

Tilting The Commercial Playing Field: An Update

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The G20 Standstill on Protectionism

“...we will refrain from raising new barriers to investment or to trade in goods and services, imposing new export restrictions, or implementing World Trade Organization (WTO) inconsistent measures to stimulate exports.”

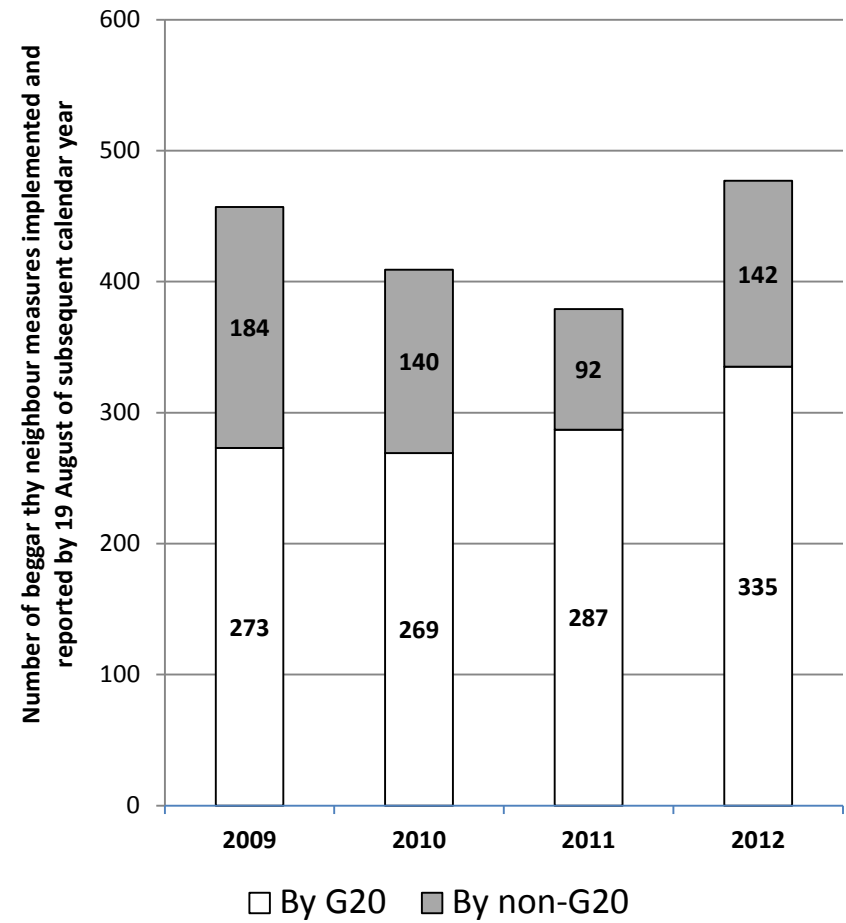
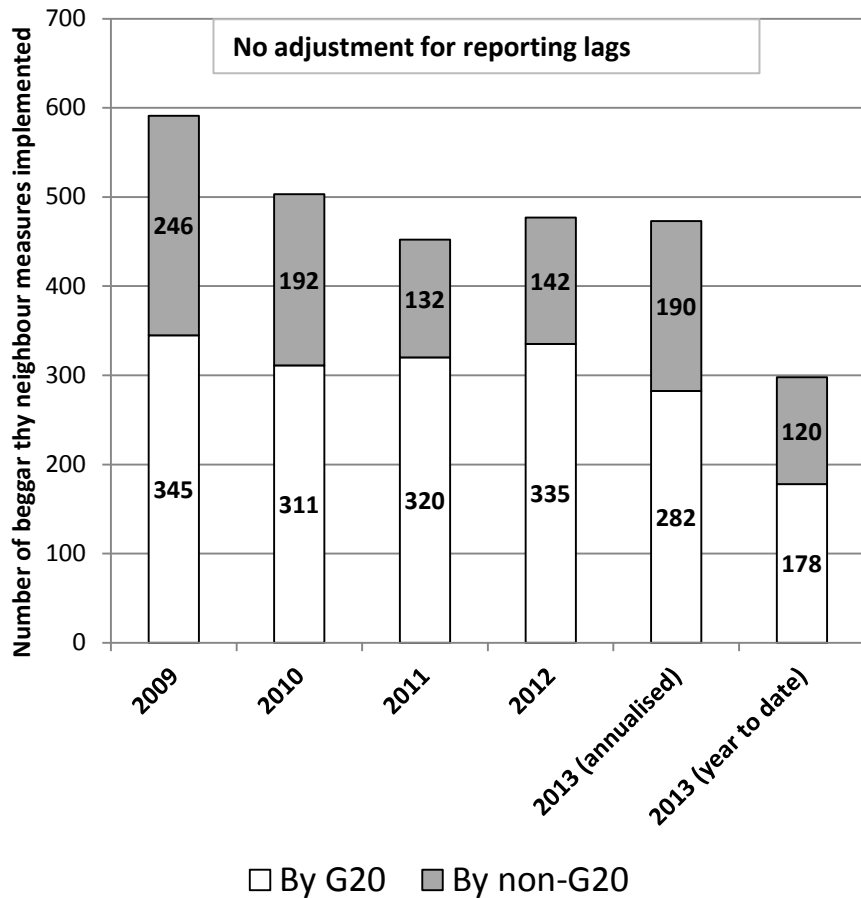
(paragraph 13, November 2008 G20 summit declaration)

