ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

Definition

Economic sanctions are economic measures used to lower the welfare of the target country in order to change the target government's political behavior (adapted from Pape 1997:94-95).

Typology

Financial x trade

Unilateral x multilateral

General x smart

Mandatory x voluntary

Primary x secondary

DO ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WORK?

PUZZLE I

WHY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS DO NOT WORK?

Puzzle II

"A nation that is boycotted is a nation that is in sight of surrender. Apply this economic, peaceful, silent, deadly remedy and there will be no need for force. It is a terrible remedy. It does not cost a life outside the nation boycotted, but it brings a pressure upon the nation which, in my judgment, no modern nation could resist."

Why are economic sanctions so often used despite dubious historical record?

Puzzle III

Addressing the puzzle III

"Why states impose economic sanctions? Do states perceive sanctions as an alternative to war, or just a weaker tool suitable for a lesser problems?"

- Cases: sanctions followed by a war
- Question: 'Did the sender expect the sanctions will change targets behavior? If not, what where "the other" reasons sender had when imposing sanction?'
- Use HSE dataset
  - *sanctions must come at least six months before the war*
  - *Let me know which case you selected before you start writing your case study*