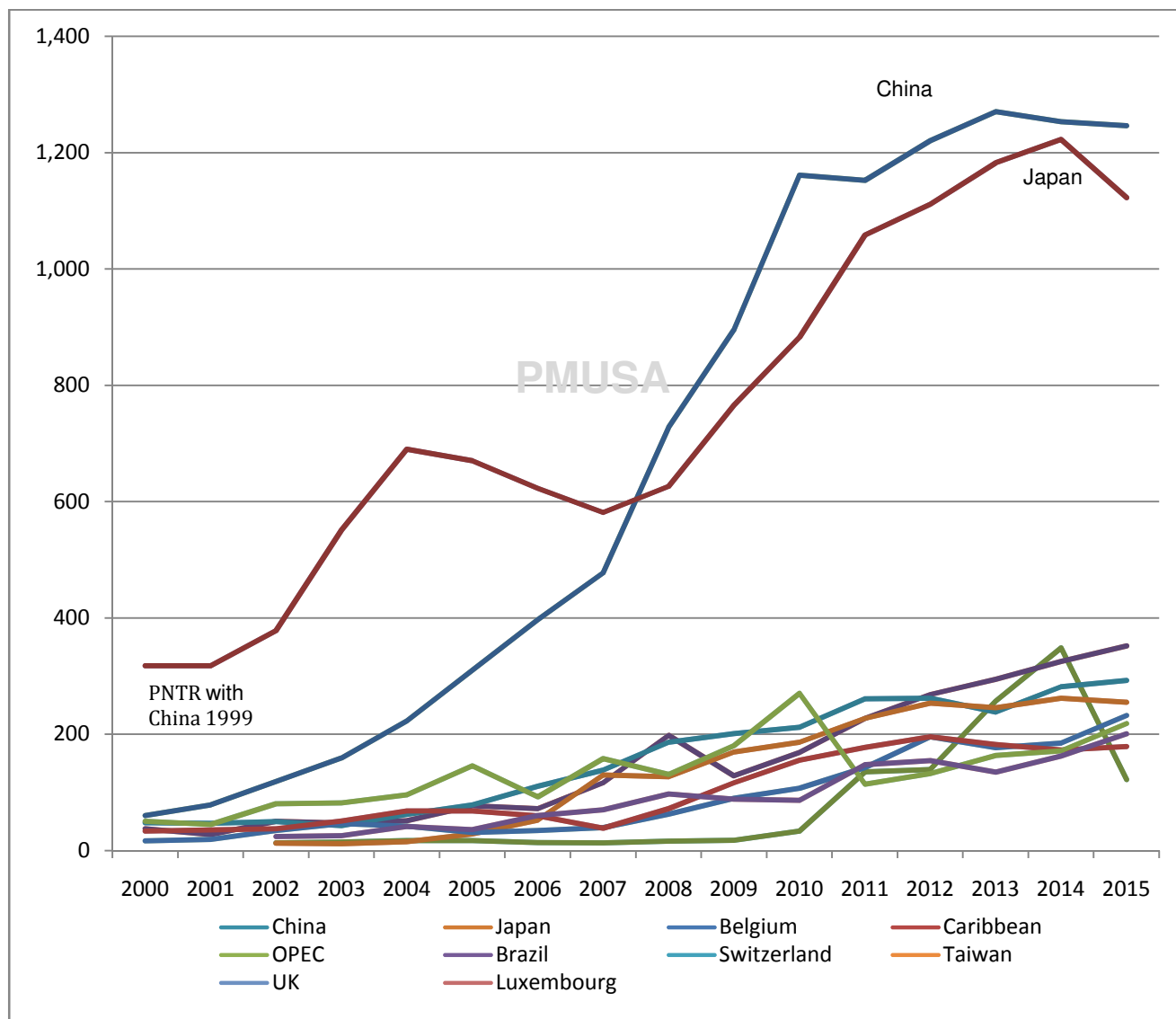


TOP TEN FOREIGN HOLDERS OF TREASURY SECURITIES 2000-2015 (\$ BILLIONS)



(Source: U.S. Dept of Treasury)

2016 (\$ billions, net long-term capital flows (TIC))

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
12	72	78.1	-79.6	41.1	-.5	-103.9	63	-26.2	9.4	30.8	-12.9

Holdings of U.S. treasury securities are the dollar value of investments in U.S. government debt by foreign countries. The data comes from the Treasury International Capital (TIC) flow report on U.S. cross-border financial flows. The trend in foreign holdings of U.S. government debt over the past 14 years is obviously higher. The clear standout is China. In 1999 President Clinton with the support of the Republican and Democrat leadership in Congress signed into law Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China. There is a direct correlation between America's ballooning trade deficit with China beginning in 2000 and China's accumulation of U.S. government debt since. Of course the same applies to Japan, and until the U.S. agreed to the one-sided China trade deal in 1999, Japan was the stand out country for U.S. debt ownership. This trend with respect to Japan and China specifically, though all countries generally, is now a significant national security problem. America has too much debt. TIC data is released monthly.