

**Is China Still
Communist?**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/hanktucker/2025/06/12/inside-the-global-2000-trumps-tariffs-havent-stopped-the-worlds-growth-yet/>

COUNTRY		
	United States	621
	China	317
	Japan	180
	India	70
	United Kingdom	68
	South Korea	62

Guide to Investing in Chinese Stocks: Opportunities and Risks

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The Bottom Line

China's rapid GDP growth and its large, rapidly urbanizing population have made it a major draw for investors. But alongside its long expansion, challenges such as trade tensions with the U.S. and different regulatory systems create uncertainty.

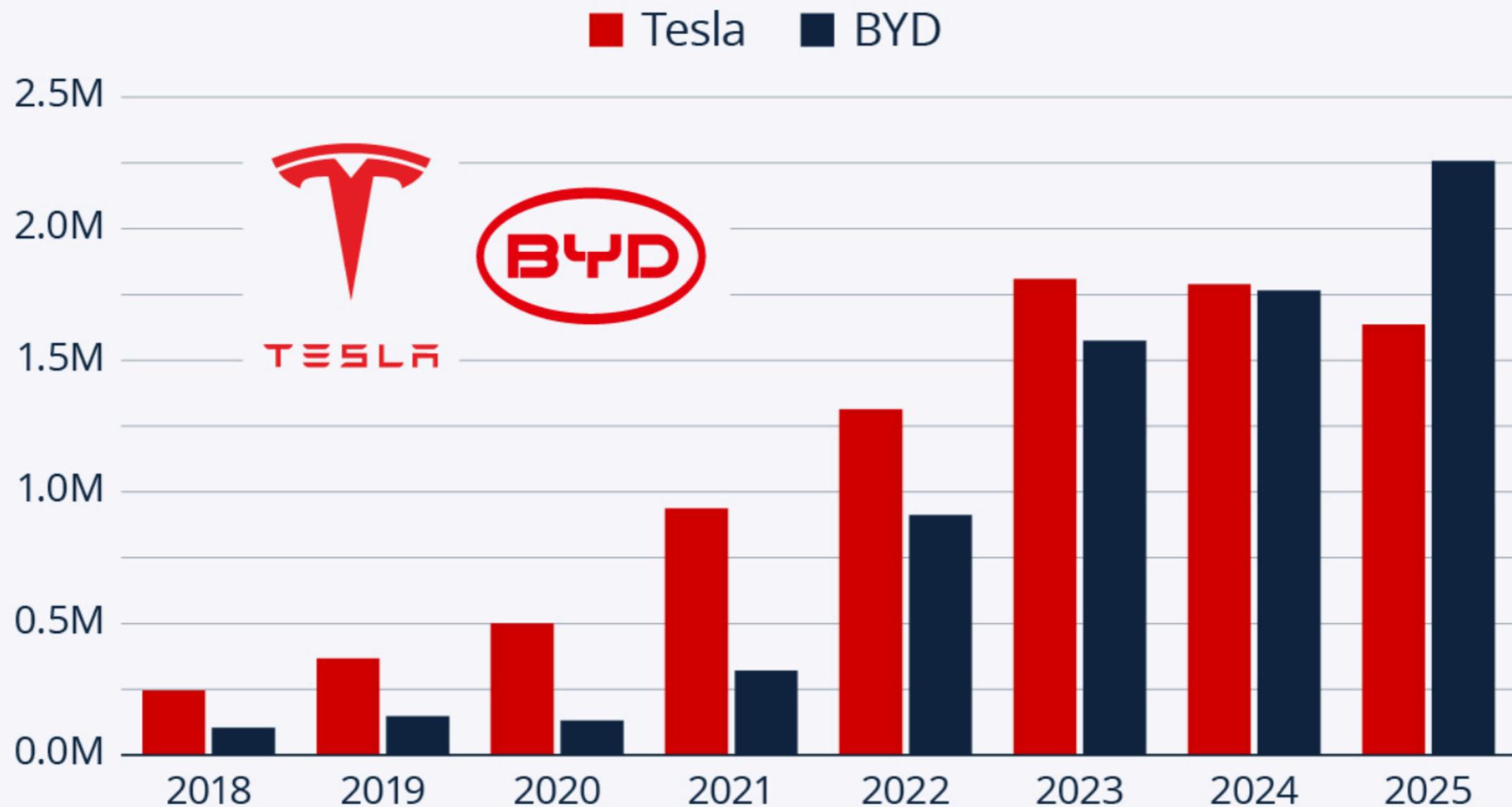
This guide focuses on helping investors understand the risks and the opportunities, identify shareholder-friendly companies, and stay within areas they fully understand before committing capital.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- China's rapid urbanization and GDP growth make it an attractive but complex investment destination.

