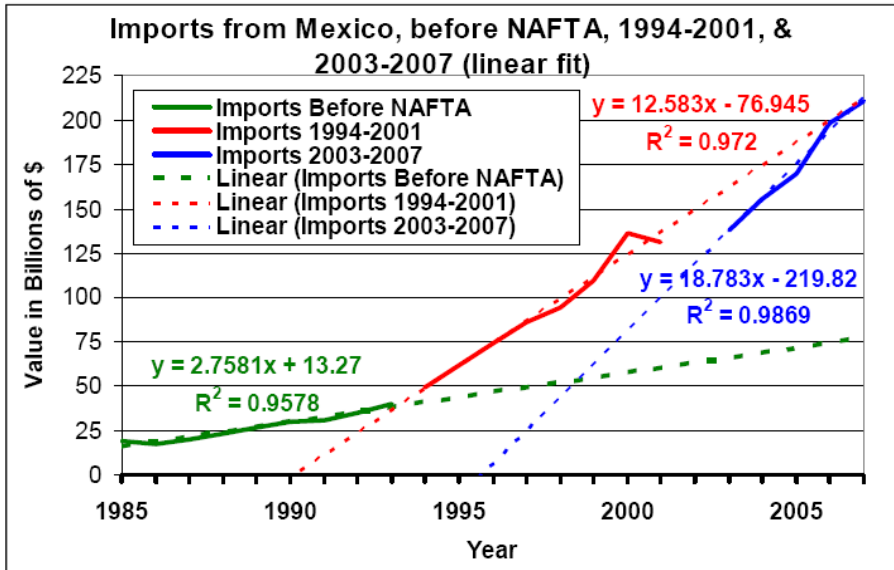
"Free trade" advocates include "conservatives," Republicans, Libertarians, DLC Democrats, and the so-called "liberal media" like the Denver Post and New York Times. They berate those who oppose "free trade" as "shamefully misleading voters about the long-term economic effects of NAFTA." They tell us how great agreements such as NAFTA have been for the U.S. economy.

It's all false. The NAFTA model is an economic failure for the U.S." Yet they continue to promote extending such agreements to other countries.

Their misinformation is shocking. Here's what's true about NAFTA:

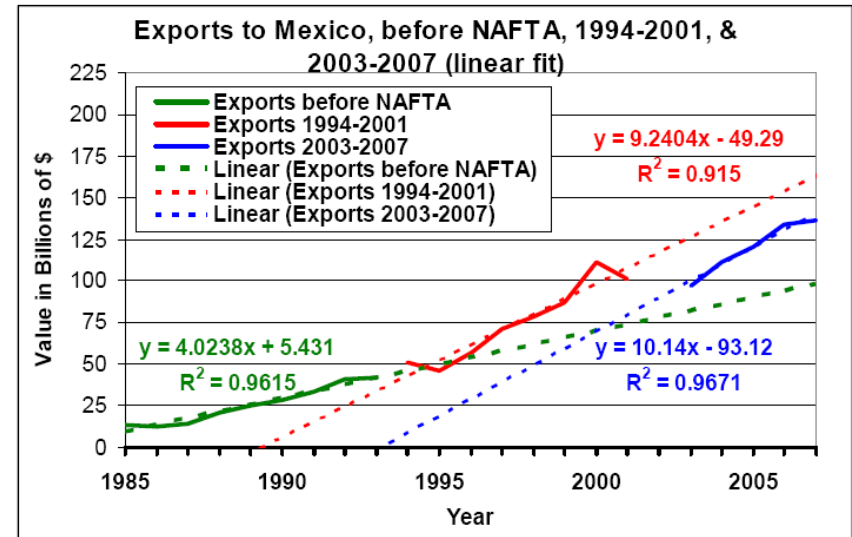
1. After NAFTA, imports overwhelmed exports \$210.8B to \$136.5B, 54%.
2. Imports are growing 85% faster than exports. \$18.8B/yr vs. \$10.1B/yr.
3. Before NAFTA exports were increasing 46% faster than imports.  
After NAFTA imports have been increasing 85% faster than exports. !!!
4. Before NAFTA exports were accelerating faster than imports.  
Now exports are decelerating while imports continue to accelerate. !!!

Here's what's happening to imports:

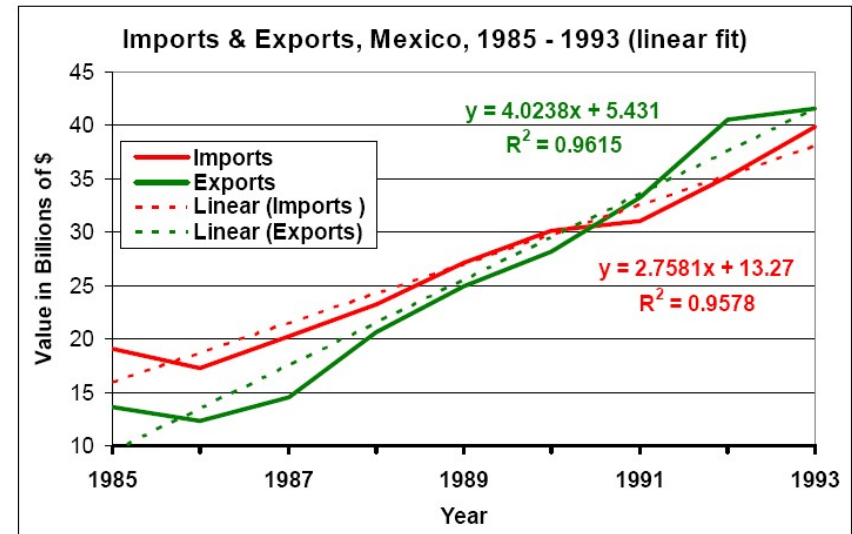


Imports are currently growing at a rate of \$18.8B/yr and exports at 10.1B/yr, a factor of 1.85. Therefore, not only does the level of imports far exceed exports by 54%, \$210.8B vs. \$136.5B, imports are growing 85% faster than exports. (See export graph next.)

This and the preceding graph show that imports are currently growing at a rate of \$18.8B/yr and exports at 10.1B/yr, a factor of 1.85.



"Free traders" advocate the benefits of NAFTA for increasing exports even though exports were increasing 46% faster than exports before NAFTA (graph below) and now imports are increasing 85% faster than exports. NAFTA has been totally to the relative detriment of exports!



They rail against "protectionism;" but if the U.S. economy and good-paying manufacturing and service jobs aren't worth protecting, what is worth protecting? To those who say the U.S. economy isn't worth protecting I ask, "Why do you hate America?" (Full article on website.)