Even the G20 Leaders have their doubts

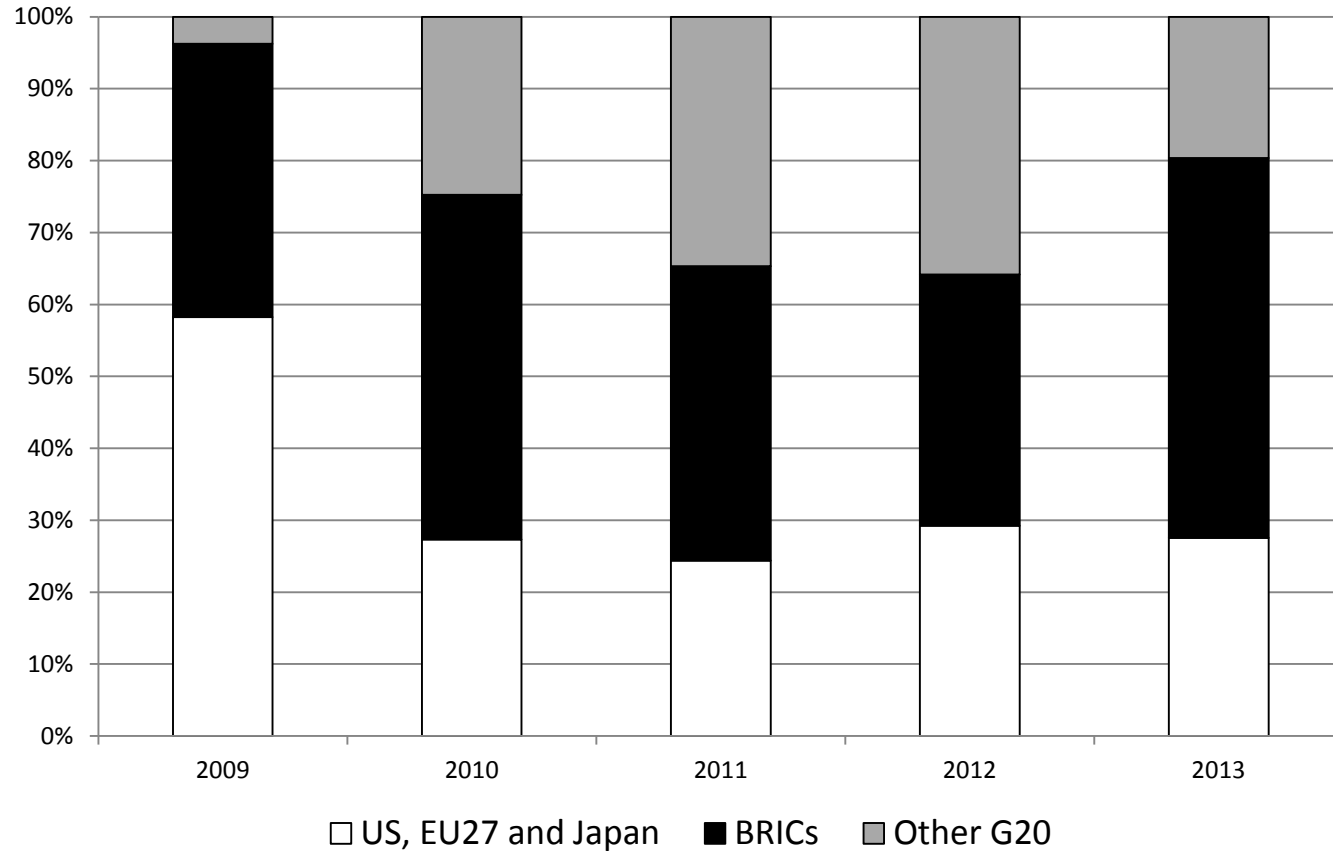
“We are deeply concerned about rising instances of protectionism around the world.”

