

Regulation, Regulatory Reform, and the Economy

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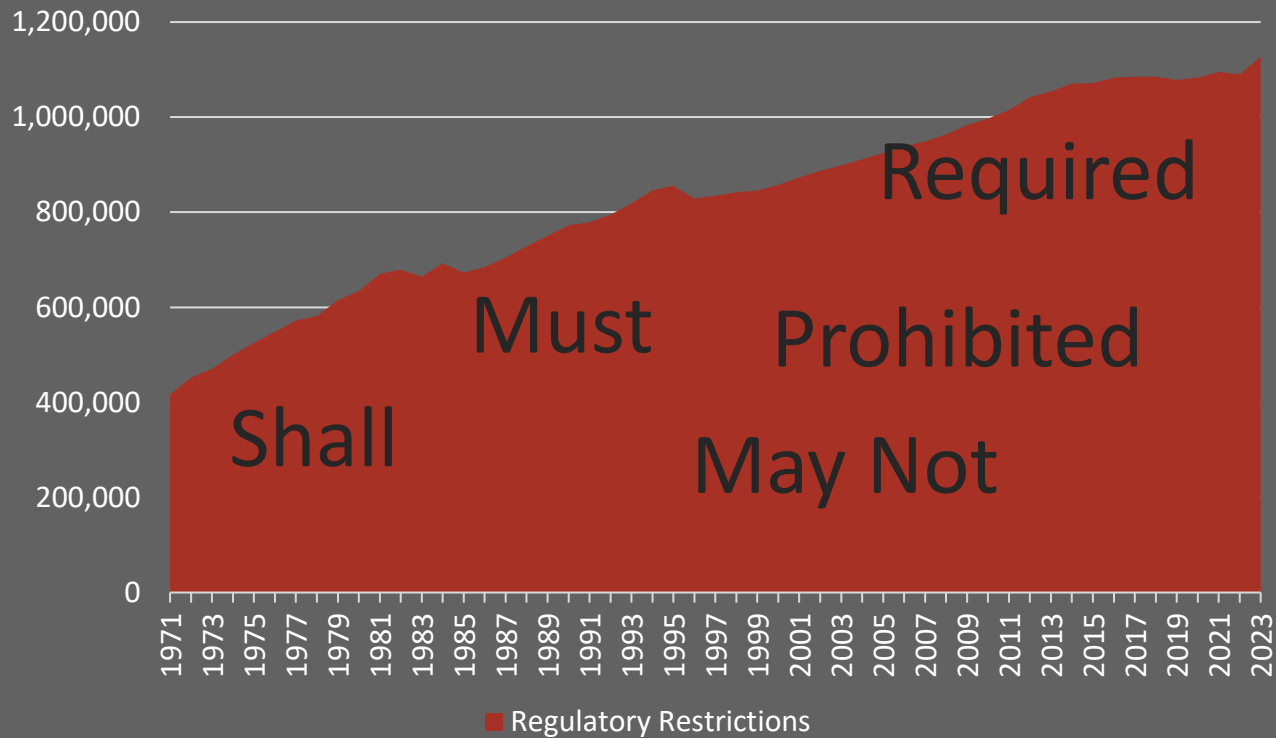
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RegData introduced a system of measurement of regulation to advance the science of regulation...

Through measurement to knowledge.

