

US Tariffs & Local Livelihood

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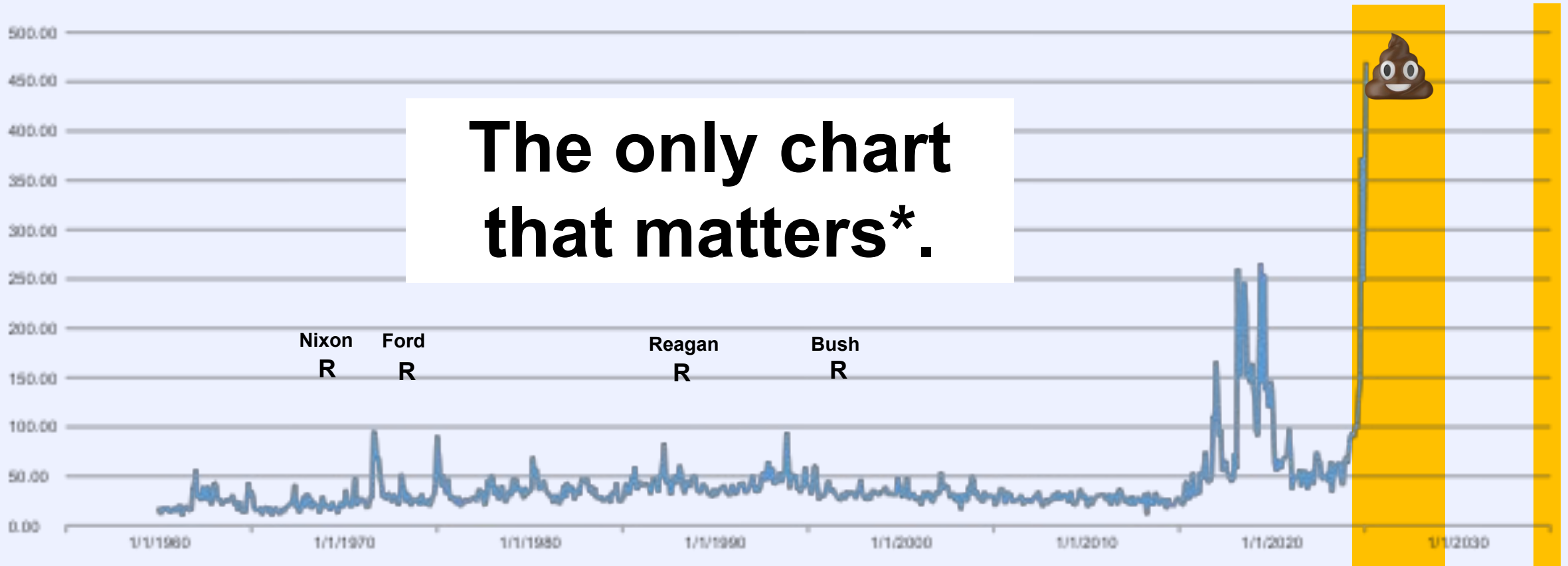


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Trade Policy Uncertainty – TPU Index

Tariffs are an example of an action that causes TPU.



The only chart that matters*.

So what? How does TPU affect me?



Large + Enterprise Private Sector

- Cut spending
- Layoff workers
- Reduce investment in equipment and infrastructure
- Diversify supply chain
- Reduce spending with small vendors
- Increase prices on nearly everything



