

For the past century, the United States of America has rapidly been becoming more and more dependent on foreign-made goods. At times, a country's dependency on another is healthy, however, when it causes a decline in manufacturing, job loss, and ultimately, support for a serious recession, the dependent relationship must transform into one of independency. Individual citizens must provide the spark for this turn around because they possess the ability to vote with their wallets and checkbooks everyday for a new, independent America.

With the increased dependency on foreign goods, there has been a rapid decline of United States manufacturing. American citizens have stopped buying American-made goods, and have begun to rely on cheaper, lower-quality, foreign goods. It seems as if every American household buys more foreign goods rather than domestic national goods which have an enormous impact on United States industries. It is a known fact that without customers, an industry cannot stay open. Therefore, if American citizens continue to buy foreign goods, we will continue to see the extinction of US industries.

The devastation of foreign goods is a vicious cycle, continuing until a massive force of numbers step in and put an end to it. If we continue with mass consumption of foreign goods, the extinction of US Industries will continue at an alarming rate. Once these industries are gone, they will most likely be gone forever, along with the millions of jobs they contain. With less United States industries and goods available, our dependency on foreign-made goods will only increase. The only ones who can stop this cycle are the people and ordinary citizens of America. If we buy products made in the US, we add to our job and wage base and if we buy foreign, we subtract. According to the U.S. Labor Bureau, real wages for working Americans have plummeted 19% since 1972. This alarming rate will only continue to increase in the coming years, and the recession we are now in will only worsen because of foreign goods. Buying American-made products is supporting American jobs.

When buying American products, you can be sure of its quality and rely on that product to a greater extent. Foreign products are cheaper but are so because of the low wages manufactures' pay their employees. It is known that American products have as good of or even better quality than their foreign counterparts. Safety is also a benefit when purchasing America products because United States manufacturers have guidelines they must follow in which foreign markets lack. This creates a higher standard of products that are safe for domestic use.

The only way to secure our bright future here in the United States is to restate our independency. Today's times are unsure and the citizens have a reason to be scared. However, these thoughts can change if only we take initiative and begin to once again buy American-made union products. A solid, thriving manufacturing base in America is the promise of a secure tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.