

Trust

**The new, new thing
has a lot to do with
the increasingly important role
that trust, and its absence,
plays in international relations,
now that so many goods and services
that the United States and China
sell to one another are digital,
and therefore dual use — meaning
they can be both a weapon and a tool.
Just when trust has become more important
than ever between the U.S. and China,
it also has become scarcer than ever.
Bad trend.**

**Thomas Friedman,
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