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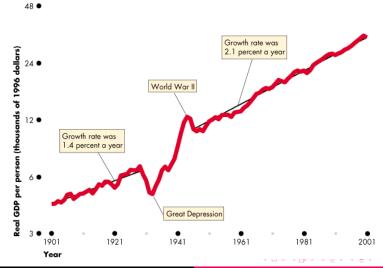
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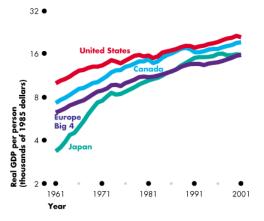
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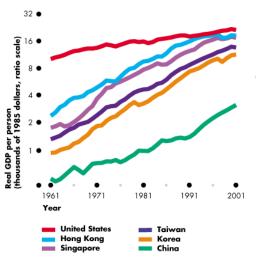


(a) Catch-up?

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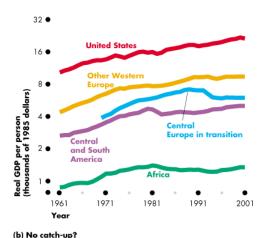
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#### Growth rates since 1990:

- Hong Kong  $\approx 3\%$
- Singapore  $\approx 5\%$
- Taiwan  $\approx 5\%$
- Korea  $\approx 5\%$
- China  $\approx 10\%$

### Some Lesser Developed Economies Not Catching Up 7/16





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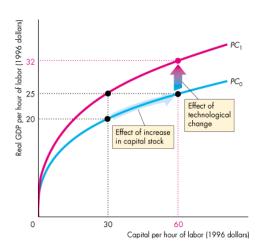
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