

WHAT HAPPENS IN CHINA DOESN'T STAY IN CHINA

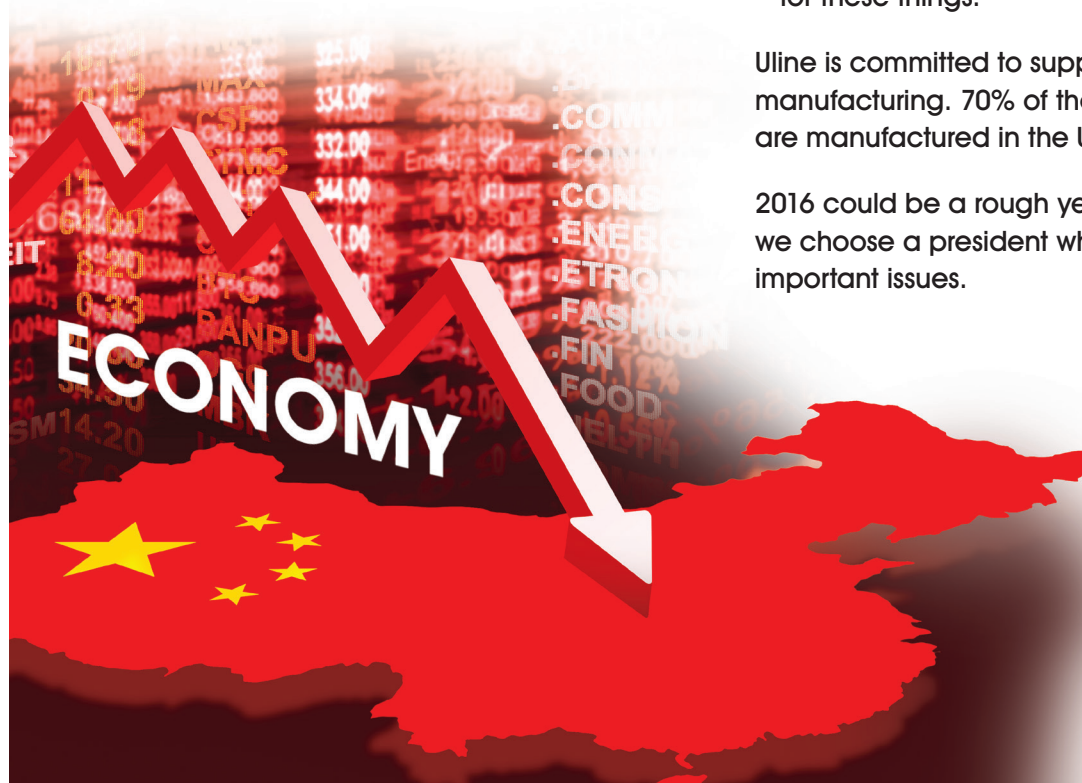
The presidential election is just around the corner. News outlets constantly focus on candidates and national issues, but there's a story happening outside our country that may affect us more than a new president – China's economic slowdown.

Last summer, China's stock exchange plummeted almost 40% and they devalued their currency to fix the problem. It might have stopped them from collapsing, but they aren't growing the way they used to.

- Devaluing China's currency makes their labor even cheaper, which may entice more U.S. companies to send manufacturing overseas.
- China's booming construction industry has slowed dramatically. Now they have empty cities full of empty high-rises.
- Automakers and luxury brands that export goods to China will feel the pain, too, as Chinese consumers won't have the money for these things.

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2016 could be a rough year. Let's make sure we choose a president who will focus on these important issues.



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PLUGGED IN, TUNED OUT



Spending time with my grandkids, I can't help but notice how much time they spend on their phones – even at family dinners.

With Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook hijacking their attention, kids seem more disengaged from the real world.

And it's not just kids. How many adults are up-to-date on the latest celebrity buzz, but have no idea what the price of a barrel of oil is? The "news" they're getting from their social media feed isn't news – it's infotainment.

We need to spend more time unplugged, and parents have to set the example. Have an actual face-to-face conversation with family or friends – no phone in sight. Read a newspaper instead of just checking news feeds. Tech is great, but not if it keeps us from tuning in to what's most important.