Government

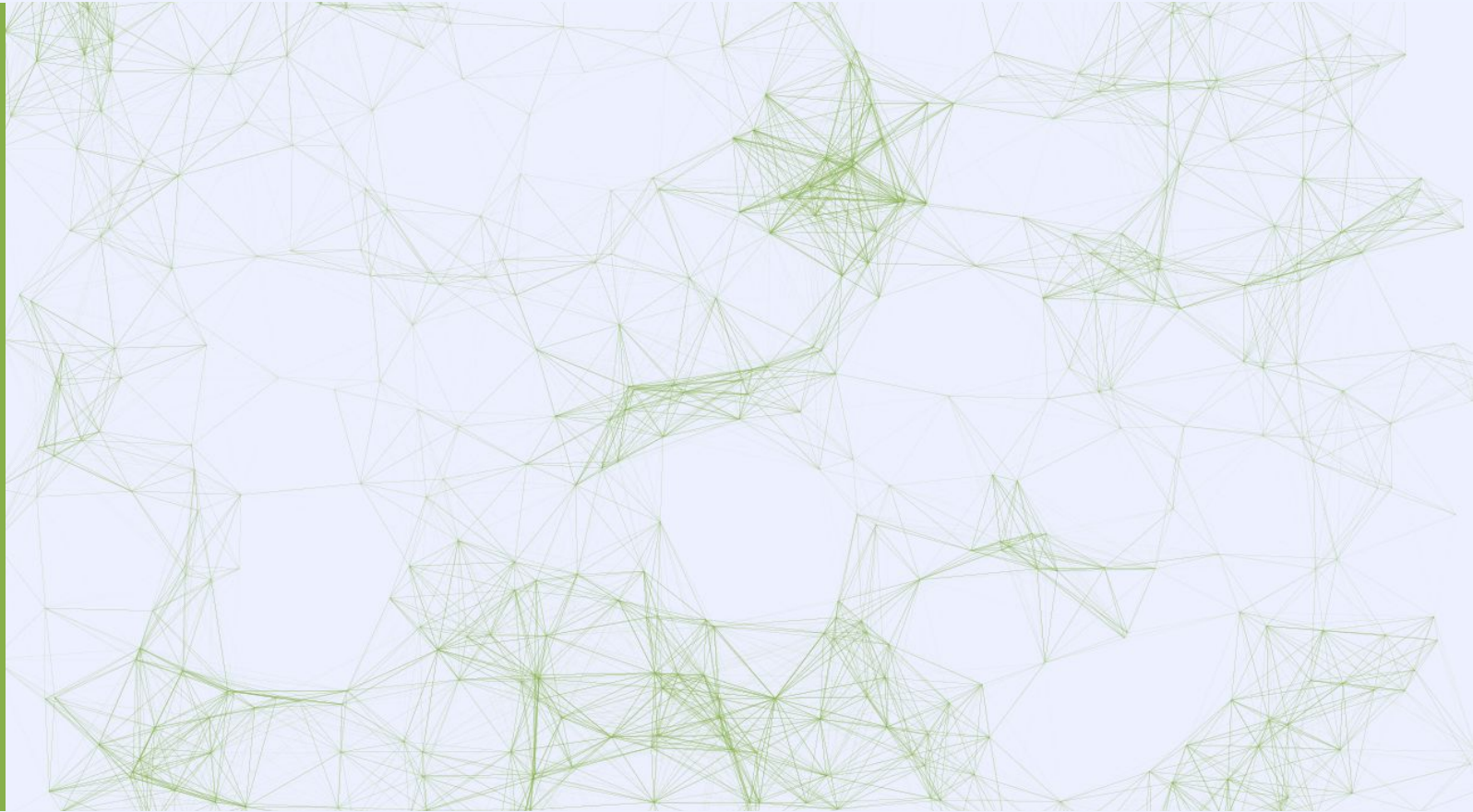
- Trade negotiations
- Economic stimulus measures
- Direct support for affected industries
- Cut any programs seen as lower priority
- Running up deficit



SMEs on Rural Islands

- Higher costs for anything imported
- Shipping delays (like during COVID)
- Decline in tourism revenue as worried people cut back on spending
- Reduced spending by government and big business in your community
- Banks tighten lending criteria