Federal Regulatory Accumulation in the United States

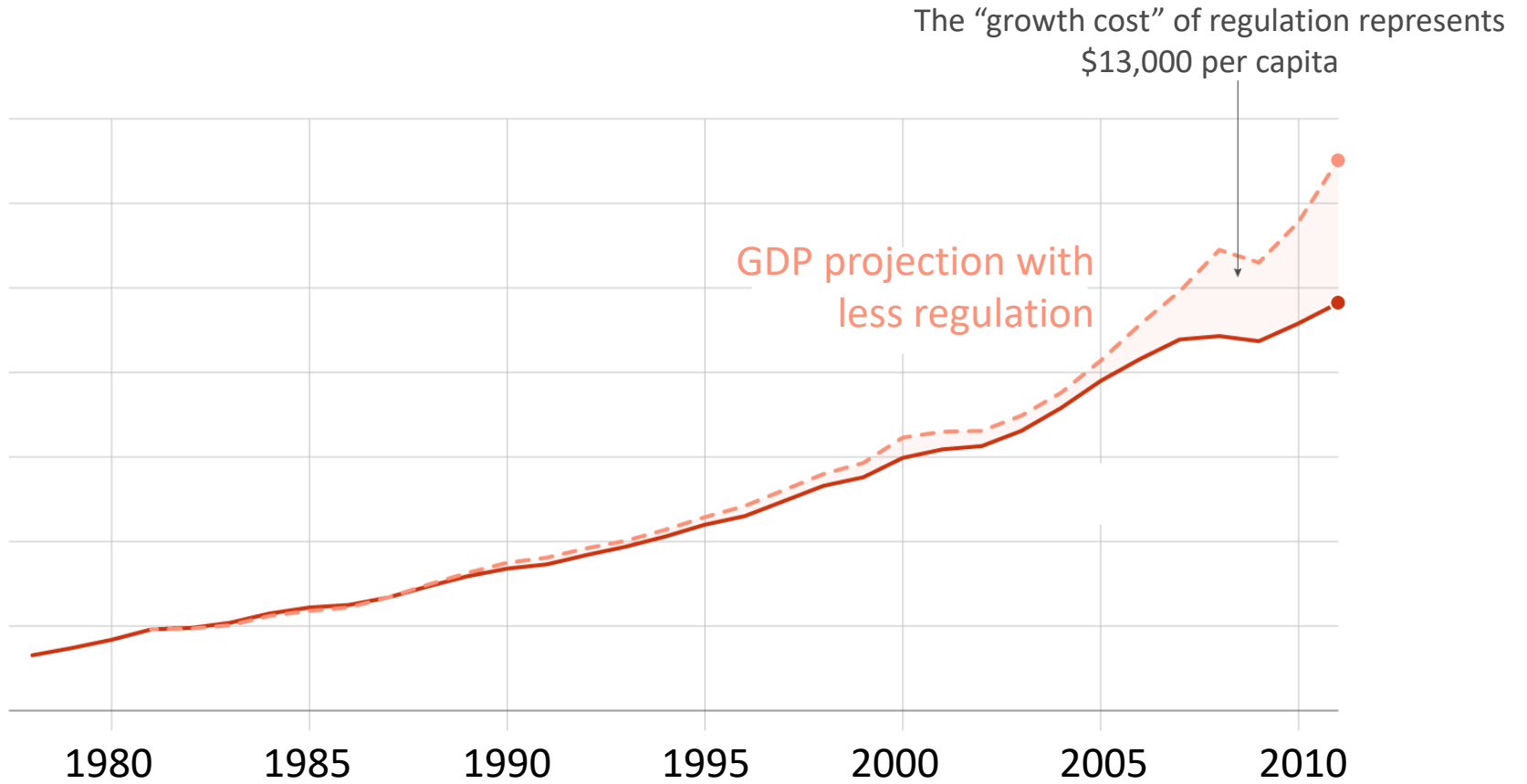


Now we have data. What about knowledge?

