



Xi's True Challenge: Beyond Trump's Trade War

Description

In discussions within the bustling wholesale markets and trade exhibitions of China, invoking the name Donald Trump often elicits a knowing chuckle rather than trepidation. The economic impact of the U.S. president's 145% tariffs appears negligible to many Chinese traders. Instead, such measures have emboldened a wave of online nationalists, who craft satirical memes and viral content featuring an AI-generated Trump and other notable figures laboring on assembly lines for footwear and electronics.

China's reaction under President Xi Jinping underscores a steadfast refusal to capitulate. Notably, Xi's rhetoric emphasizes self-reliance, declaring that, "For over 70 years, our development has hinged not on external favors but on our industriousness." This pronounced confidence is underpinned by a decreased dependency on American exports compared to a decade ago. However, Trump's aggressive tariff strategy seemingly complicates issues already exacerbated by an internal economic malaise characterized by a housing crisis, rising job insecurities, and an aging populace.

Indeed, Xi's leadership, initiated in 2012 with aspirations of a revitalized China, now faces formidable domestic challenges. The psychological scars of an erratic housing market have left consumers wary of spending, while millions of graduates encounter bleak employment prospects. Furthermore, the looming possibility of a pension crisis looms over impending retirements, adding to the concerns of middle-class families.

As such, China's economic resilience is being tested not merely by foreign tariffs but by an internal landscape fraught with uncertainties that could compromise the promises of prosperity Xi once extolled.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Trepidation** /ˌtrɛpɪˈdeɪʃən/ (noun): A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.
2. **Emboldened** /ɛmˈboʊldən/ (verb): Given courage or confidence to do something.
3. **Capitulate** /kəˈpɪtʃəleɪt/ (verb): To cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; surrender.
4. **Industriousness** /ɪnˈdʌstriəsənəs/ (noun): Diligence and hard work.
5. **Malaise** /məˈleɪz/ (noun): A general feeling of discomfort or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify.
6. **Prosperity** /prɒsˈpɛrɪti/ (noun): The state of being prosperous; wealth or success.

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe discussions held to reach an agreement?
Option: Advancements
Option: Negotiations
Option: Rejuvenate
Option: Skepticism
2. Which term means to surrender or give in to pressure?
Option: Capitulate
Option: Levying
Option: Ameliorate
Option: Malaise
3. Which term refers to a general feeling of discomfort unease or depression?
Option: Prosperity
Option: Volatility
Option: Malaise
Option: Impeding
4. What is the term for the process of making something stable or steady?
Option: Escalated
Option: Strain
Option: Stabilization
Option: Industriousness
5. Which term means to make something or someone look or feel younger fresher or more lively?
Option: Ramifications
Option: Rejuvenate
Option: Preeminence
Option: Contingent
6. What term means superiority over others in status or position?
Option: Disclosed
Option: Projected
Option: Preeminence
Option: Regulations
7. Which term describes measures that are excessively harsh or severe?
Option: Levying
Option: Draconian
Option: Contingent



Option: Significant

8. Which term means a rapid increase in numbers or widespread existence?

Option: Negotiations

Option: Proliferation

Option: Escalated

Option: Embark

9. What term is used to describe something that has increased in intensity or extent?

Option: Trepidation

Option: Impeding

Option: Ameliorate

Option: Escalated

10. What are the consequences or implications of an action or event?

Option: Emboldened

Option: Ramifications

Option: Prosperity

Option: Stabilization

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The success of the project was largely due to the _____ of the team members.

12. She approached the interview with a sense of _____ unsure of what to expect.

13. Investing in the stock market comes with a high level of _____ due to rapid price changes.

14. The decision to cut costs had unforeseen _____ on employee morale.

15. The government announced that it would be _____ new taxes on imported goods.

16. The company _____ details of the merger in a press release.

17. Based on current trends the analysts _____ a decrease in sales for the next quarter.

18. Compliance with industry _____ is essential to avoid penalties.

19. The discovery of a new treatment for the disease is a _____ breakthrough in medical



science.

20. Efforts are underway to _____ the living conditions in the poverty-stricken region.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The research team's efforts led to significant technological breakthroughs and in the field.
22. There was widespread among the public regarding the effectiveness of the new government policies.
23. After years of preparation the explorers were finally ready to on their journey to the unknown.
24. The constant pressure and workload started to take a toll on his health leading to increased .
25. The lack of funding was progress on the construction project.
26. A sense of lingered over the company following the announcement of layoffs.
27. The economic reforms resulted in a period of unprecedented growth and for the nation.
28. The success of the event was on favorable weather conditions.
29. The charity's mission is to the suffering of impoverished communities around the world.
30. The remarkable progress made by the team was a testament to their dedication and .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Negotiations 2. Capitulate 3. Malaise 4. Stabilization 5. Rejuvenate 6. Preeminence 7. Draconian 8. Proliferation 9. Escalated 10. Ramifications

Gap-Fill: 11. Industriousness 12. Trepidation 13. Volatility 14. Repercussions 15. Levying 16. Disclosed 17. Projected 18. Regulations 19. Significant 20. Ameliorate

Matching sentence: 1. Advancements 2. Skepticism 3. Embark 4. Strain 5. Impeding 6. Malaise 7. Prosperity 8. Contingent 9. Ameliorate 10. Industriousness

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