--Los Cabos G20 Leaders Declaration, June 2012

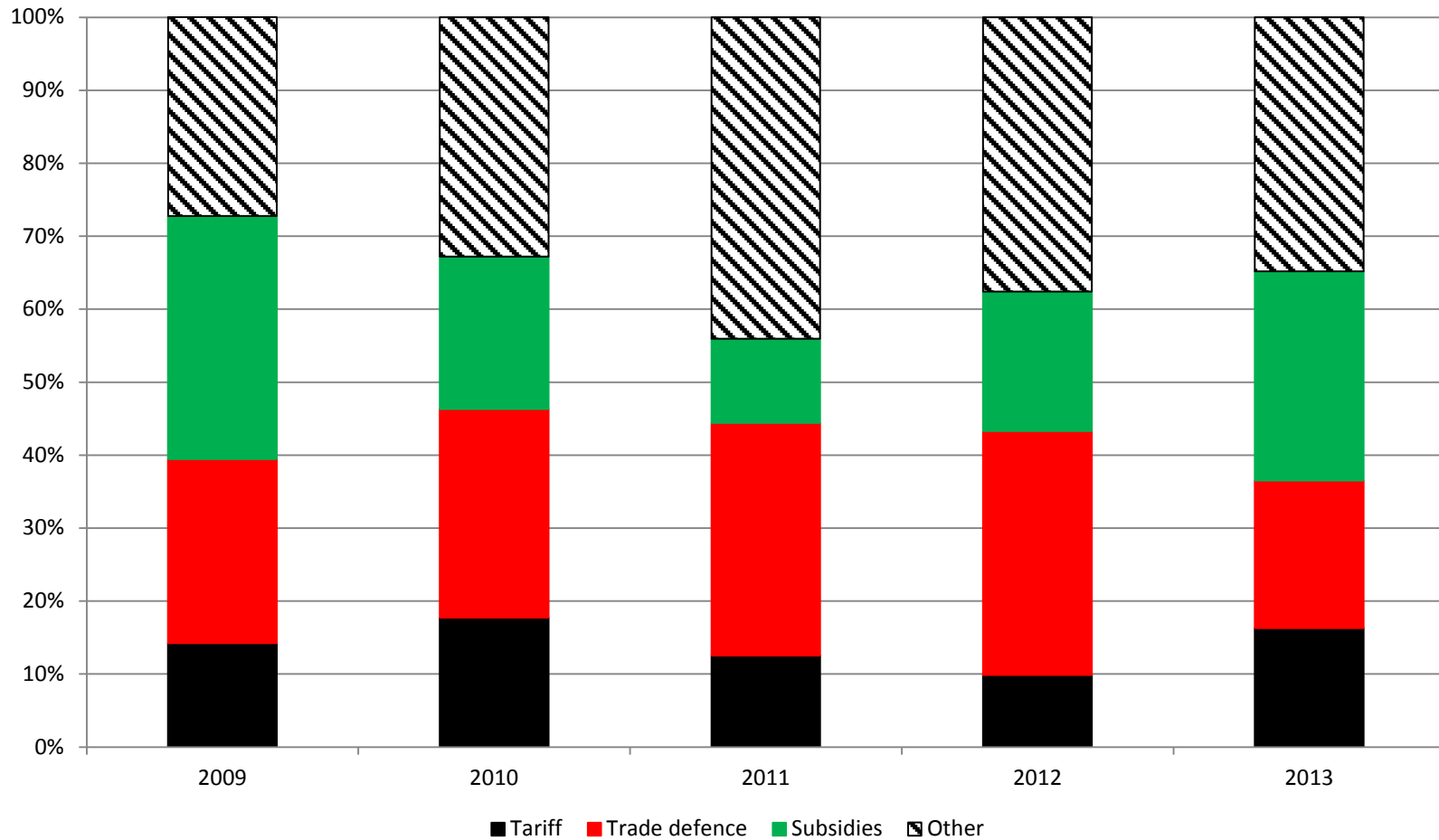
