

Questions for PubPol/Econ 541  
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## Export Policies

**Laborde, David, Carmen Estrades, and Antoine Bouët, “A Global Assessment of the Economic Effects of Export Taxes,” *The World Economy*, 36(10), October, 2013, pp. 1333–1354. Omit sections 2b, 3c & appendix [22 pp]**

- In 2006, what sector had the most export taxes?
- What are some of the motives for export taxes?
- What are some of the main effects of removing export taxes?
- What are some of the limitations of this analysis?

**Beckman, Jayson, Carmen Estrades, Manuel Flores, and Angel Aguiar, “The impacts of export taxes on agricultural trade,” *VOX<sup>EU</sup>*, CEPR Policy Portal, October 3, 2018.**

- What was the main reason for export taxes examined here?
- Can you tell from this whether the policies have the desired effects?
- Does Figure 2 show poverty falling in all the countries?

**Economist, "Full Metal Jacket: Indonesia Embraces Resource Nationalism ", *The Economist*, January 26, 2023.**

- Has Indonesia’s ban on export of nickel ore accomplished what it intended?
- To what other metals is the country planning to extend the ban?
- What is the main reason that this may work less well than the ban on nickel?
- What other reasons does the article give for this being “ill-advised”?

**Reed, John and Jyotsna Singh, "India Restricts Rice Exports as Commodity Prices Surge," *Financial Times*, September 9, 2022.**

- What is India’s purpose in restricting rice exports, and how are they doing it?
- How important is India in the world rice market?
- What role do subsidies play?
- A possible “cartel” is mentioned. What’s that about?

**Fildes, "Australia Rattles Industry and Trading Partners With Energy Interventions," *Financial Times*, February 19, 2023.**

- Why is Australia limiting exports of LNG?
- What, besides limiting exports, are they doing to reduce the price?
- What harm will this do, according to critics?

**Khan, Yusuf, "Increasing Export Restrictions on Critical Minerals Threaten Energy Transition, OECD Says," *Wall Street Journal*, April 11, 2023.**

- How much have export restrictions increased over the last decade? Is this the amount of trade covered?
- By how much do they expect demand for lithium to increase by 2040?

- In what countries are supplies of some of these materials concentrated?
- Does this say how having supplies concentrated might matter for the export restrictions?
- What policies attempt to diversify sources for these materials?

**Godek, Sarah, “Why China’s Export Controls on Germanium and Gallium May Not Be Effective,” Stimson, July 19, 2023.**

- What is China’s share of world production of gallium and germanium?
- What was China’s policy on exporting rare earths in 2010?
- Did China meet pushback from the WTO?
- What two mechanisms lessened the impact of China’s policy?
- By how much did China’s exports of rare earths fall?