

## CONCEPT: ARGUMENTS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- **Protectionism** – shielding a country's domestic industries from foreign competition

	Against International Trade	Rebuttal
Jobs Argument	"They took our jobs"	Short Run:  Long Run:
National-Security Argument	"We will trade key resources to our enemies that may affect national security"	
Infant Industry Argument	"My new company can't compete with foreign competition"	
Unfair Competition Argument	"They play by different rules"	
Protection-as-a-Bargaining Chip	"Take off your tariff or I'll add one"	

- On top of the gains from trade that increase total surplus, international trade offers other benefits:
  - ☐ Increased variety of goods
  - ☐ Lower costs through economies of scale
  - ☐ Increased competition
  - ☐ Enhanced flow of ideas