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The Politics of Economic Integration: An American Perspective

Abstract: Proponents of economic integration and free trade often speak about free trade with the same reverence as they speak about political or religious freedom. The benefits of economic integration and free trade are evident. It promotes competition and innovation, encourages entrepreneurship, and creates new markets. Economic integration can also help spread democracy, strengthen the rule of law and promote human rights. But there is reason to be skeptical, especially since 2008. This brief discussion explores the politics of economic integration past, present and future.

Note : Jack Godwin, Ph.D. is a political scientist whose appeal spans the political spectrum. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta called Clintonomics, his previous book, a "must read," an assessment seconded by conservative Newsmax.com publisher Christopher Ruddy. Godwin is a former Peace Corps volunteer and five-time Fulbright scholar. He has been the Chief International Officer at California State University, Sacramento since 1999. His newest book is The Office Politics Handbook, forthcoming from Career Press.

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