Global Update: Spike in 2012



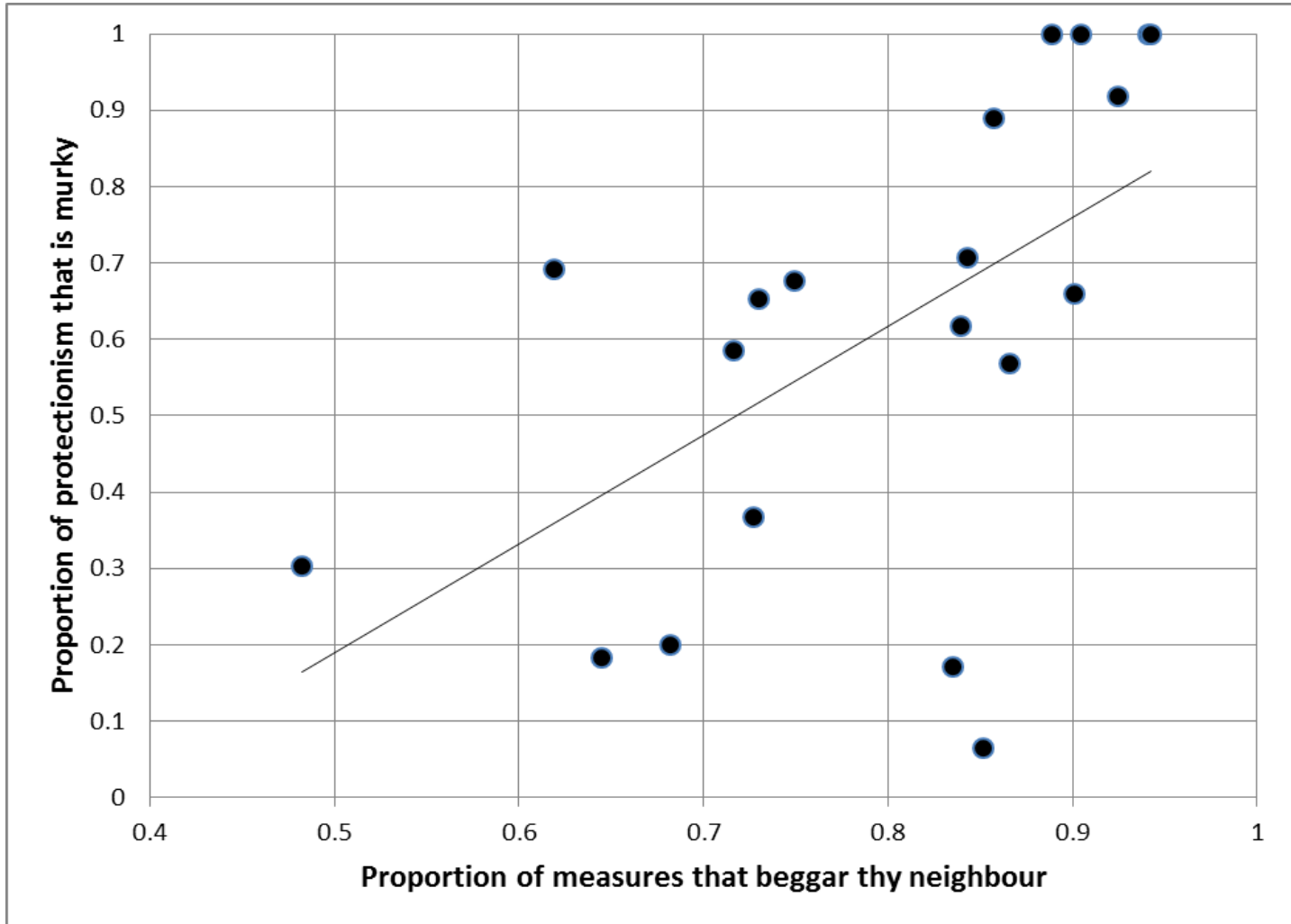
Who is responsible for G20 protectionism?



