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INNOVATION POLICY AND THE ROLE OF THE R&D TAX CREDIT

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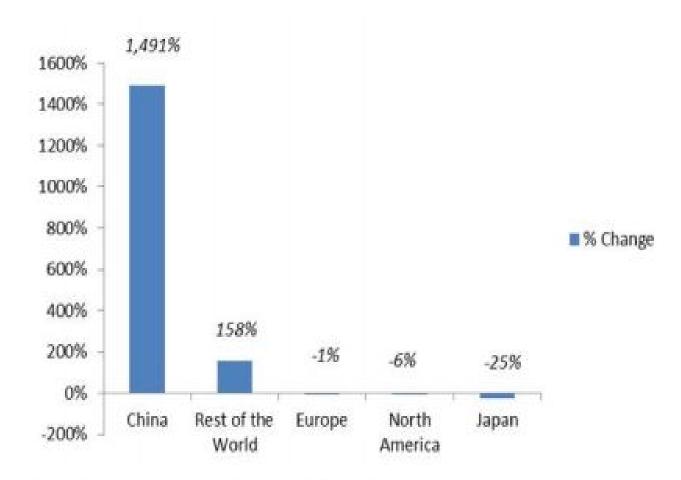


Figure 20: R&D Spending by Region, 2005-2014⁴⁴





Figure 2: Total Manufacturing Jobs in the United States, 1970–2012 (Thousands)

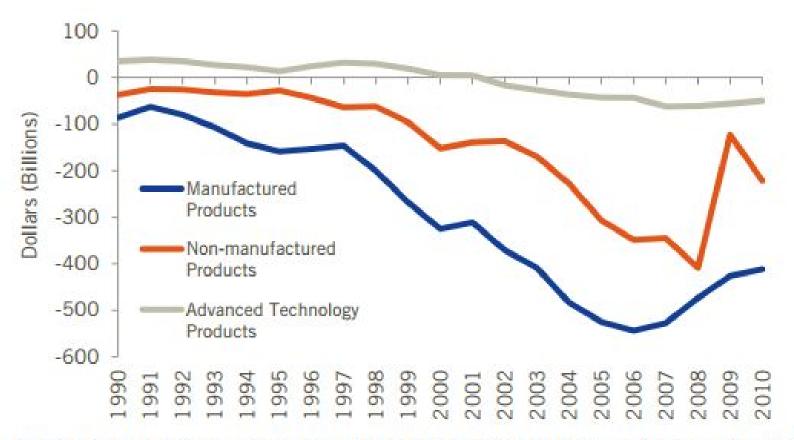


Figure 1: United States Annual Trade Deficits in Manufactured, Non-Manufactured, and Advanced Technology Products, 1989–2013¹¹



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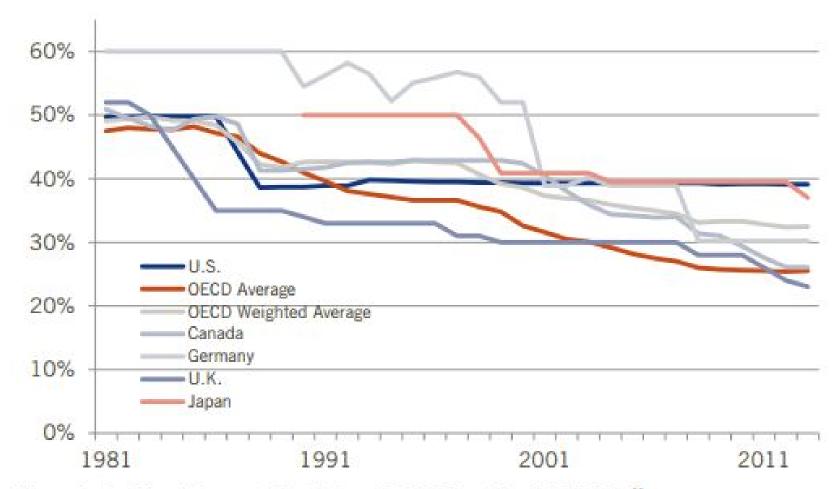


Figure 2: Combined Corporate Tax Rates of OECD Countries 1981-2013**



Industry	Aggregate Effective Tax Rate for 2013
Aerospace/Defense	30.71%
Bank	30.38%
Biotechnology	37.63%
Construction	20.47%
Hotel/Gaming	9.91%
Total Market	20.47%



