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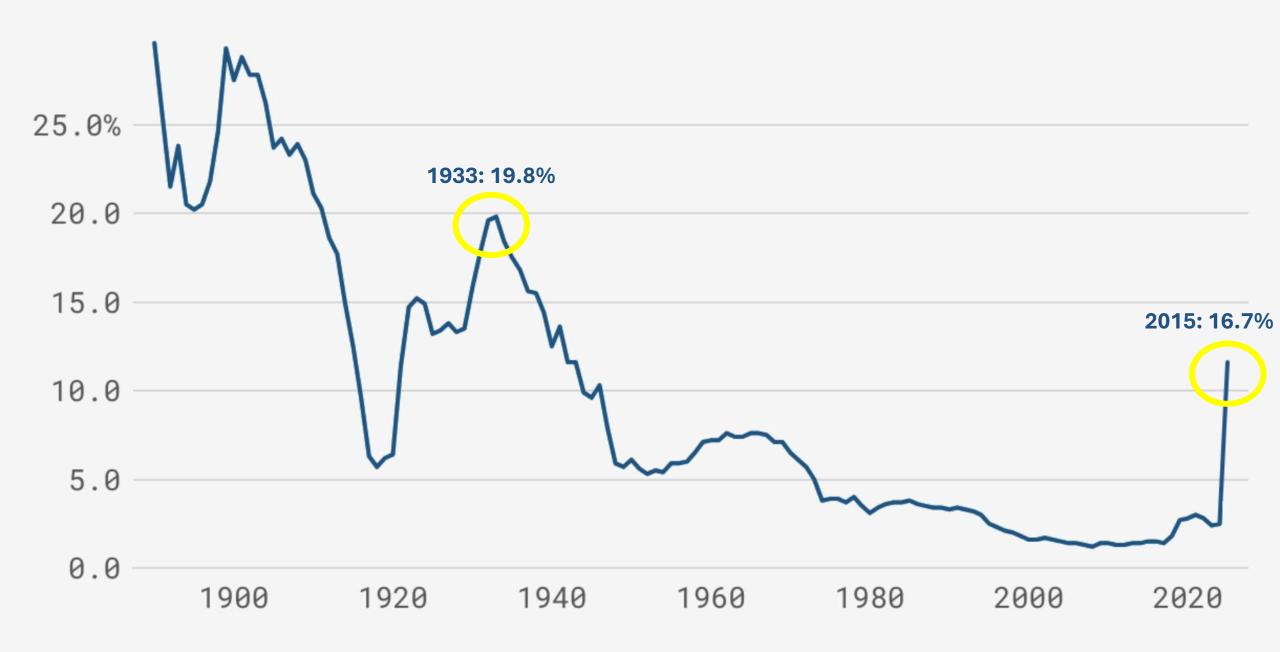


