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The State of Innovation in the States

Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Silicon Valley: Best Practices and Emerging Trends Conference

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The Great Stagnation or An Age of Abundance?

THE NEW YORK TIMES RESTSELLER THE GREAT STAGNATION

How America Ate All the Low-Hanging Fruit of Modern History, Got Sick, and Will (Eventually) Feel Better

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A Fierce Race for Global Innovation Advantage

INNOVATION ECONOMICS

Yale University Press September 2012





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Maximizing Innovation: Get the Innovation Triangle Right



Innovation Policy Environment

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• A Tale of Two Americas:

1. A Very Robust Silicon Valley/High-Tech Sector

- Strong in ICTs; Apps; Aerospace; Pharma;
- Still the Best Business Environment for Innovation

2. A Faltering Innovation Ecosystem

- Faltering Innovation Infrastructure
- Decimation of U.S. Manufacturing
- Lacking Political Consensus to Support Innovation

The Atlantic Century II



Benchmarking EU & U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness

July 2011



 The Study: Compares innovation-based competiveness of 44 nations and regions.

 16 indicators: Including corporate and government R&D, scientists and engineers, new firms, corp. tax, productivity growth and others.

Overall Score for Global Competitiveness and Innovation



U.S. Strong in Knowledge & Tech-Intensive Industries

Output of knowledge- and technology-intensive industries as a share of GDP, by selected region/country: 1995 and 2010



U.S. Hotbed of ICT Innovation



Share of OECD ICT Sector Value-Added by Country, 2008



Source: OECD Information Technology Outlook, 2011

U.S. Dominates ICT Services Industries

Company	Country	Revenues (\$T)
Amazon.com	United States	\$24,509
Google	United States	\$23,651
eBay	United States	\$8,727
Yahoo!	United States	\$6,460
Expedia	United States	\$2,955
E TRADE Financial	United States	\$2,878
TD Ameritrade	United States	\$2,423
IAC/InterActiveCorp	United States	\$1,376
Yahoo Japan	Japan	\$2,875
United Internet	Germany	\$2,412



Share of Revenues of Top 10 Internet Firms, by Country

Share of Revenues of Top 10 Software Firms, by Country

Company	Country	Revenues (\$T)			
Microsoft	United States	\$58,689			
Oracle	United States	\$23,226			
Symantec	United States	\$5,922			
CA	United States	s \$4,285			
Electronic Arts	United States	\$3,535			
Intuit	United States	\$3,183			
Adobe Systems	United States	\$2,946			
Amdocs	United Kingdom	\$2,863			
KONAMI ¹	Japan	\$2,826			
SAP	Germany	\$14,657			



• Leading U.S. Companies' Valuation Per Employee



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The "App Economy" Now Driving Innovation



"App economy employment, not including spillovers. Based on 90 days ending December 31, 2011. Industry employment as of November 2011. App economy jobs are distributed across all industries. Data: The Conference Board, BLS

Top 250 ICT firm's revenue growth by country, 2000-2009



Source: OECD Information Technology Outlook, 2011

Other Sectors of U.S. Strength



U.S. Leads World in Productivity

At the national level, productivity correlates closely with competitiveness Correlation between productivity and competitiveness for a sample of countries



Global competitiveness score, 2008-09

The production and innovative use of IT has been responsible for at least 50% of the acceleration in U.S. total factor productivity between 1995 and 2008.

Source: McKinsey Global Institute, Retooling the U.S. Economy for Growth

But All is Not Well With the U.S. Innovation Economy

- Lagging R&D Investment
- VC Investment and IPOs Off Pace
 - Pace of Start-up Creation Falling Off
 - U.S. Firms Increasingly Investing Overseas
 - Trade Deficit Enormous
- Economic Manufacturing Decimated
 - Unemployment High
- Innovation Policy Environment

Innovation

Environment

- Poor Tax Environment
- Education and Infrastructure Faltering
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U.S. Second to Last at Improving Innovation Capacity



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Change in National R&D Intensity, 1995-2008



Source: Gregory Tassey, "Beyond the Business Cycle: The Need for a Technology-Based Growth Strategy," forthcoming. Data from OECD, *Main Science and Technology Indicators*, 2010/1.

80% Declines in VC Investments and IPOs, 1999-2009



From 2000-2008, U.S. VC investment fell by 78%.

From 1999-2009, U.S. IPOs fell by 82%.

Pace of U.S. Entrepreneurship Slowing





Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Business Dynamics Statistics.

U.S. MNCs Increasingly Investing Overseas



Ratio of U.S. MNCs' Foreign to Domestic Capital Expenditure



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U.S. Trade Deficits Have Reached Astounding Levels



U.S. Even Runs Trade Deficit in High-Tech Goods



• U.S. Manufacturing Jobs Fell Precipitously in the Last Decade



Worse Manufacturing Job Loss than the Great Depression



U.S. Manufacturing Job Growth Was the Worst of A Sample of OECD Nations



13 of 19 U.S. Manufacturing Industries Produced Less in 2010 than 2000



Persistent Unemployment; Slow Recovery



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U.S. Will Have OECD's Highest Corporate Tax Rate

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U.S. Is 26th in R&D Tax Credit Generosity



U.S. Education System Faltering



- U.S. 48th in quality of mathematics and science education.
- Gap in education achievement costs U.S. \$2.3 trillion annually.

U.S. Not as Welcoming to High-Skill Immigrants



U.S. Infrastructure Crumbling

Quality of overall infrastructure



SOURCE: World Economic Forum, Global competitiveness report 2010-2011

Overcoming the Advice of Neoclassical Economists



Paul Krugman: "The notion that countries compete is a myth. Nations are not to any significant degree in economic competition with one another."

"It doesn't make any sense to view our current woes as stemming from a lack of competitiveness." NYT, Jan 24, 2011



Alan Blinder: "Nothing–repeat, nothing–that economists know about growth gives us a recipe for adding a percentage point or more to the nation's growth on a sustained basis."

The Message:

- Companies have moved from being price makers to price takers in global markets.
 - U.S. loses 2 out of 3 competitions.
- The U.S. has become a less attractive investment environment for globally mobile capital.
- The U.S. is riding too much on its strength in just a few key sectors.

Weaknesses of U.S. Innovation System

- 1. We lack a political consensus that technology and innovation drive economic growth.
- 2. Any kind of strategy is demeaned as industrial policy.
- 3. We have become a risk averse society that views innovation and progress with fear and loathing.
- 4. Believe we'll always be #1 without having to do anything about it.
- 5. We don't do a good job commercializing and producing our technological innovations.

Strengths of U.S. Innovation System

- 1. Strong embrace of innovation/use of IT by our private sector.
- 2. Best university system in the world.
- 3. Can place a lot of bets across a range of emerging technology areas.
- 4. Fair amount of residual bench strength. (E.g. National Labs/DARPA).
- 5. Entrepreneurs and innovators still want to come here.

So: Is Churchill still right?



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