

## Why haven't the MAGA got angry as yet?

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It is apparent that although support for Donald Trump in the USA is undoubtedly falling, those who were his hard-core supporters are staying loyal. Independent voters and Democrats may not like him, and in the case of the independents, that is a significant shift in sentiment, but the MAGA are, so far, still with him.

The reason is not especially hard to find. The fact is that for the vast majority of people in the US, the impact of what Trump is up to has yet to be seen. If you can ignore the attacks on human rights, the rule of law, the constitution, and the threats to your opponents, as well as universities, judges, and the entire world outside the USA, then so far, Trump has not done a great deal to upset his core support. The MAGA are not worried by those things.

However, everything is subject to a timeline when it comes to the economy. Very soon, the impact of what Trump has been doing is going to hit the American consumer, whichever political interest group they might be categorised into. That is because importers might have done everything they could to rush product into the US before such time as tariffs were imposed, but that game is going to be over soon, and prices are going to have to rise. This will, inevitably, happen. Knowing that, and as the [Financial Times notes](#) this morning, the number of shipments of goods from China to the USA is falling dramatically:



Sometime very soon, the US consumer is going to find a shortage of the products that they want to buy, and those that are available are going to be at a higher price. This reality has not hit home as yet. Nor, I suspect, has the impact on exports as yet filtered through to the Midwest farmer, where it is going to be especially hard.

My point is, in essence, a very simple one. It is that economic failure takes a while to deliver. When, however, it happens, people tend to get very upset. I think they will.