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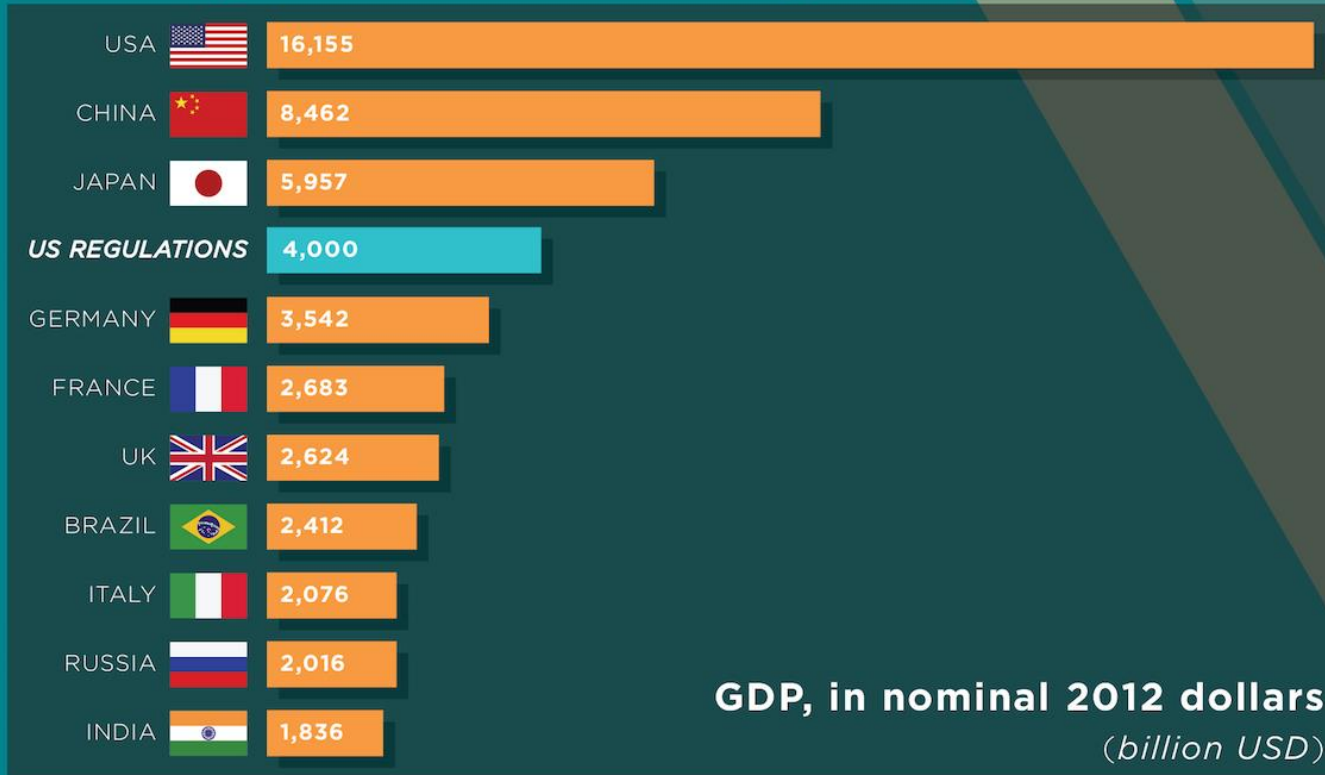
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Regulatory Accumulation, Business Investment, and Growth



The Cost of Regulations:

If the cost of regulatory accumulation (\$4 trillion) were a country, it would have the 4th largest GDP in the world.



Figures represent data from 2012

Sources:

Bentley Coffey, Patrick A. McLaughlin, and Pietro Peretto, "The Cumulative Cost of Regulations," April 2016.

IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO), October 2015

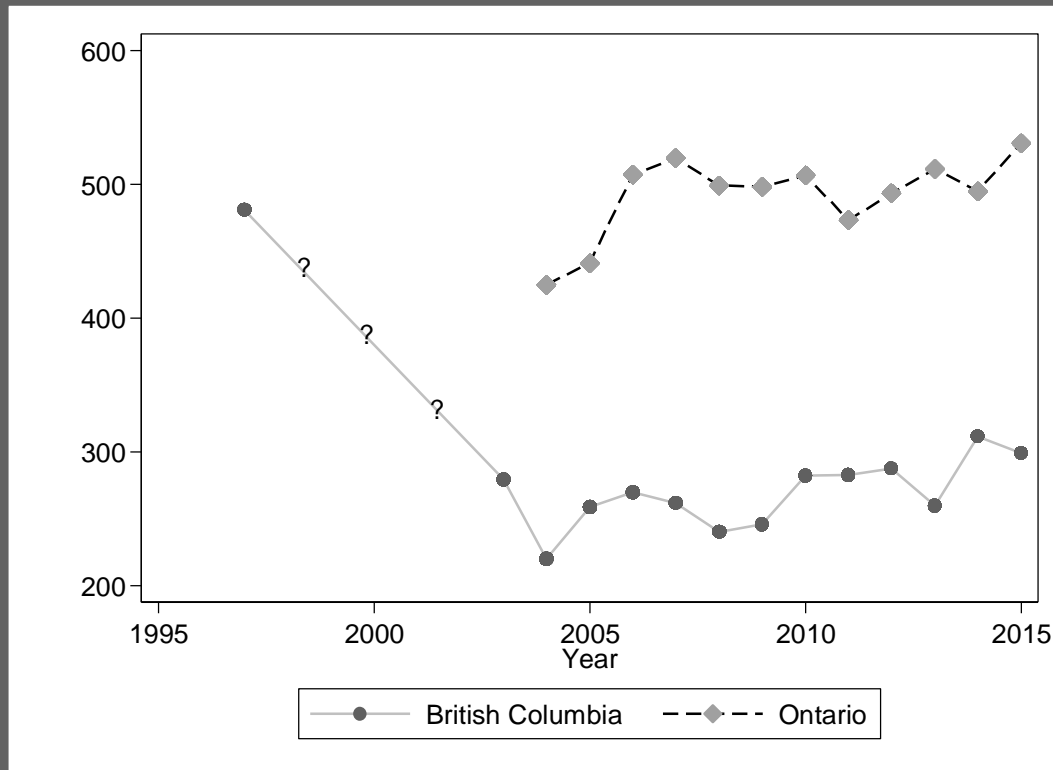
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British Columbia had a bad decade, so it implemented the first successful “regulatory budget” in 2001.

