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Mailbag

Letters to Barron's about the cost of free trade, recent economic statistics and the importance of unions.

To the Editor: In his July 11 Other Voices essay "Beneficiaries of Trade: You and Me," Dan Griswold of the Cato Institute writes, "The common fear of trade deficits is unjustified, both in theory and in practice." George Orwell famously said that some things are so stupid that only an intellectual could believe them. That quote applies to Griswold and Cato in spades. Deindustrialization of America is due to tariff-free trade with low-wage countries and is the cause of our trade deficit in manufactured goods and the main cause of our high unemployment rate. Tom Sheerin Tampa, Fla.

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