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1 | Ming's Governmental Decline

Decline

- China never had a free market?? #why
 - Banned overseas trade
- Order in 1433 from new emperor apparently banned these missions

Reasons for Decline

- Seafaring was costly, and did not help the Northern Mongol invasions (duh)
- Japanese pirates did show up, but so did the Portuguese, but apparently they didn't care, so why?
- Government being worked against by the people => Rebels occurring at every level
- The answer... CONFUCIANISM! #sic
 - China is a conservative, Confucian country
 - Merchants are disliked
 - So are private capital
 - Armies are too!
 - A side note about tech
 - Confucianism actually does encourage tech
 - Simply requires building for knowledge or state purposes, and not for armies/private property
 - China attempted to emulate their "old ways", especially after the mongol clearing => caused closing