- Establish a baseline (measure)
 - Set a target
- Update data to track progress

Mean industry regulation index in British Columbia and Ontario



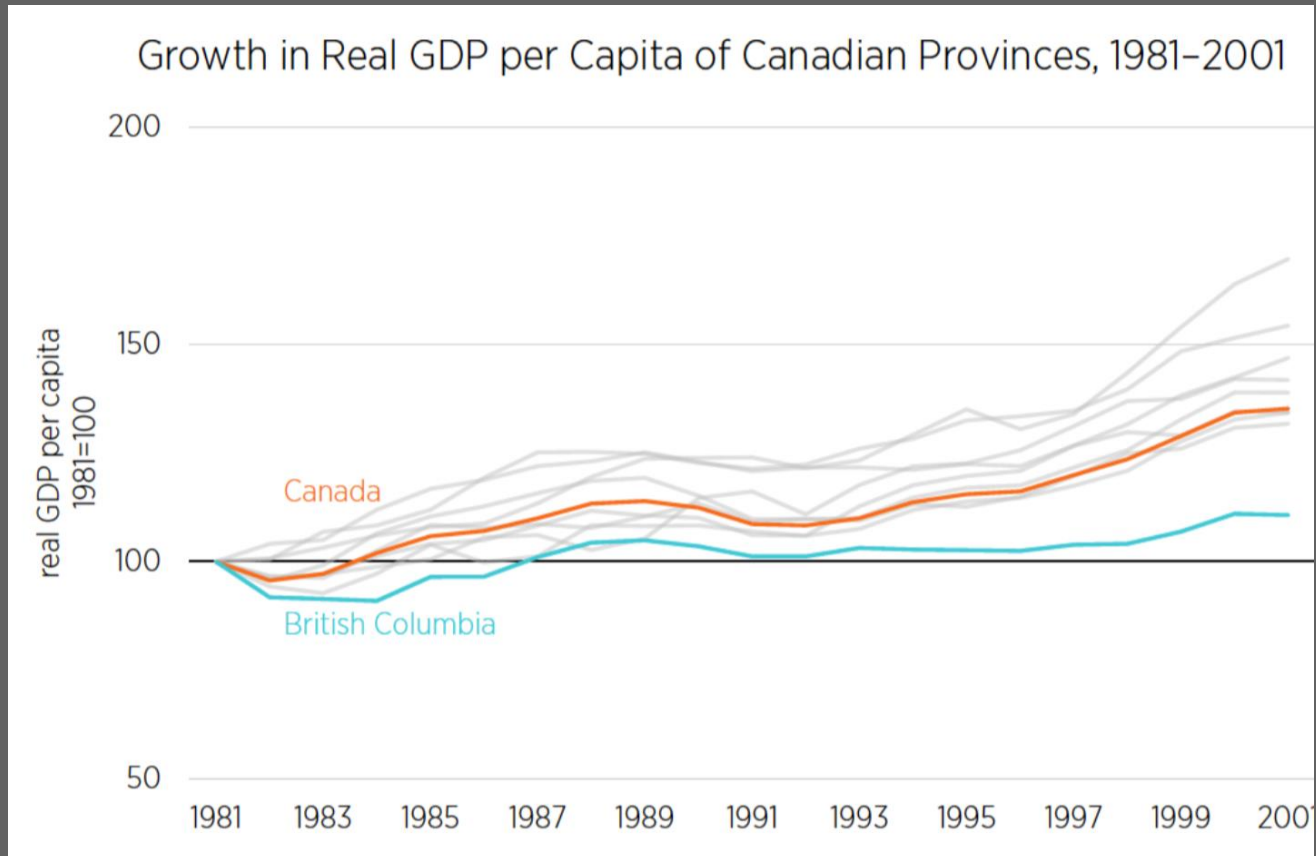
Results for BC's reform:

