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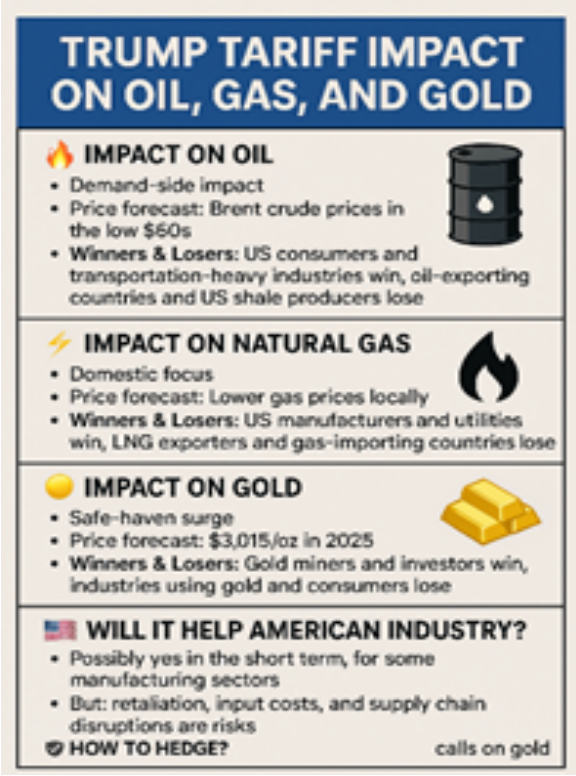
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Trump Tariff: Losers, Winners, Hedgers - Decided by the Impact on Oil, Gas and Gold in 2025

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As of April 2025, the global outlook for oil, gas, and gold will be influenced by geopolitical tensions, trade policies, and economic forecasts in the future.

Oil: Goldman Sachs projects Brent crude oil prices to average around $76 per barrel in 2025, trading within a range of $70 to $85 per barrel. This forecast considers increased production from non-OPEC countries and potential geopolitical factors. However, in scenarios involving significant geopolitical disruptions, such as intensified sanctions on Iran, prices could temporarily rise to the mid-$80s per barrel. Conversely, the implementation of broad tariffs by the U.S. could lead to a decrease in oil prices, potentially dropping to the low $60s by the end of 2026.

Natural Gas: Specific forecasts for natural gas prices by the end of 2025 are less definitive. However, policies such as the proposed East Coast gas reservation in Australia aim to reduce domestic prices by 15%, indicating potential regional impacts on natural gas markets.

Gold: HSBC has revised its gold price forecasts upward, citing increased geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties. The bank now projects average gold prices of $3,015 per ounce in 2025 and $2,915 in 2026, up from previous estimates. Factors influencing these adjustments include ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, shifts in U.S. foreign policy, and an escalating global trade war. Gold's appeal as a safe-haven asset remains strong amid these uncertainties

Beneficiaries and Losers

- Beneficiaries: Gold-producing countries and companies may benefit from higher gold prices driven by increased demand amid geopolitical tensions. Oil-importing nations could gain from potential decreases in oil prices due to increased production and tariff implementations.
- Losers: Oil-exporting countries might face revenue challenges if oil prices decline. Economies heavily reliant on natural gas exports could be adversely affected by regional policies aimed at reducing domestic prices.
- Hedging Strategies: To Manage Exposure to these Commodities
- Diversification: Invest in a mix of asset classes to mitigate risks associated with commodity price volatility.
- Futures and Options: Utilize futures contracts and options to hedge against unfavorable price movements in oil, gas, and gold.
- Gold Investments: Consider allocating a portion of the portfolio to physical gold or gold-backed securities as a hedge against economic uncertainties and inflation.

Futures and Options Pricing: Futures and options prices for oil, gas, and gold will reflect market expectations of future spot prices, influenced by current forecasts, geopolitical developments, and economic indicators. Given the projections, futures prices may align with the anticipated ranges, but they will also incorporate premiums or discounts based on market sentiment and risk assessments.

Investors should closely monitor geopolitical events, trade policies, and economic reports to make informed decisions and adjust their hedging strategies accordingly.



The Trump tariff and the impact on the oil, gas, and gold market. Will it help American industry?

Trump's proposed sweeping tariffs- reportedly 10% on all imports and 60% specifically on Chinese goods- could significantly impact the oil, gas, and gold markets, as well as American industry. Here's a breakdown of the expected outcomes:

Impact on Oil & Gas

Domestic Oil & Gas Producers

- Mixed impact. U.S. shale and LNG producers might benefit short-term from protectionist sentiment, but:
- Higher equipment costs due to tariffs on imported machinery (steel, pipelines, compressors) could hurt capital-intensive operations.
- Retaliatory tariffs from other countries (especially China, India) could hit U.S. energy exports, especially LNG.

Oil Prices

- Tariffs may slow global trade, reducing oil demand and thus potentially pushing prices down.
- However, if tariffs disrupt global supply chains, some temporary price spikes could occur.

Natural Gas

- Likely bearish for LNG exports. China is a major buyer of U.S. LNG, and any retaliatory action could suppress prices or divert trade.

Impact on Gold

Bullish Trend Likely

- Gold usually rises when there's economic uncertainty. Trade wars increase fear of

1. Inflation
2. Recession
3. Currency devaluation

- Investors tend to move capital into safe-haven assets like gold, which is why gold is already forecasted to top $3,000/oz by 2025.

Will This Help American Industry?

Potential Short-Term Gains

- Steel, aluminum, and other basic manufacturing sectors might benefit from reduced foreign competition.
- Could incentivize reshoring of some industries and spur investment in domestic production.

But at a Cost

- Higher input costs for many industries (auto, construction, energy).
- U.S. exports could suffer from retaliatory tariffs, hurting farmers, tech, and energy exporters.
- Could lead to slower economic growth, job losses in export-oriented sectors, and higher inflation.

Investor Strategy: How to Hedge Against this

Commodities

- Gold ETFs or futures – good hedge against volatility and inflation.
- Consider oil puts or options if expecting price drops due to lower demand.

Equity Plays

- Long positions in U.S. manufacturing stocks (steel, defense, infrastructure).
- Short or protective puts on global supply-chain-dependent firms (e.g., automakers, tech).

Diversify Currency Exposure

- Tariffs could hurt the U.S. dollar if inflation surges and growth slows.
- Exposure to foreign currencies or gold helps reduce risk.

Caution

This article is an opinion piece. Refine your judgments by being more aware of the topic from other sources.