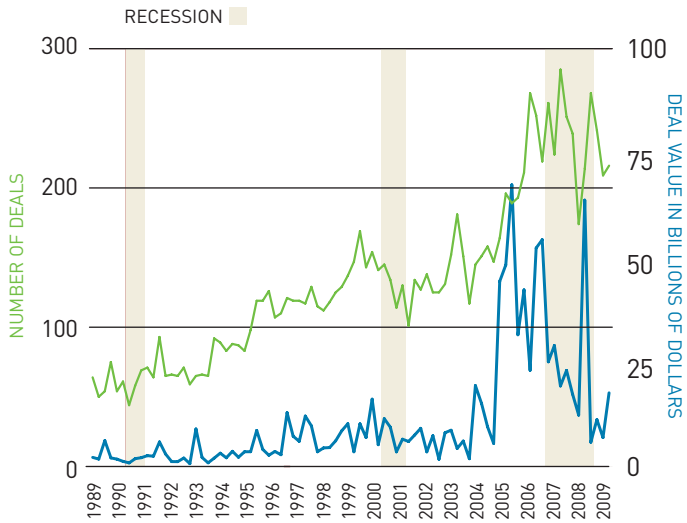


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Forward's report on aspects of our world, in graphic form

## METALS MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS INCREASE IN FIRST HALF OF 2010

An increase in mergers and acquisitions has historically indicated the economy will recover from recession.



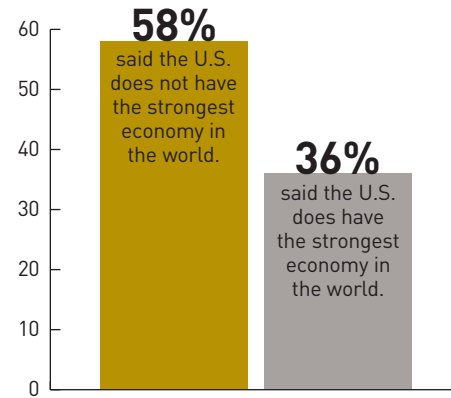
SOURCE: PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, FORGING AHEAD

## \$16.8 billion

The total deal value of metals mergers and acquisitions in the second quarter of 2010.

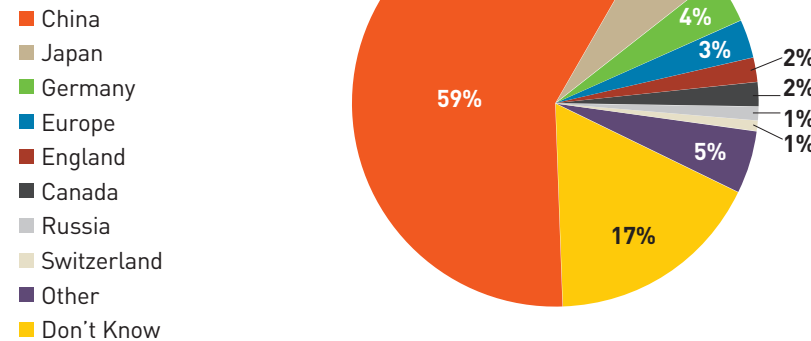
## THE WORLD'S STRONGEST ECONOMY

In April 2010, more than 100 Americans who were likely to vote in the November elections were asked if the United States had the strongest economy in the world.



Of those who said the U.S. does not have the strongest economy, it was widely agreed upon that China has the strongest economy in the world.

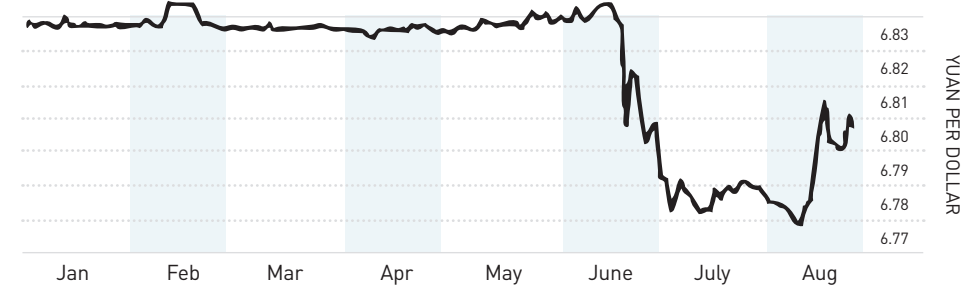
### Which country has the strongest economy in the world?



SOURCE: THE ALLIANCE FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

## CHINA'S CURRENCY APPRECIATION

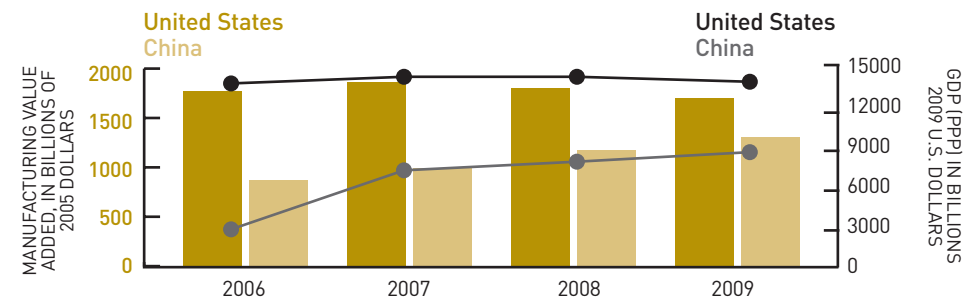
China announced on June 19 that the People's Bank of China would allow the Yuan to appreciate based on market value. The decision has barely changed the value of the currency over time.



SOURCE: THOMSON REUTERS

## CHINA VS. THE U.S.: MANUFACTURING SIZE, GDP

While U.S. manufacturing output declined substantially in 2009 in the depths of the recession, China's manufacturing output continued to rise. China's GDP, based on purchasing power parity, has increased steadily in the last four years, despite the recession.



SOURCE: IHS GLOBAL INSIGHT, THE WORLD BANK, CIA WORLD FACTBOOK

## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EXPECTED TO GROW

Americans expect that, in 40 years, most of our energy will come from alternative sources.

# 74%

Expect that most energy will come from alternative sources.

# 24%

Expect that most energy will not come from alternative sources.

# 2%

Don't know.

SOURCE: THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER