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ITIF's *Atlantic Century* report found the U.S. to rank 40th out of 40 countries at enhancing its innovation capacity over the past decade?

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Whereas the U.S. ranked first in innovation capacity in 2000, by 2008 it had slipped to 6th place.

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Did You Know?

Among graduates of U.S. four-year colleges, only 34, 38, and 40% are proficient in prose, document, and quantitative literacy, respectively.

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Did You Know?

The U.S. has the highest effective marginal corporate tax rate of any OECD country.

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Did You Know?

Brazil, China, and India all offer their companies more generous R&D tax credits than the U.S. does.

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Did You Know?

From 1998 to 2007, investment by U.S. corporations in R&D increased more than 2.5 times as fast overseas as all corporate investment did domestically.

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3 times the number of students take the AP art history test than take the AP computer science test (AB).

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U.S. venture capital investment fell by what percent between 2000 and 2008?

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- B) 46%
- C) 78%

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From 2005 to 2010, the U.S. share of global high-tech exports dropped from 21% to 14% while China's share grew from 7% to 20%.

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Since 2000, the U.S. share of world exports declined from 17% to 11%, while the EU's share remained constant at 17%.

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Did You Know?

In 2011, the U.S. will cede its position as the world's leading manufacturer—a position it has held for 110 years—to China.

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Did You Know?

From 2006 to 2008, the U.S. accrued a trade deficit in goods of *at least* \$823 billion each year.

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Did you know?

From 2000 to 2010, the U.S. placed 17th out of 21 (mostly OECD) countries in per-capita GDP growth.

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The U.S. ranks 20th in high school completion rate and 16th in college completion rate among industrialized countries.

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Did you know?

According to the World Economic Forum, the U.S. ranks just 23rd in overall quality of infrastructure.

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Did you know?

Since 2001, the U.S. has lost 42,400 factories and 32% of its manufacturing jobs.

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Did you know?

In 2009, U.S. colleges and universities awarded more undergraduate sports-exercise degrees than electrical engineering degrees.

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The average annual growth in federal R&D investment (in constant dollars) was 4.9% per year from 1953 to 1987, but just 0.3% per year from 1987 to 2008.

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Did you know?

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has a backlog of more than 750,000 patents that have yet to be even opened.

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Did you know?

The U.S. ranks 27th among developed nations in the proportion of college students receiving undergraduate degrees in science or engineering.

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Did you know?

From 1991 to 2008, basic research as a share of corporate R&D fell by 3.6% and applied research fell by 3.5%, while development's share increased by 9.8%.

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From 1991 to 2007, the U.S. share of global R&D fell from 39% to 33%, while China's share increased fourfold.

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Georgia Tech's 2008 global *High-Tech Indicators* study found that China has surpassed the United States in “technological capability.”

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Did you know?

The cost of starting a business in the U.S., as a percent of income per capita, doubled from .7 percent to 1.4 percent between 2004 and 2010.

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The World Economic Forum ranks the U.S. 48th in quality of mathematics and science education.

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Did you know?

Only four of the top ten companies receiving U.S. patents last year were U.S. companies.

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By 2008, (real) public spending in the U.S. on energy R&D had declined to less than half what it was three decades ago.

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The U.S. is 21st out of 24 OECD countries in the rate of increase in R&D tax credit generosity between 1999 and 2008.

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The percentage of incoming undergraduate women interested in majoring in Computer Science fell 79% between 2000 and 2008.

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