40% decrease in level of regulation

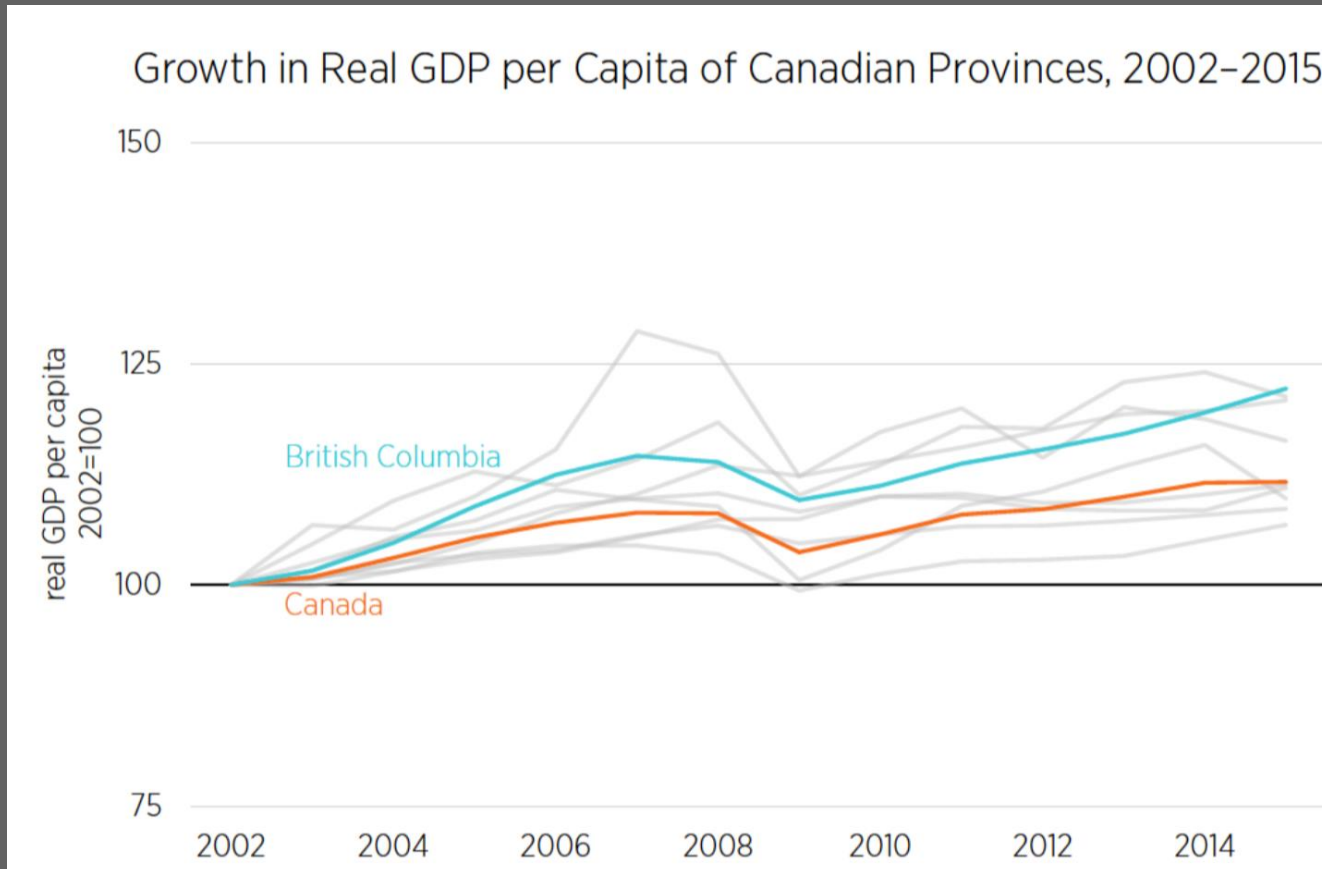
→ 1.20 pp increase in growth rate



Slow growth in 1990's



Better growth after 2001



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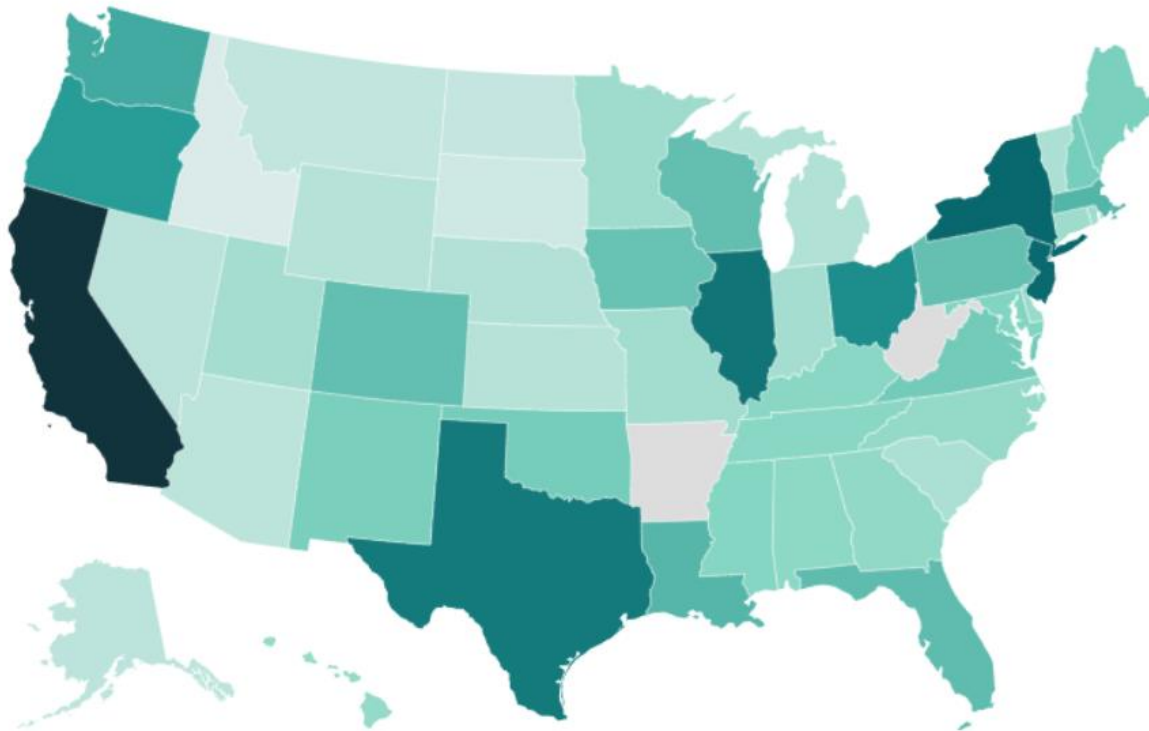