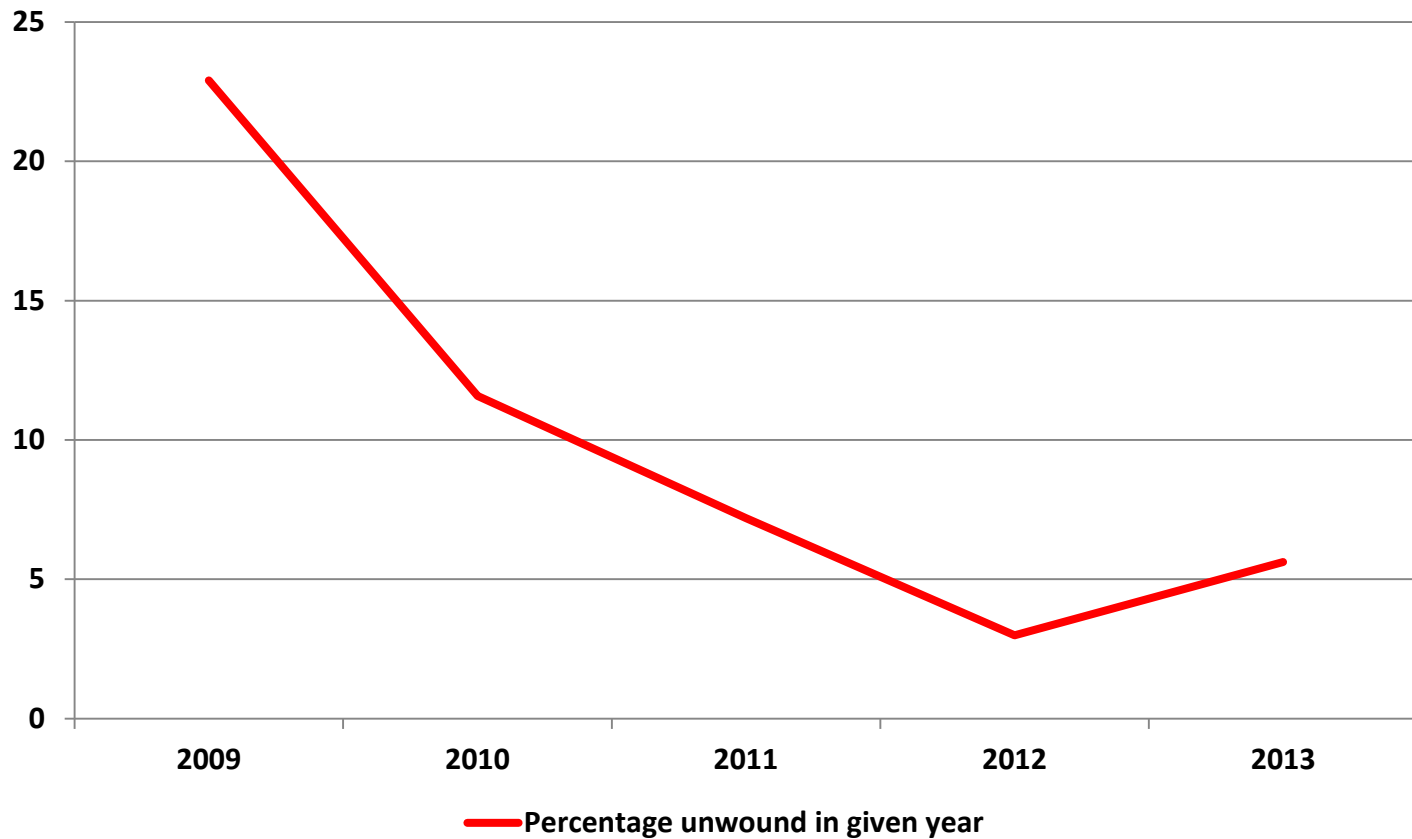
Types of beggar thy neighbour measure used