BYD Surges Past Tesla to Become World's Largest EV Brand

Annual battery electric passenger vehicle deliveries/sales of Tesla and BYD



<https://www.statista.com/chart/33709/tesla-byd-electric-vehicle-production/>

Sources: BYD, Tesla

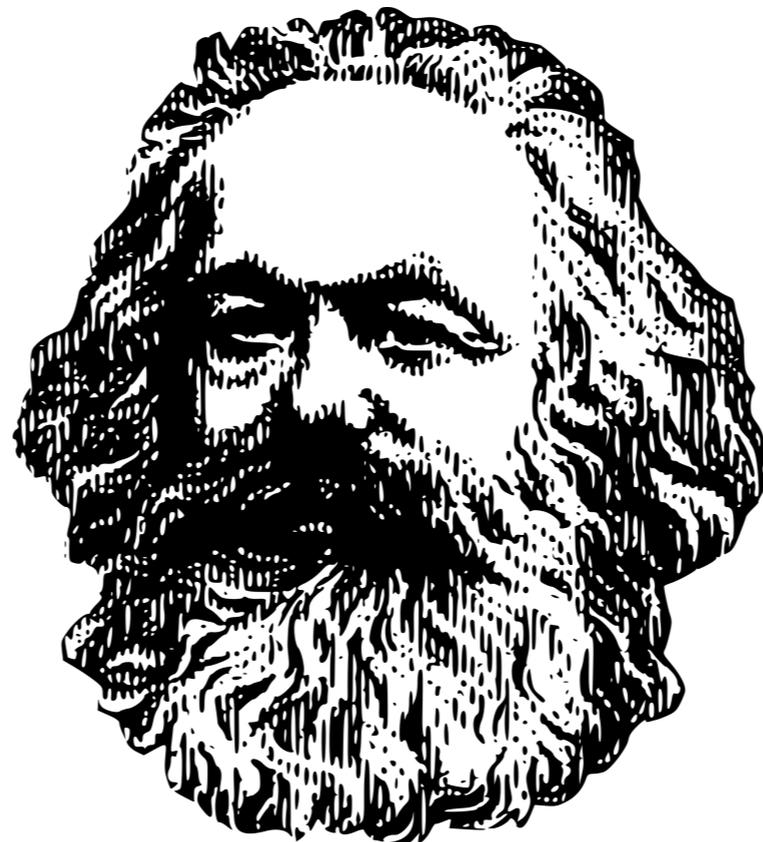
Another year, another set of records for the world's billionaire class.

Forbes has been scanning the globe for billionaires since 1987. We found 140 of them that first year. It took two decades for their numbers to swell beyond 1,000. Then there were 2,000 in 2017. Now, eight years later, another milestone: 3,028 entrepreneurs, investors and heirs make up this year's ranking, 247 more than a year ago. Not only are there more of them, but they're richer than ever, worth \$16.1 trillion in total—up nearly \$2 trillion over 2024. The U.S. has a record 902 billionaires, followed by **China (516, including Hong Kong)** and India (205). We used stock prices and exchange rates from March 7, 2025. For daily updated net worths of all 3,028 billionaires, check out our real-time billionaires ranking.