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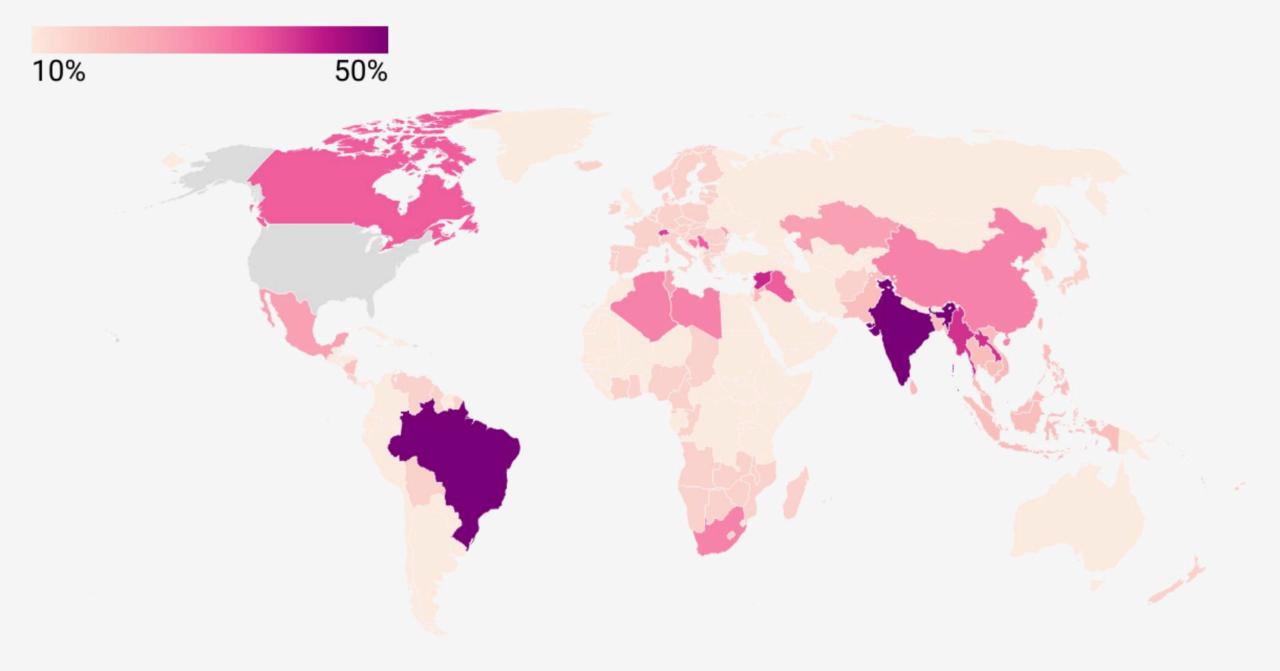








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#### **ECA TARIFF TRACKER**

- Tariffs imposed on \$986.7 billion in imported goods
  - New tariffs imposed since January 20, 2025:
    - IEEPA tariffs (reciprocal, fentanyl, and baseline) (\$804.0 billion
    - China: \$444.9 billion
    - Canada and Mexico: \$58.9 billion
  - Impact on U.S.:
    - GDP: -0.62%
    - <u>Inflation</u>: +0.37%
    - FY25 revenue: \$191.3 billion
      - FY24: \$98 billion
      - FY26 (est.): \$323 billion







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Sec. 232 (national security); open investigations into copper, lumber, pharma, semiconductors, critical minerals, trucks/parts, aircraft / jet engines



Sec. 301 (unfair trade practices); original China tariffs from 2018-19 upheld & expanded by Biden



Sec. 122 (balance of payments authority); up to 15% for 150 days, no prior investigation needed



Sec. 338 (response to foreign discrimination); up to 50% on any country that discriminates vs US products



Sec. 201 (imports threaten domestic industry)



**Sec. 891** (**retaliatory tax**); can double certain U.S. tax rates if POTUS finds foreign country's taxes discriminate vs U.S. citizens or corporations

