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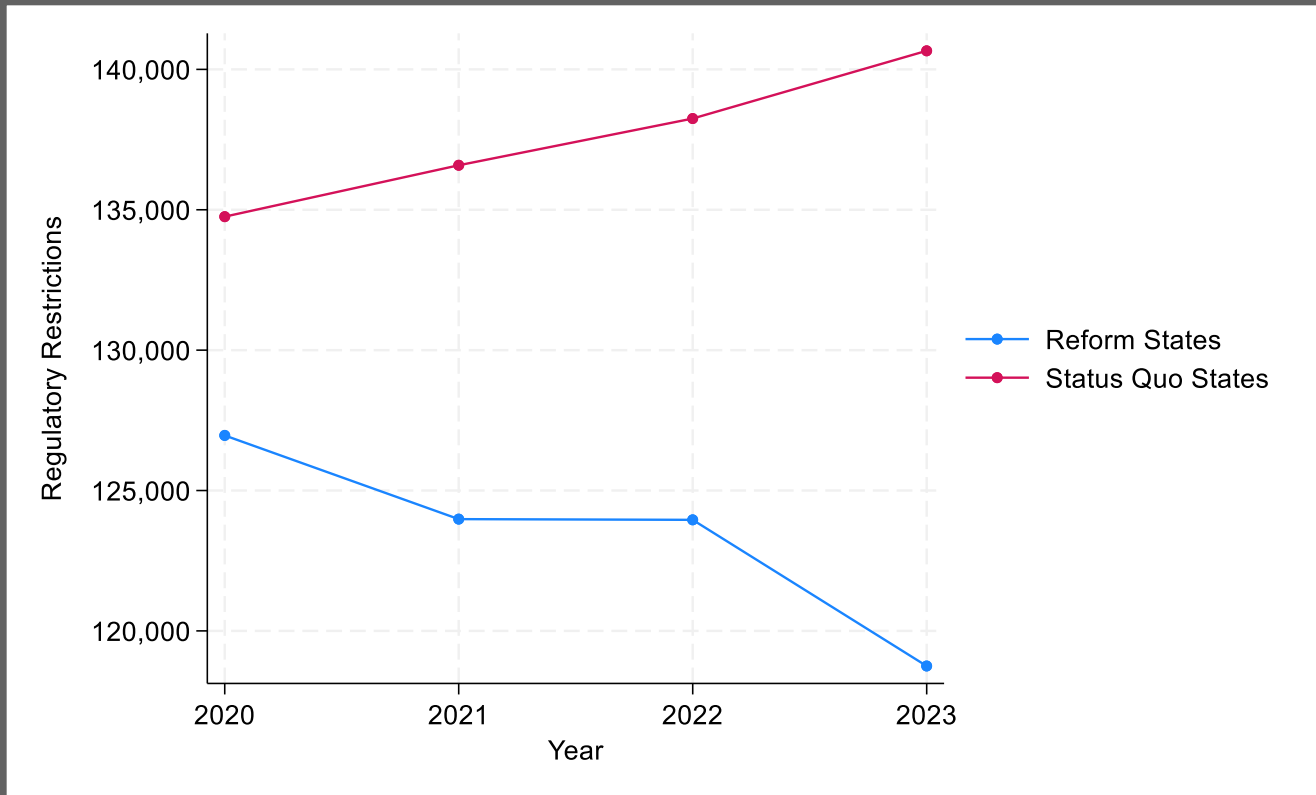
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4. Create positions/offices for measuring and managing regulatory policy