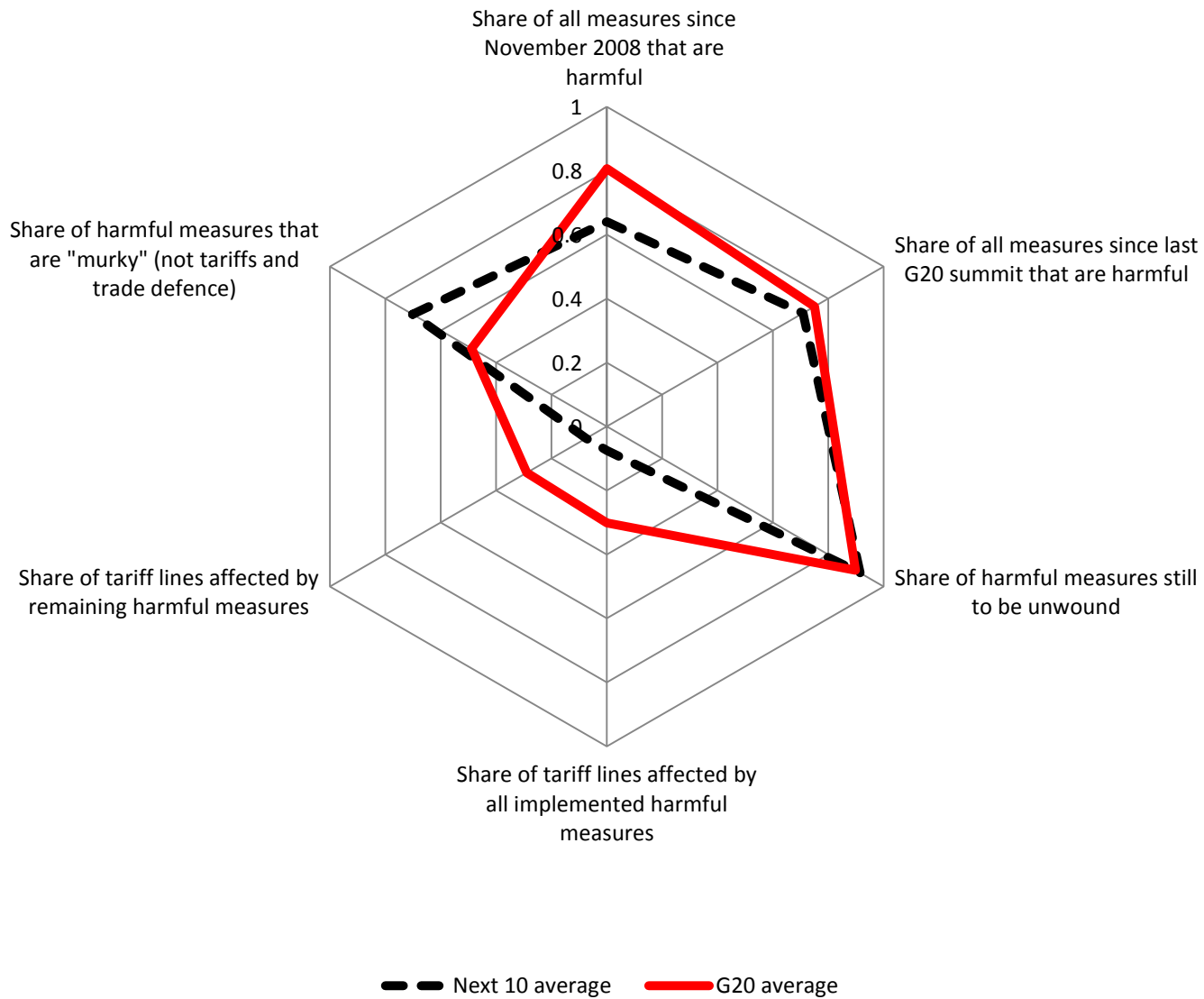


G20 Circumvention of the WTO

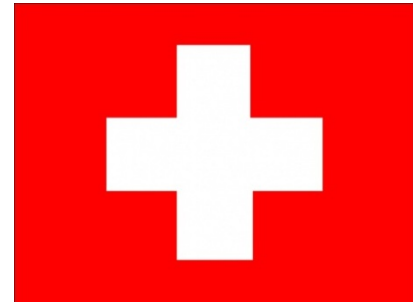


So much crisis-era protectionism needs to be unwound

