

1 | Sources List

- Japan's Attack on Pearl Harbor - Gompert 2014
- Oil Logistics in the Pacific War - Donovan 2001
- US Navy Vis a Vi Embargo - Herzog 1966

2 | Proposal

- **Topic:** I am working on the American-Japanese economic sanctions that lead up to WWII
- **Question:** What Japanese political strategies (both geopolitical and economic) were deployed in response to American economic sanctions (e.g. American oil embargo, etc.) in response to Japanese belligerence, and did the responses contribute to or diffuse the tension that ultimately resulted in the attack on Pearl Harbor?
- **Significance:** I am perusing this study so I can help others understand the utility of hard-line economic sanctions as a tool of response to geopolitical conflict.

3 | Sub-Claim Organization

3.1 | Export Licensing Confusion

- And so America froze Japanese assets. Notably, however, no oil embargo
- There was originally a lifeline for the Japanese to apply for a license for oil export, but no approvals were granted
- Ambivalence to tech error lead to oil embargo

3.2 | Perceived Inevitability of Conflict

- Systemic Japanese saw eventual US Japan conflict, its just a matter of time
- The government promised to take stronger steps if Japanese were to advance into the far east

3.3 | Perceived Escalation

- Japanese pact to get resources and military with Germany + Italy meant to deter the US, but actually was viewed as an aggression
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3.4 | Signs of Inter-Dependence

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3.5 | Culture and Geopolitics

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