<https://www.forbes.com/billionaires/>

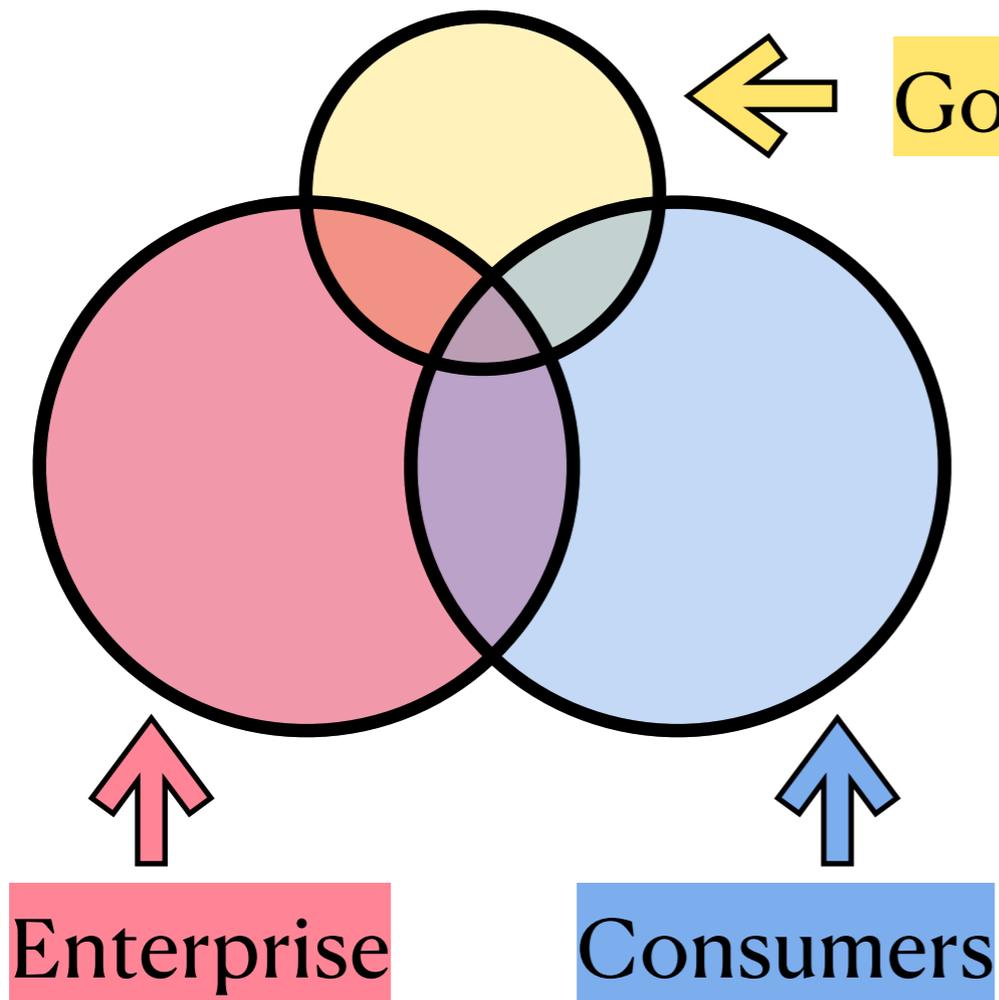


Adam Smith

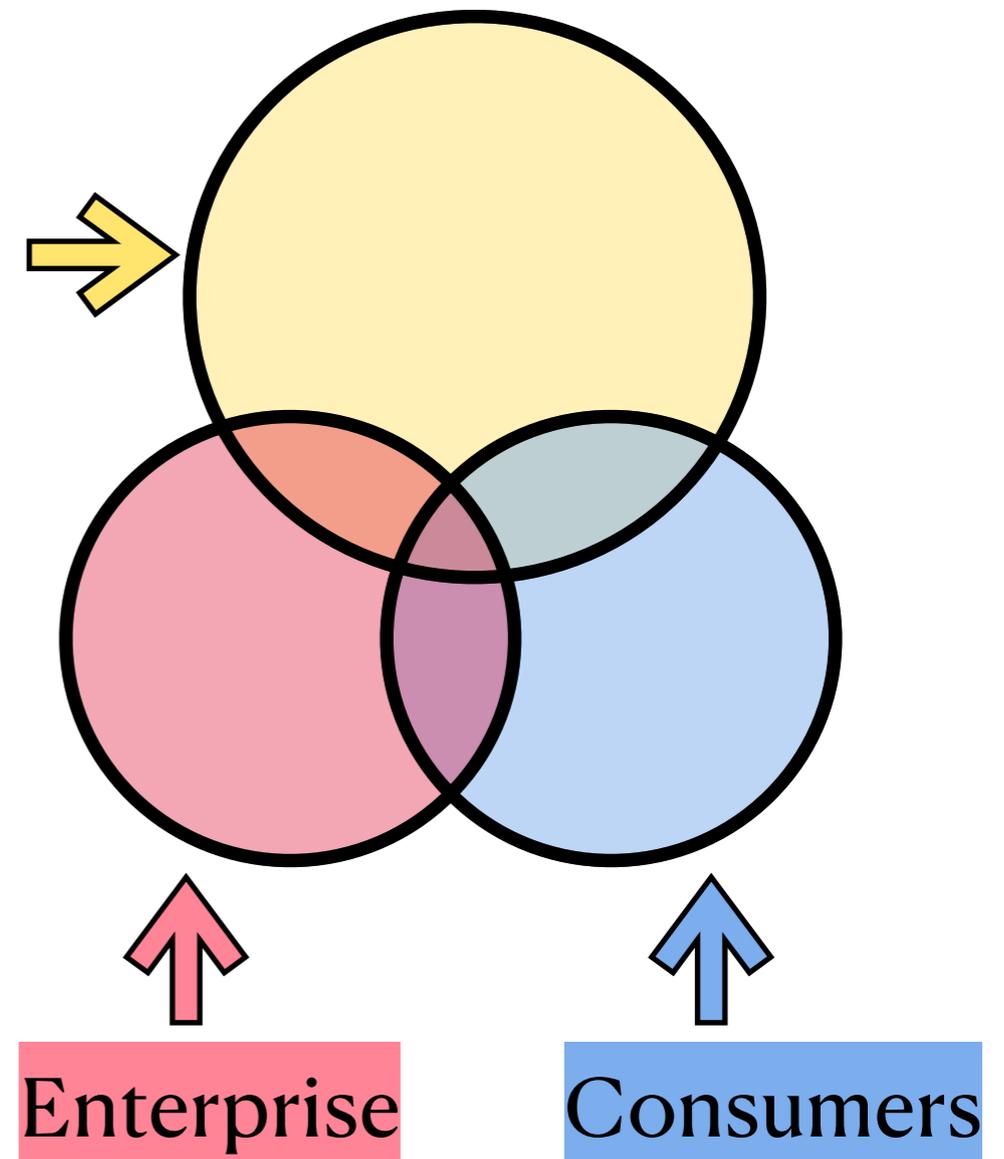


Karl Marx

The West's Free Market Economy



China's Hybrid Economy



Government

Enterprise

Consumers



GDP (constant 2015 US\$) - China

Country official statistics, National Statistical Organizations and/or Central Banks; National Accounts data files, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Staff estimates, World Bank (WB)

