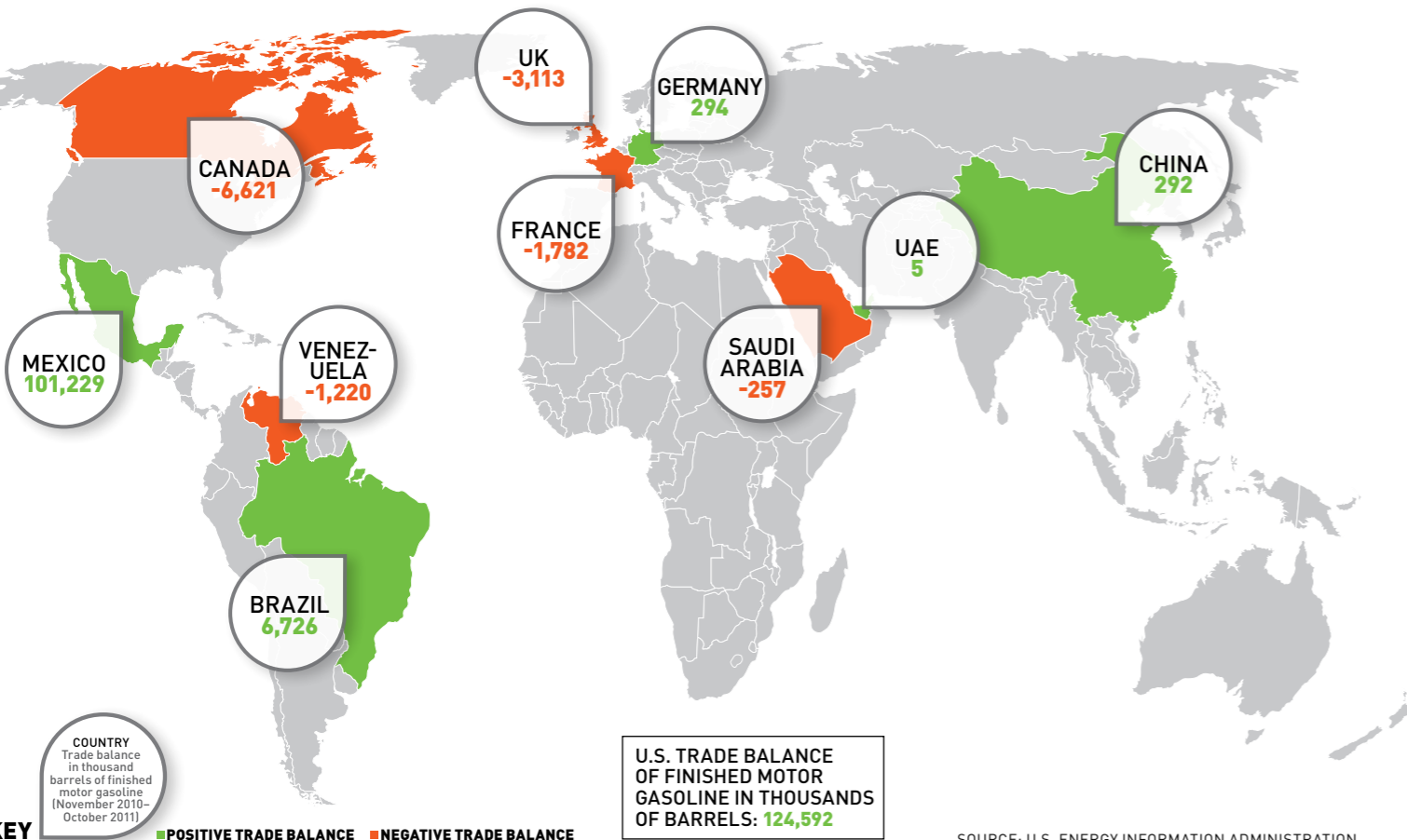


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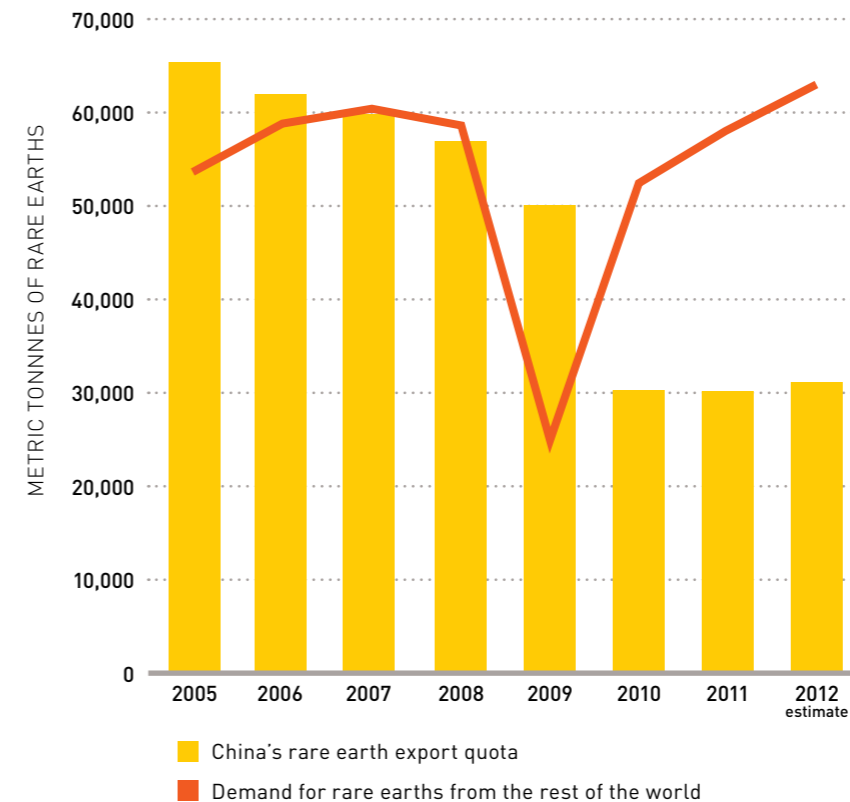
TRADE IMBALANCE

Despite its dependence on foreign oil, as of 2011, the United States is a net exporter of gasoline. Five important countries it imports from and exports to are listed.



RARE EARTH SCARCITY

After the drastic drop in demand for rare earths in 2009, China has been underallocating its rare earth resources, like dysprosium and scandium, to the rest of the world.



FOREBODING FUTURE

The U.S. Department of Labor expects U.S. employment to rise 14.3% by 2020, according to "Employment Projections—2010–2020," a BLS report released in February. Eleven manufacturing industries will likely experience job declines.

