

# Political Rhetoric



"I will label China as it is, a currency manipulator, and I will go after them for stealing our intellectual property, and they will recognize that if they cheat, there is a price to pay. I certainly don't want a trade war with anybody, and we're not going to have a trade war, but we can't have a trade surrender either."

— **Mitt Romney**  
Oct. 11 Post-Bloomberg debate



"At the end of the day, we have got to find more market opening measures. We have got to get more governors from this country together with governors from provinces of China, mayors together with mayors, and exploit the opportunities that exist for exporters."

— **Jon Huntsman Jr.**  
Oct. 11 Post-Bloomberg debate



"... I don't want to go to a trade war, I want to beat China. I want to go to war with China and make America the most attractive place in the world to do business."

— **Rick Santorum**  
Oct. 11 Post-Bloomberg debate



"... China has blinded United States' satellites with their lasers. They've also supplied arms to the Taliban, and they've helped North Korea deliver missiles to Iran and Pakistan. ... And they've assisted Iran with their nuclear program."

"Just keep these things in mind when it comes to China — they are a very bad actor."

— Rep. **Michele Bachmann**,  
Sept 30, on a radio show



"Building a world-class transportation system is part of what made us a economic superpower. And now we're going to sit back and watch China build newer airports and faster railroads?"

"And we're going to make sure the next generation of manufacturing takes root not in China or Europe, but right here, in the United States of America."

— **President Obama**, speech to  
Congress, Sept 8, 2011

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