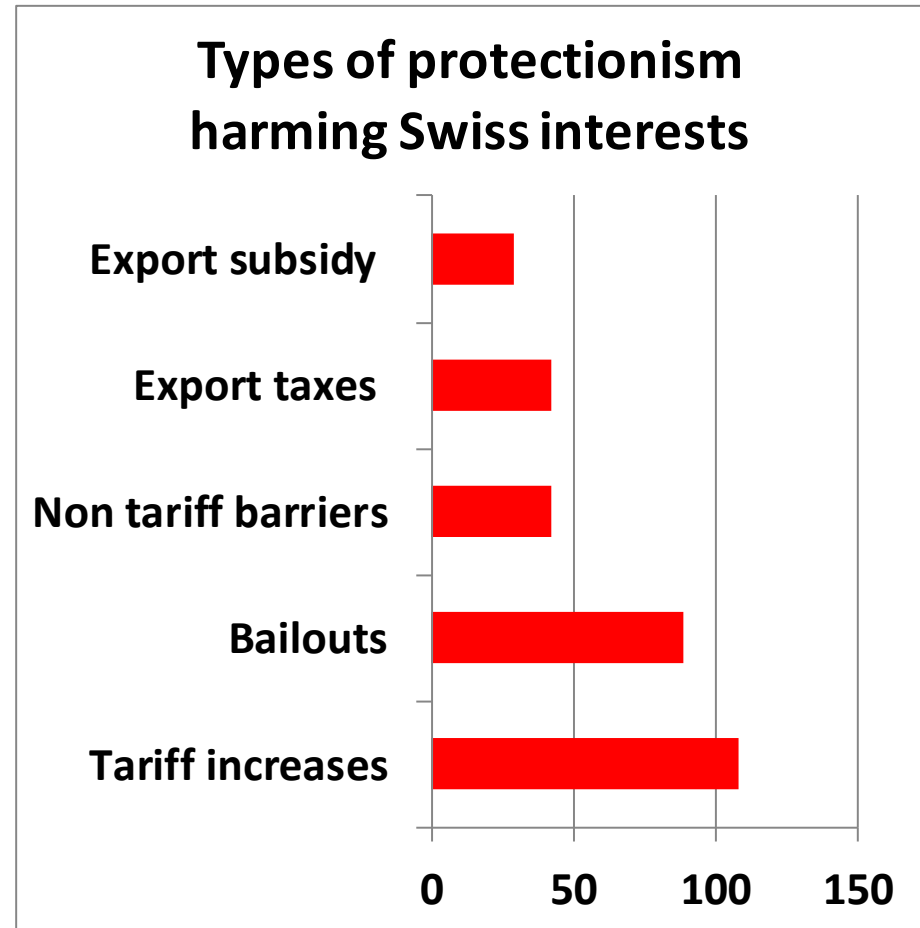




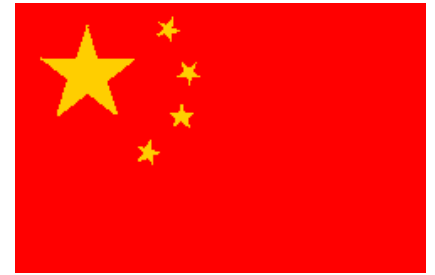
Crisis-era harm done to Swiss commercial interests