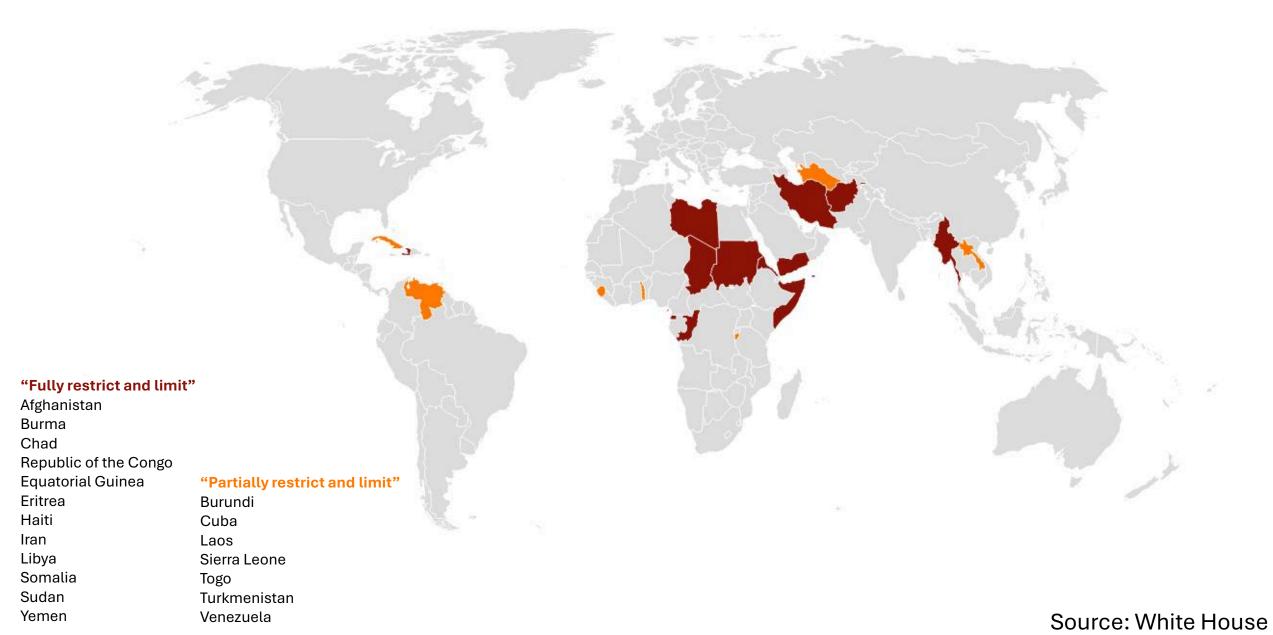














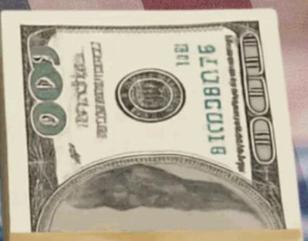
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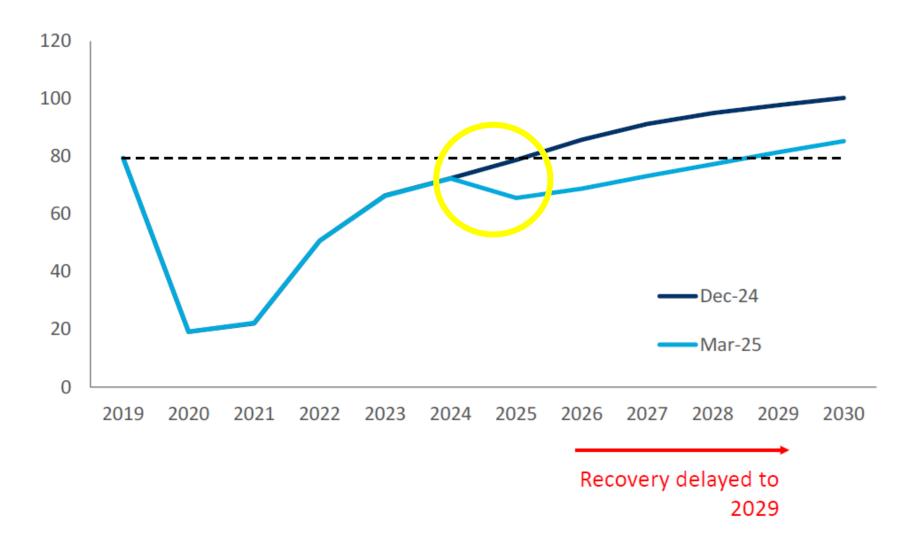