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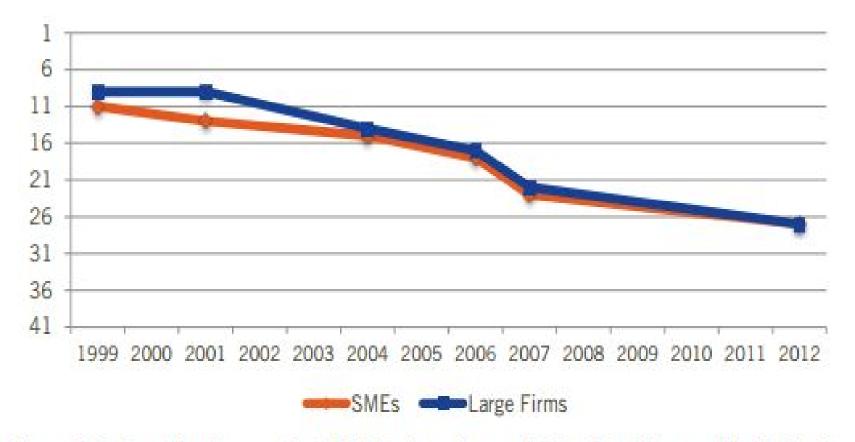


Figure 4: As Countries Increase their R&D Tax Incentives and Other Countries are added to the B-Index Analysis, the U.S. Rank Falls Precipitously

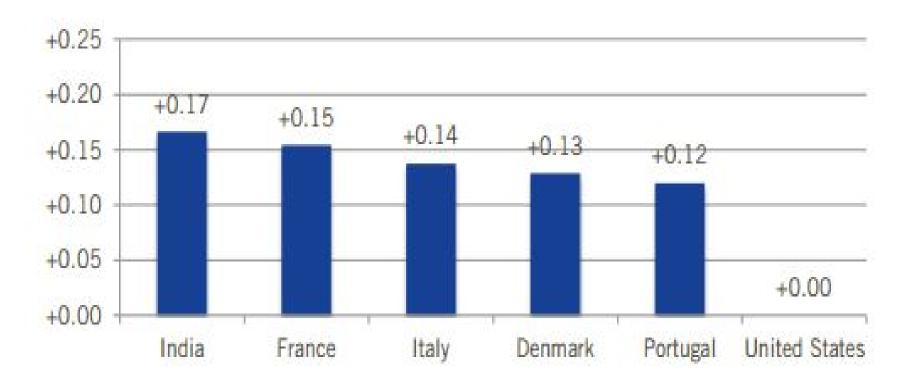


Figure 5: Top Five Increases in the R&D Tax Subsidy Ratio for Large Firms, 2007-2012, Compared to the United States (differential chance)²⁴

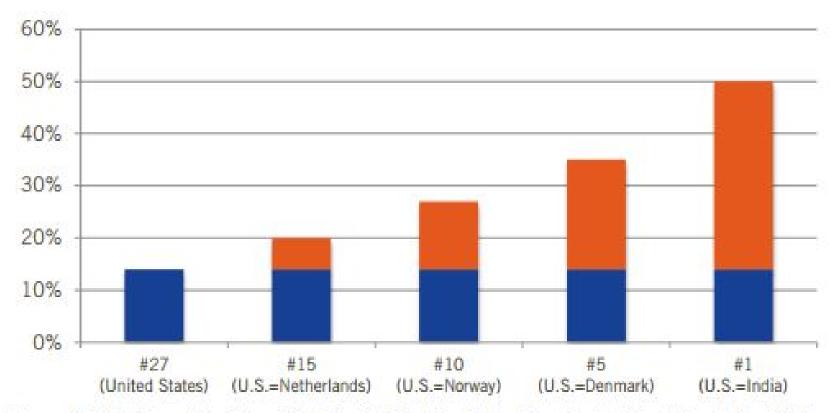


Figure 6: U.S. Alternative Simplified Credit Effective Rates Required to Grant the United States the #15, #10, #5, and #1 Positions in the B-index Rankings (Large Firms)

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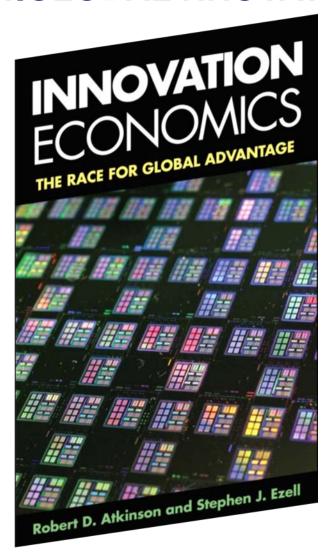
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