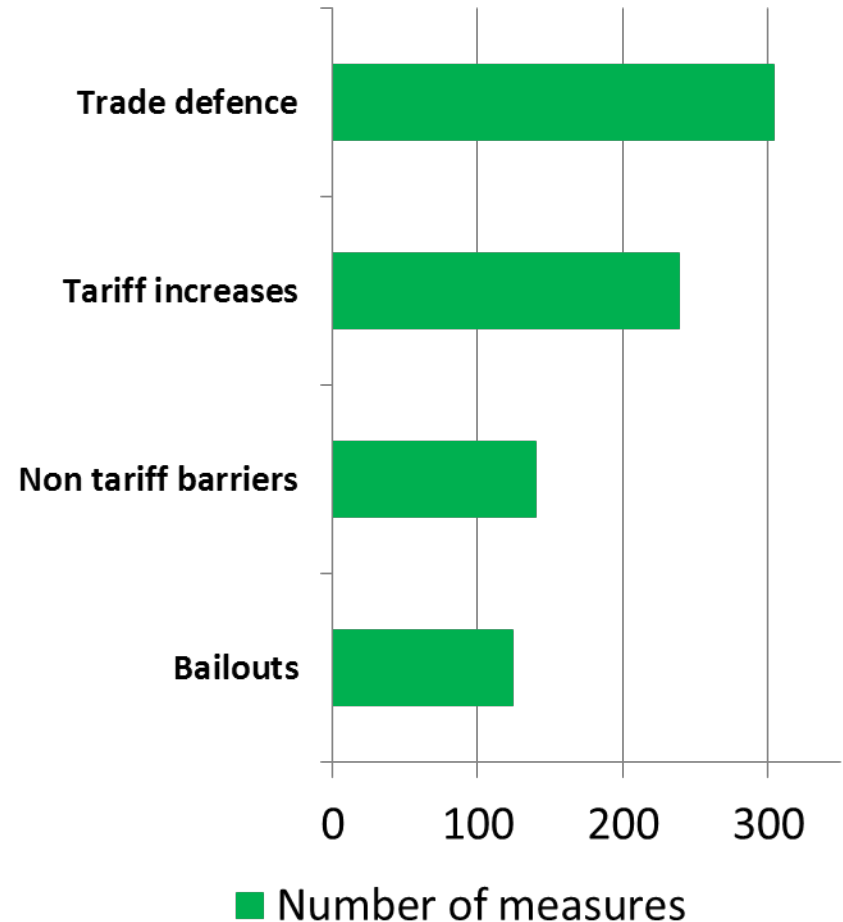
- Before the Los Cabos G20 summit in 2012, 317 measures harmed Swiss commercial interests. Only 20% have been unwound.
- Since Los Cabos, 56 more hits to Swiss interests have occurred and 2 unwound.
- 52% of Swiss exports faces a subsidised competitor in foreign markets.



Harm to Chinese interests



- Interests hit the most of any nation since crisis began.
- Harmed 1083 times.
- Only 131 unwound.
- G20 members responsible for 776 hits.



For more information see the latest GTA report:

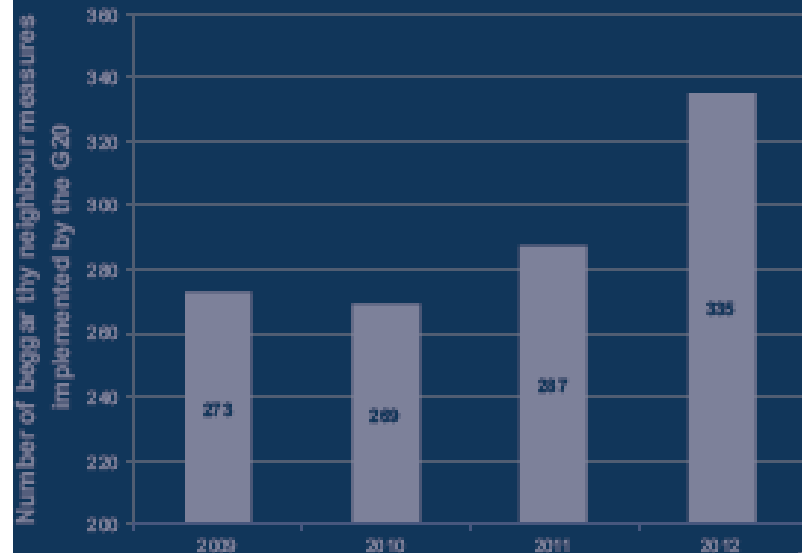
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What Restraint? Five years of G20 Pledges on Trade

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