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# Mark Penn's Transgression

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**Quote**

“ Under the Andean Trade Preference Act, passed by a Democratic Congress in 1991, the United States imposes tariffs on only 8 percent of imports from Colombia. But more than 90 percent of U.S. exports to Colombia are subjected to tariffs, some as high as 35 percent. The trade agreement would make this "one-way free trade," which now primarily serves Colombia's interests, more mutually beneficial. ”

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