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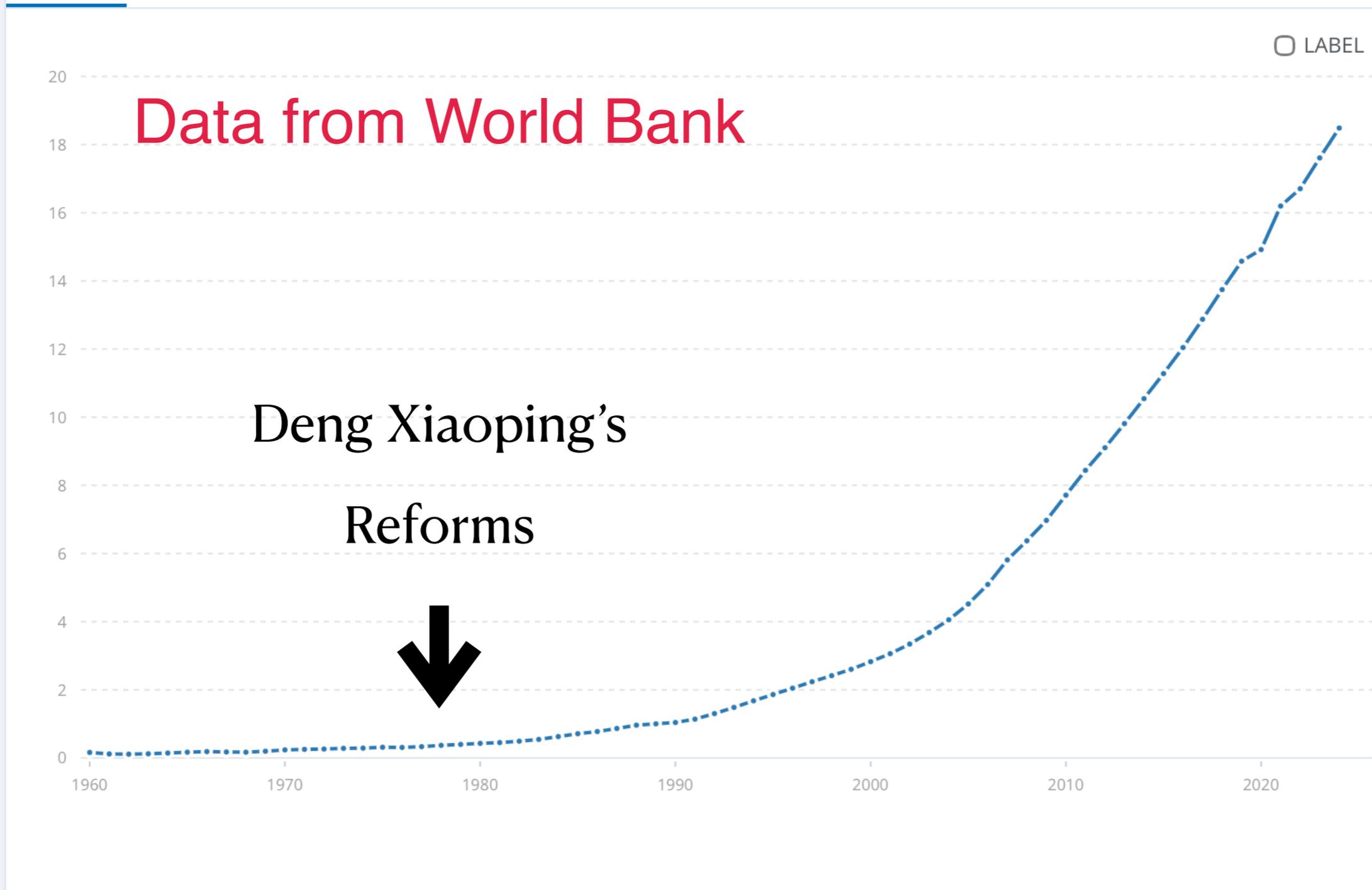
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1960 - 2024



China is home to 317 of the 2000 of the biggest companies worldwide. You can buy stock in Chinese companies on American stock exchanges. The Chinese company BYD now sells more electric cars than Tesla.

China has 516 billionaires. In terms of both rich people and rich companies, China is second only to the United States.

Does this sound like a Communist country?

Most Western economists follow the philosophical perspective of either Adam Smith, for Capitalism, or Karl Marx, for Communism. Some people in the West show almost a religious devotion to one or the other of these European economists.

China is different. They feel no obligation to follow the beliefs or practices of Western intellectuals. Author Keyu Jin explains China's economy in her book, *The New China Playbook*.

Here's a simplified diagram of how Jin compares Western and Chinese economies. The Communist Party of China still runs the government, but Chinese businesses include a combination of State-Owned Enterprises and around 20 million Western-style private businesses.

Russia also tried to privatize its economy after the fall of the Soviet Union, but China has been much more successful. Professor Jin describes a thousand-armed Buddha directing the Chinese economy, as opposed to the invisible hand of the free market.

I think the Chinese experiment is fascinating because they have the same goals as us, but they have a different culture and very different background. Stay tuned to YouTube to see how it comes out!