**Oh, crap.
WHAT DO
WE DO???**



Hyperlocalization: Strengthening the Local Economy

Local Production
& Supply Chains



Community-Owned
Business Models

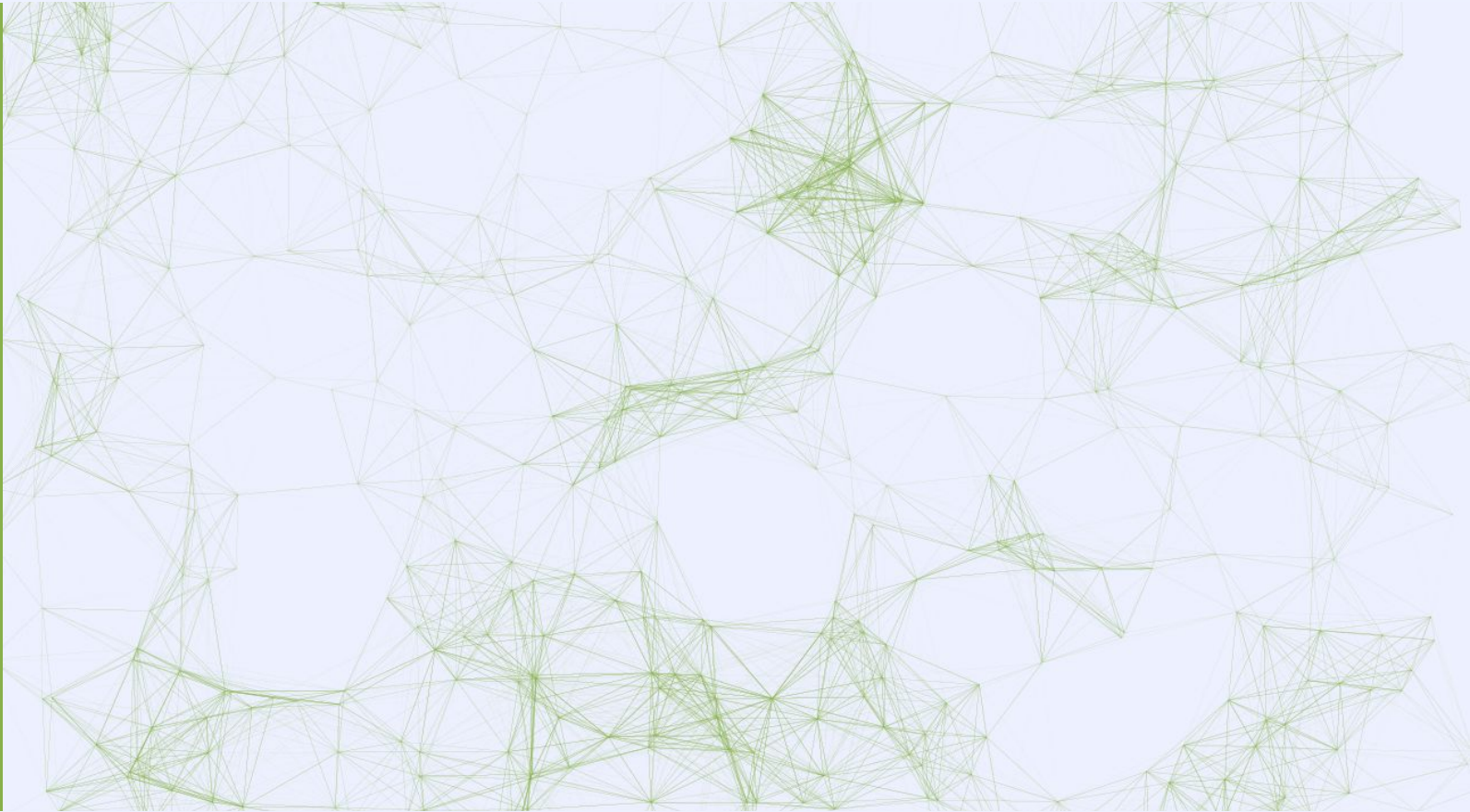


"Buy Local" (or "Buy
Canadian) Initiatives





QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU
