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Does anyone have any good primary sources (translated into English, sorry) for why the Japanese thought that attacking the US--not to mention France, Britain, and Holland all at once--would be a good idea? There was another thread on here that said they basically thought the US wouldn't fight back, but no sources were linked.

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↑ [-] Cutlass 2 points 3 hours ago

↓ You could try **Japan's War**
<http://www.amazon.com/Japans-War-Great-Pacific-Conflict/dp/0815411189>

I read that several years ago. Long enough unfortunately that I don't recall it in detail.

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↓ Thanks!

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↓ They thought the USA would see the war is not profitable and sue for peace. I can see how they thought that but they were wrong.

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↓ Michael Hunt's book **Crisis In US Foreign Policy** has a good number of primary sources from both sides. He traces the high level discussions among the Japanese and American governments and the eventual failure of diplomatic relations. I think it may have what you are looking for, the chapter on Pearl Harbor contains numerous translated sources detailing what the Japanese strategy and policy as it was enunciated in high level Japanese government meetings.

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↓ I think we were blockading Japan at the time. We kind of forced them to act or slowly suffocate.

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↓ There was an oil embargo that began in August 1941, but an embargo isn't the same as a blockade. Either way, attacking the US Navy doesn't follow as something they would have been "forced" to do. Lots of countries get economic sanctions of varying degree without flipping their shit and attacking four major

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powers in the space of a month (while waging a land war in China!). I'm looking for insight into why they thought attacking was a sensible thing to do.

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