# U.S. inbound arrivals set to fall 8.2% this year



Source: Tourism Economics

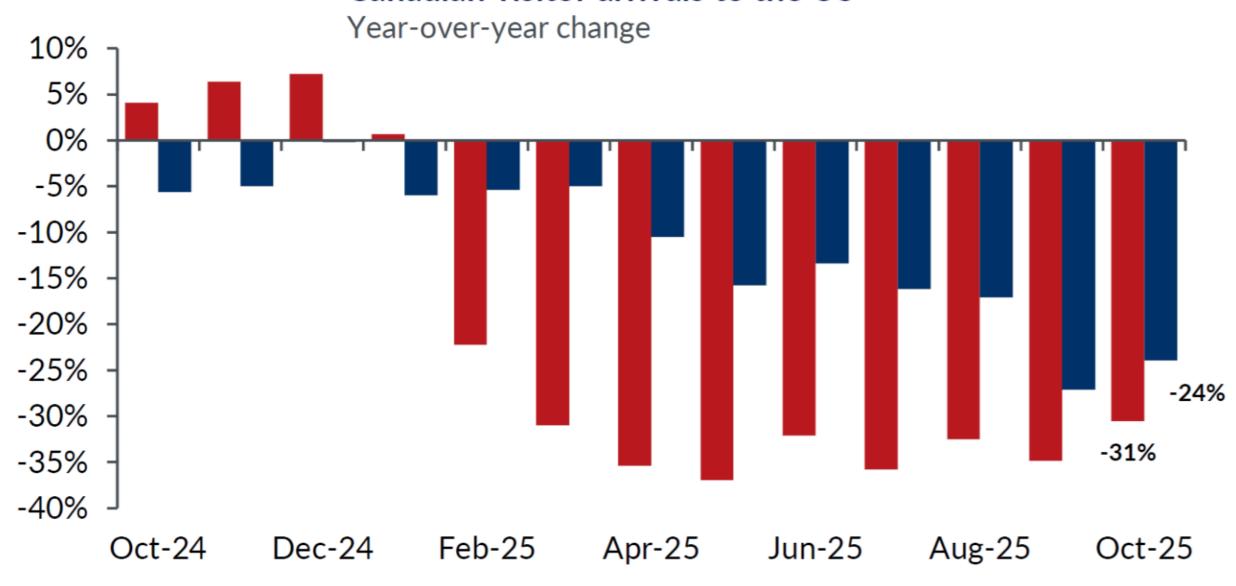


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Source: U.S. Travel Association



#### Canadian visitor arrivals to the US









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## **ECA 2025 TAX REFORM AGENDA**

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- Pro-investment: Maintain tax treatment of private investment
- **Pro-impact**: Maintain the tax-exempt status of nonprofit associations and their events
- **Pro-workforce development**: Expand 529 college savings plans into *career* savings plans





## **ECA'S 2025 FUTURE WORFORCE AGENDA**

- Expand Section 529 college savings plans into career savings plans by covering certain licenses and certifications
- **Expand the Pell Grant program** to pay for high-quality, shorter-term job training programs for the first time





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**Pell Grant expansion:** Expand Pell Grant to cover skilled workforce training























