

Financial Times in the News: US National Security



Theme and Specification link

This edition of *Financial Times in the News* explores the increasing influence of national security on economic policy using the US and China as examples.

The link to the article can be found here: <https://on.ft.com/3MBYxxq> or use the QR code in the top right corner of this page.

A connecting article here: <https://on.ft.com/4grnDgz> would also be worth a read.

This article underpins many aspects of globalisation and superpowers within the A Level Specifications specifically:

AQA

- 3.2.1.2 Global systems.
- 3.2.1.3 International trade and access to markets.
- 3.2.1.6 Globalisation critique.

Edexcel

- 3.1 Globalisation is a long-standing process which has accelerated because of rapid developments in transport, communications and businesses.
- 3.2 Political and economic decision making are important factors in the acceleration of globalisation.
- 3.4 The global shift has created winners and losers for people and the physical environment.
- 3.8 Social, political and environmental tensions have resulted from the rapidity of global change caused by globalisation.
- 7.3 Emerging powers vary in their influence on people and the physical environment, which can change rapidly over time.
- 7.4 Superpowers have a significant influence over the global economic system.
- 7.5 Superpowers and emerging nations play a key role in international decision making concerning people and the physical environment.

(Eduqas) and WJEC

- (2)3.2.1 Globalisation, migration and a shrinking world.
- (2)3.2.3 Consequences and management of international economic migration.
- (2)3.2.7 Global flows of shipping and sea cables.

OCR

- 3.a. The distribution of resources, wealth and opportunities are not evenly spread within and between places.
- 3.b. Processes of economic change can create opportunities for some while creating and exacerbating social inequality for others.
- 4.a. Places are influenced by a range of players operating at different scales.



Key terms 

Use the article and your own knowledge to define the key terms below:

Capitalism

Economic nationalism

Economic policy

Green economy

National security

Protectionism

Tariffs

Article summary 

Summarise the article using 10 short bullet points. Can you classify them?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Wider issues

Write a question here to help think about other issues which might influence the points in the article.



Debate 

Should national security influence economic policy?

Note down your responses for and against the argument supporting with evidence from the article and your own knowledge below.

Argument for	Evidence	Argument against	Evidence

Potential futures 

Use this space to identify solutions and their implications.

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Synoptic links



Create a mind map below linking economic nationalism, security concerns, and globalisation trends.

US National
Security

5 examination style questions *mlt*

Evaluate the role economic nationalism is playing in the future of globalisation.

Assess the opinion that 'globalisation is on the retreat'.

Explain how the US exerts its influence beyond its borders.

Explain the role that tariffs have on the international flow of goods and services.

Discuss the role China has in future superpower status.