

# Military and Strategic Studies

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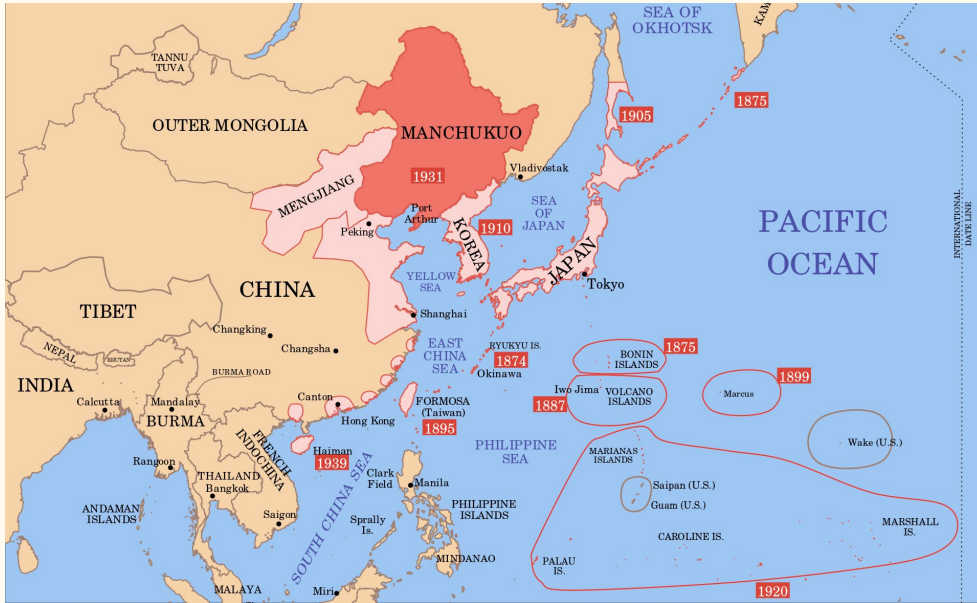


# Japan's Choice

Japan's Dilemma in  
1936:

Internationalism or  
Autarky

Strike North or  
South



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# Resource poor

# Powerful armed forces

# Deteriorating relations with the U.S. & U.K.

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# Soviets focused on Europe

# Japan's Context

U.S. withdrawing  
but, tilting more  
hostile

The lessons of  
WW1





# Japan's Context



Japan's defense  
production  
dependent on  
foreign resources  
Primarily trade  
with the U.S.

# The Balance of Strength (1938)

	Population (millions)	Imperial Population	Total Population	GDP (Billion \$)	Army
<b>Japan</b>	71.9	59.8	131.7	232.3	950,000
<b>China</b>	411.7	0	411.7	320.5	2,000,000
<b>UK</b>	47.5	483.8	531.3	683.3	330,000
<b>USA</b>	130.5	17.8	148.3	800.3	200,000
<b>USSR</b>	168.9	0	168.9	359.0	930,000



# Naval Strength in the Pacific (1941)

	Battleships	Carriers	Cruisers	Destroyers	Submarines
U.S.	9	3	24	80	56
U.K.	2	0	8	13	0
Dutch and Free French	0	0	4	7	13
Allied Total	11	3	36	100	69
Japan	10	10	36	113	63

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What should  
Japan's grand  
strategy be?

Should Japan seek  
allies, and if so,  
which countries?

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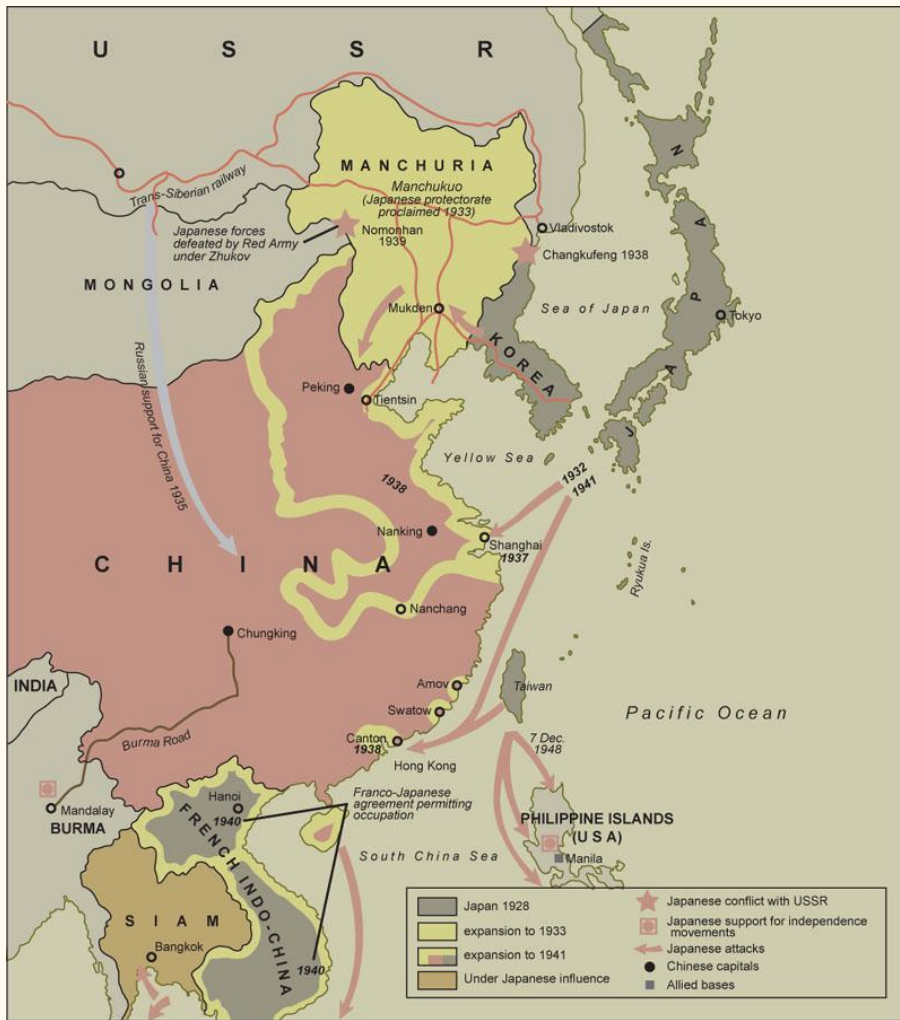
Which aspects of  
state power should  
Japan prioritize?



# Japan's Choice

Were Japan's goals achievable?

What was the center of gravity of the Chinese state?



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Japanese strategists understood the war in China as limited. Was it? Why or Why Not?