

Your Weekly Wrap-up:

Can Democrats Work With Trump, U.S. on Cusp of a Productivity Boom & Why Trump's Climate Order Might Backfire

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Can Democrats Work with Trump?

[In an op-ed in the New York Times](#) yesterday, PPI President Will Marshall argues Democrats should hear out Trump if he turns to them on tax reform and infrastructure... and they ought to exact a high price.

Marshall writes: "If Mr. Trump does turn to Democrats, how should they respond?"

"'Hell, no' will most likely be the first response. ...

[But] if he's willing to make real concessions to their party's core values and priorities, pragmatic Democrats should hear him out.

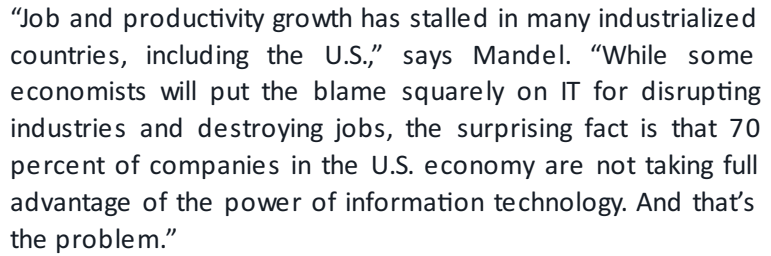
"Would Mr. Trump accept Democrats' help on these terms? If he really wants to start racking up 'wins' for his voters, he would. He'd have to share credit — a novel experience — with Democrats, who'd get points from swing voters for being pragmatic and competent. And they wouldn't be constrained from fiercely opposing Mr. Trump on just about everything else.

"If Democrats have a chance to help average working families and show they're not obstructionists, they should take it. America doesn't need two parties of no."



Embrace of IT in Physical Industries Has U.S. on the Cusp of a Productivity Boom

This week, the [Technology CEO Council released a new economic analysis](#), co-researched and written by PPI Chief Economic Strategist Michael Mandel, that shows a coming U.S. productivity boom enabled by the diffusion of information technology (IT) into the physical industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, transportation, and energy. Far from a jobless future, Mandel's co-analysis predicts increased use of information technology will make the physical economy more productive and American workers more valuable.



Startup America: Next in Tech

A map of the United States highlighting various tech hubs and emerging tech cities. Tech hubs are marked with blue stars, and 'Next in Tech' cities are marked with green stars.

Tech Hubs (Blue Stars): Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Provo, Denver, San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Dallas, Austin, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, Washington D.C., New York, Boston, Worcester, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Minneapolis, Madison, Chicago, Cleveland, Nashville, Miami.

Next in Tech (Green Stars): Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Dallas, Austin, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, Washington D.C., New York, Boston, Worcester, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Minneapolis, Madison, Chicago, Cleveland, Nashville, Miami.

A photograph of President Donald Trump speaking at a podium during a press conference. He is wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie. To his right stands Vice President Mike Pence, also in a dark suit and tie. Behind them are several flags, including the American flag and the flag of the United States Coast Guard. Other officials are visible in the background, including a man in a grey suit and glasses on the far right.

In [an op-ed for The Hill](#), Don Gifford, a member of PPI's Center for Civil Justice Advisory Board, argues the business community ought to ask themselves whether kicking environmental regulation into the courts is really preferable to the status quo.

"Not only will many Americans view such a rollback as radical, but it's also likely to provoke a torrent of lawsuits, tempting federal and state courts to step into the policy vacuum created by a weakened regulatory regime."

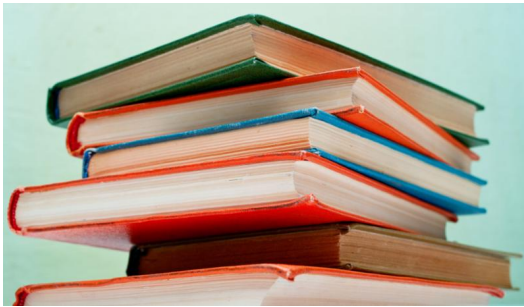
Bigly—Under Trump's Trade Agenda

In [an op-ed for CNBC](#), PPI senior fellow for trade and global opportunity, Ed Gerwin, writes: "The Trump administration recently released a trade pronouncement that goes beyond the president's preferred 140-character format. The 2017 Trade Policy Agenda is a report, required by Congress, that highlights Administration priorities on trade."

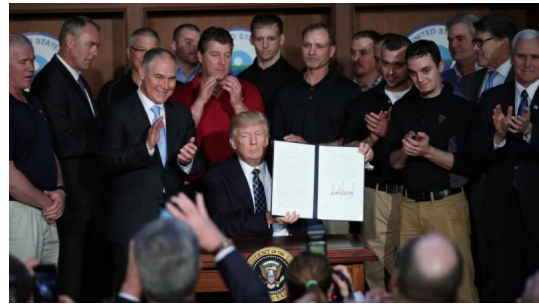


"While it employs muscular language like 'defending sovereignty,' it actually risks weakening America's economic standing, creating uncertainty for the U.S. economy, and making it harder for American exporters and workers to seize global opportunities."

"[Here are four examples](#) of the real-world risks that the administration's strategy presents."



This week, [US News published an op-ed by PPI senior fellow Andrew Rotherham](#), "Schooled by Politics: The mistakes that sank Republicans on healthcare plague education reform too."



PPI senior fellow on energy, Paul Bledsoe, was featured in a [Washington Post article](#) about the questions posed by President Trump's climate rollback and our promises to the rest of the world.



#FlashbackFriday

A year ago, PPI unveiled a big ideas blueprint with a prescient subtitle: [Unleashing Innovation and Growth: A Progressive Alternative to Populism](#). We knew that progressives in the US and Europe needed better answers to the economic and cultural grievances that have fueled the rise of a retrograde populism and nationalism around the world. We did not foresee that Democrats would fail to offer a forward-looking plan for jobs and shared growth, opening the door to Donald Trump's improbable victory.

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