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Where is America?

America is the international leader in the knowledge/information economy

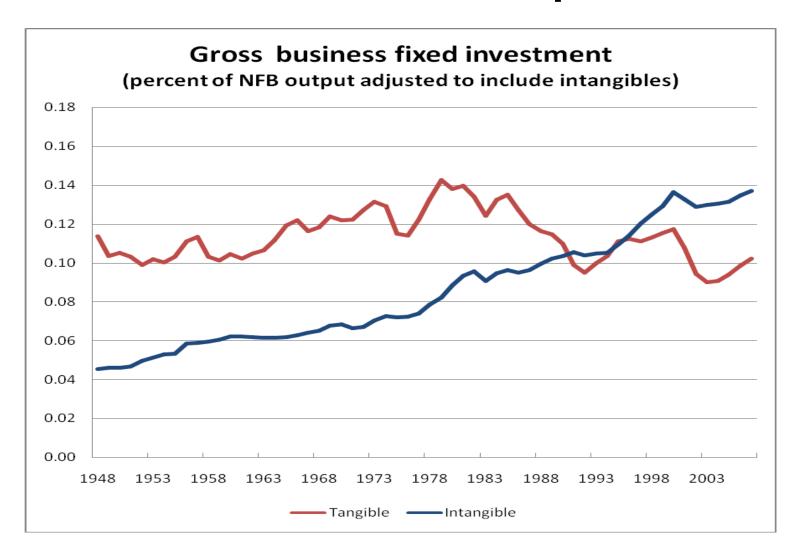
Why?

- America invests heavily in knowledge assets
 - human and non-human
 - public and private

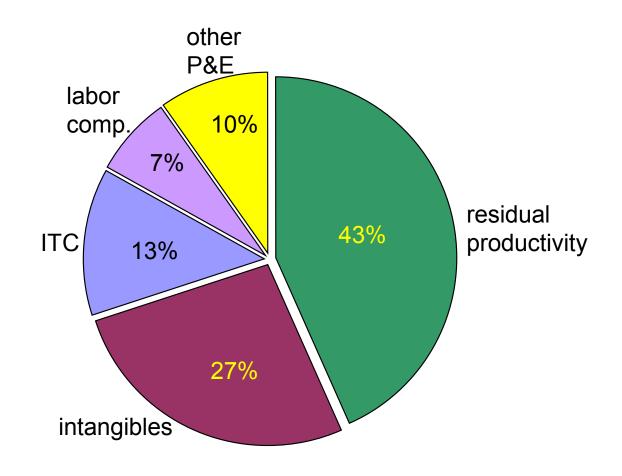
How?

- Investment in intangible capital
 - more than just scientific R&D
 - product design, brand equity, organizational capability

Intangible investment is the dynamic element in U.S. business capital formation

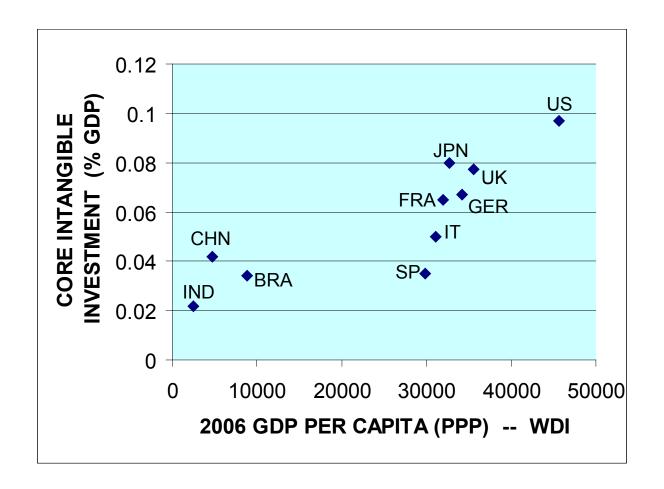


Intangible and ITC capital drove the 2.76% growth in output per worker 1995-2007



Source: Corrado and Hulten, AER, May 2010

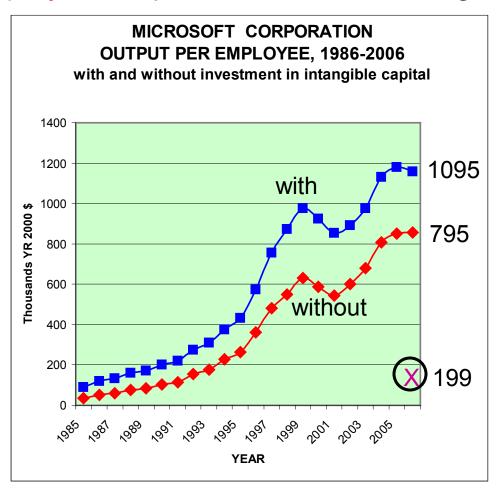
GDP per capita positively associated with business investment in innovation



Sources: These data are based on various sources, some of which are described in Hulten and Hao, "The Role of Intangible Capital in the Transformation and Growth of the Chinese Economy", 2012. Results are preliminary and should not be quoted or reproduced without permission of the authors.

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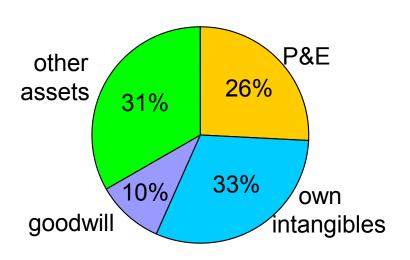
54% of real value added growth 1988-2006 due to intangible capital 87% of 2006 employees in product research, design, and marketing



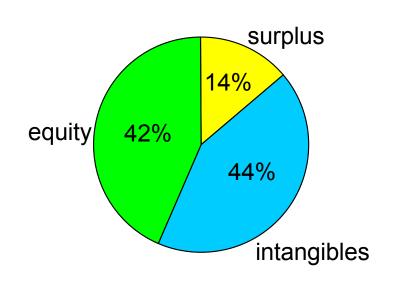
Source: Charles Hulten, "Decoding Microsoft", NBER Working Paper 15799 (2010).

Intangibles: most valuable productive assets in study of 613 U.S. firms reporting R&D in 2006

OWN ACCOUNT INTANGIBLES
33% OF TOTAL ASSETS



INTANGIBLES EXPLAIN 44% OF MARKET CAPITALIZATION



Source: Data from Hulten and Hao, "What's a Company Really Worth?" NBER Working Paper 14548, 2008.