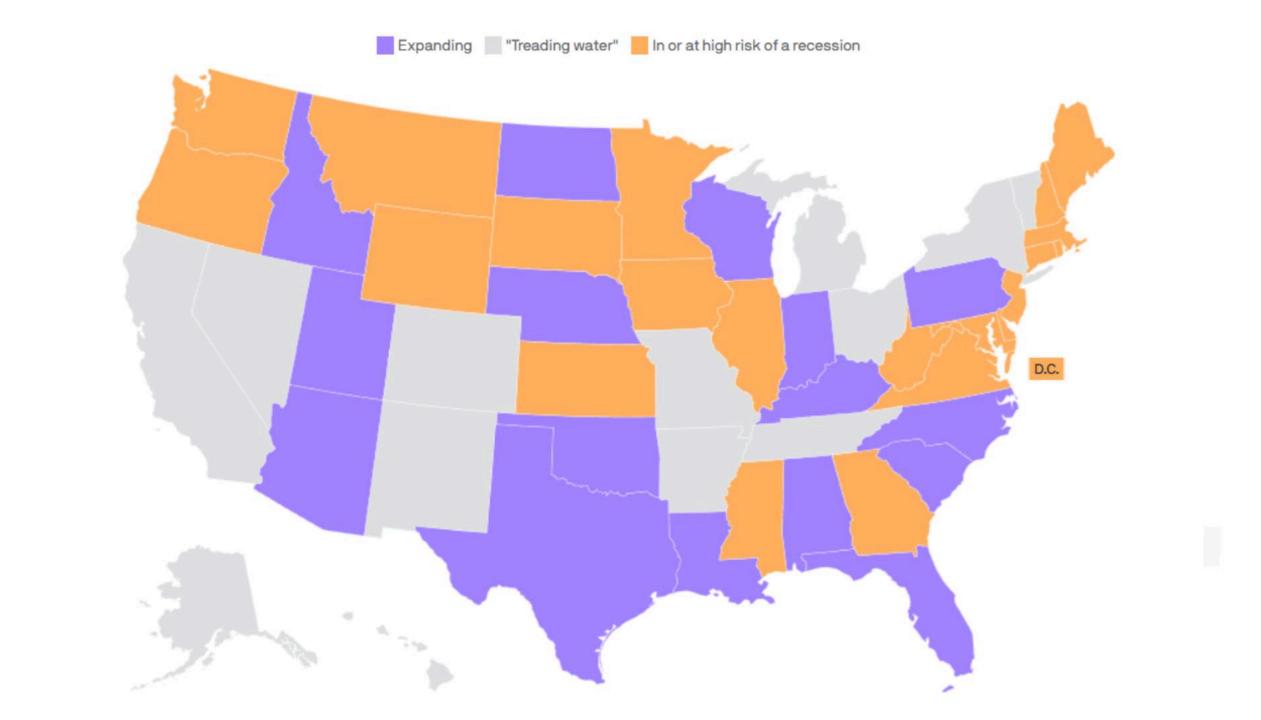








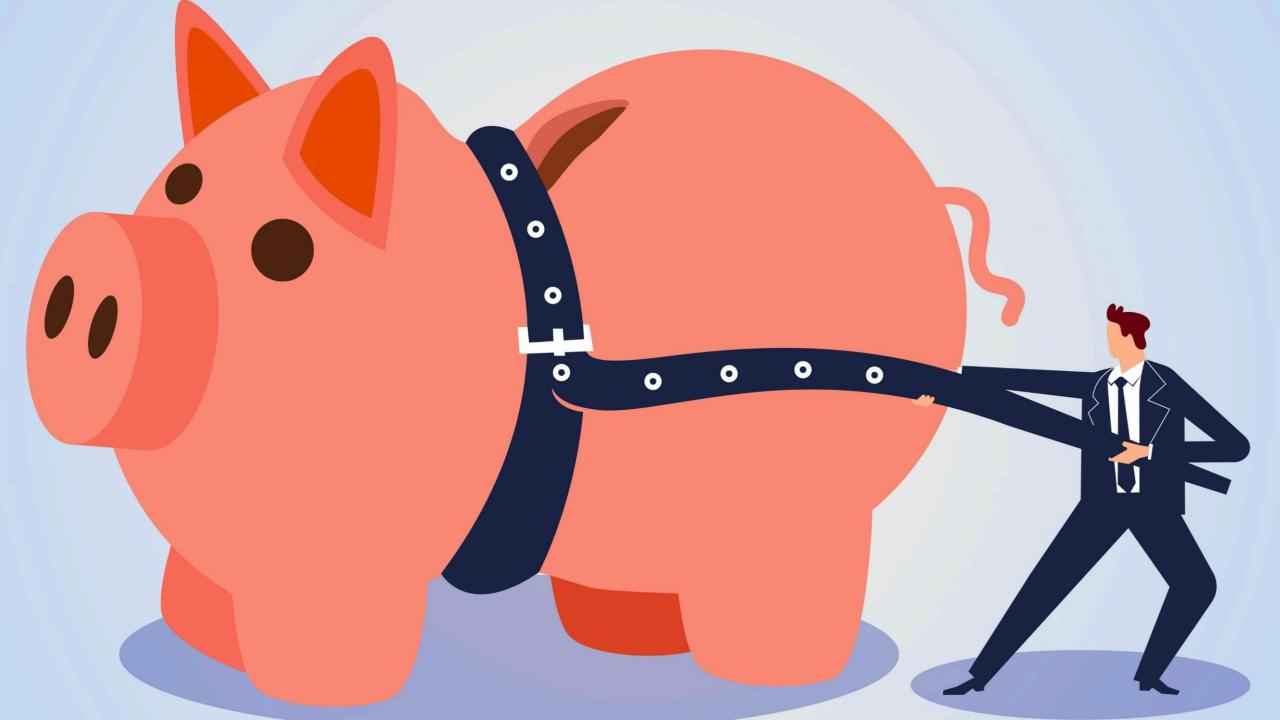






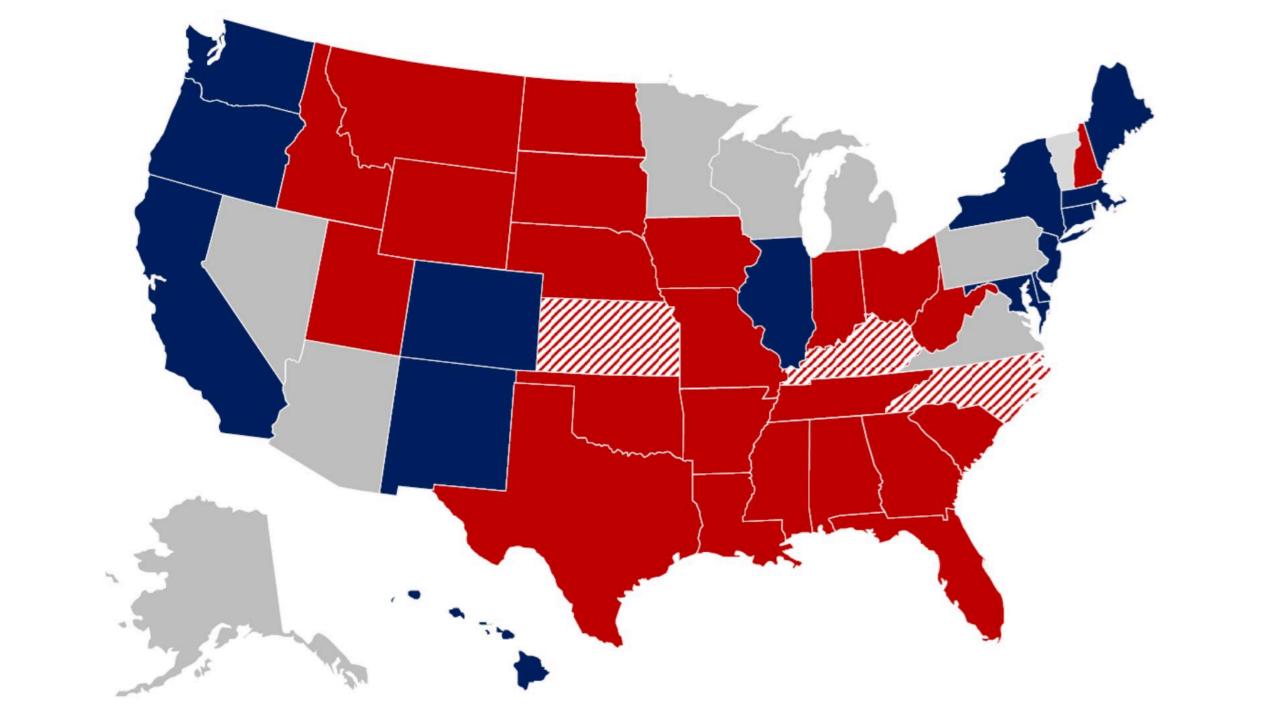
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## **Addressing the Guideline Overload**























































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