The Most Regulated States in the US

2023 Total Reg Restrictions

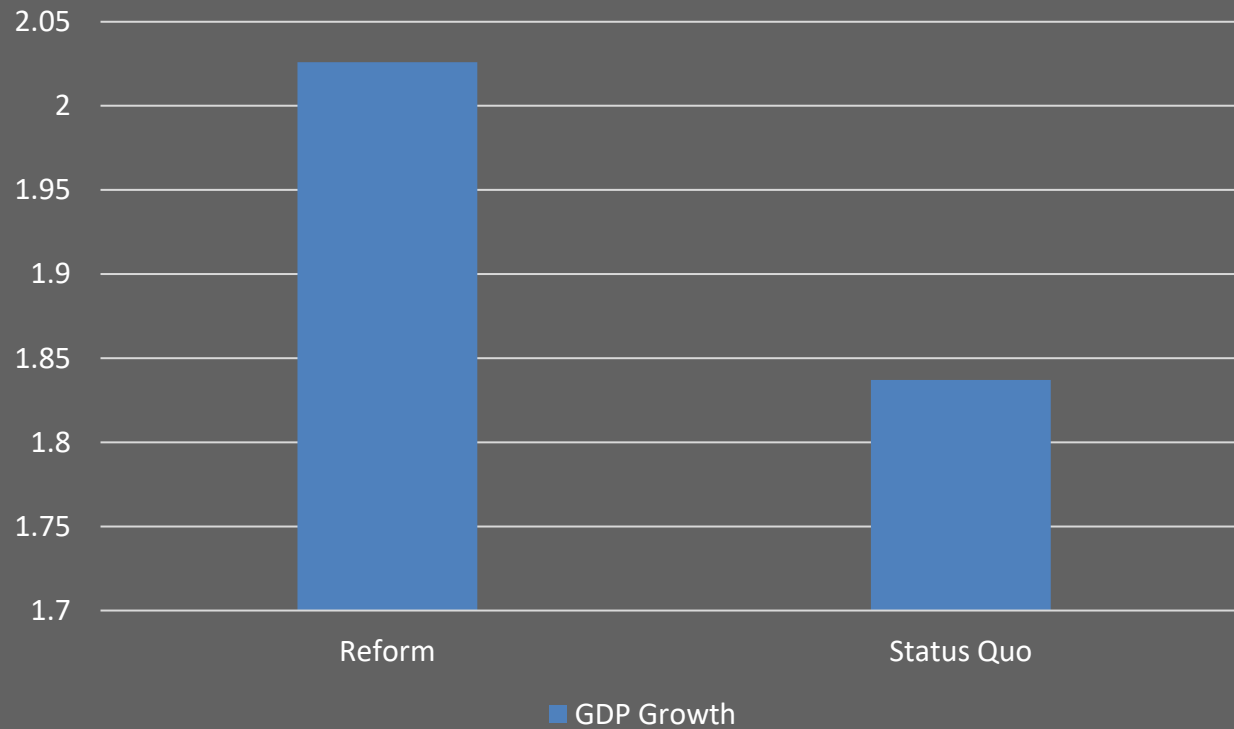


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GDP Growth



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