

International Politics



Sanctions



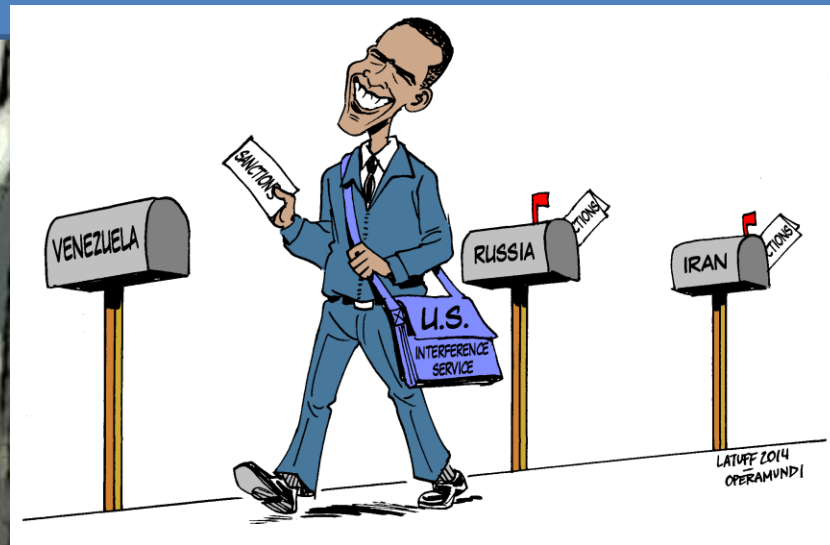
What are Sanctions?

- Tools used by countries or international organizations to persuade a particular government or group of governments to do something
 - Restricts trade, investment or other commercial activity.



Who are Sanctions used on?

- Sanctions may be applied to countries which develop weapons of mass destruction, violate human rights or trade unfairly.
 - The extent of the sanctions often depends on the severity of the violation.



Who Can Make Sanctions?

- Individual Countries
- The United Nations
 - Normally the Security Council



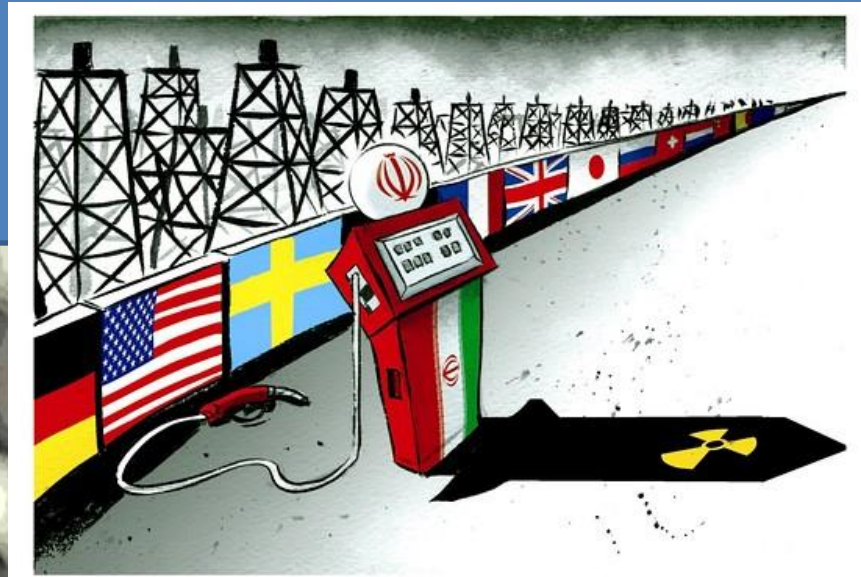
What are the purposes of sanctions

- Try to get a country to stop doing something
- Try to prevent wars!!!
- Normally used when diplomacy has failed
- Next step is military force



Types of Sanctions

- Trade Sanction – Removal of Trade benefits given to a certain country to try to pressure change
 - Normally because they are not meeting fair trade regulations
 - Higher tariffs



Types of Sanctions

- Trade Embargo – Restricting types of Materials that can be sent to a country
 - Can also be used to restrict goods coming out of a country
 - Raw Materials (ex: Uranium)
 - Technology (ex: xbox)
 - Weapons (ex: Fighter Jets)
 - Raw Goods (ex: “Blood Diamonds” from Sierra Leone)

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- Boycott – Refusing to Trade with country, refusing participation in anyway with country
 - Ex: American Boycott of 1980 Olympic Summer Games in Moscow
 - Done as a way to protest Soviet invasion of Afghanistan



Types of Sanctions

- Freezing of Assets – Restricting the use of money or other possessions
 - Only really works on international assets
 - Can't really impact assets inside country in all cases
 - Ex: Freezing Gaddafi's International bank accounts



Types of Sanctions

- Travel Ban
 - Restricting a person's movement out of their country
 - Restricting a person from coming into your country
 - Restricting your citizens from going to a country
 - EX: Gadaffi not allowed to travel to Europe, Ex: Americans not allowed to go to Cuba

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- Technology Transfer – Restrictions on technological knowledge being sold or sent to another country
 - Normally used for secrets on how to make nuclear weapons



Types of Sanctions

- Cash Transfers – Stops money transfers into, and out of, a country, or can be used against an individual



Problems with Sanctions

- Can create more problems between countries
 - They hate you because you're imposing sanctions on them
- Hurts populations
 - Governments can use this to blame other countries
 - Sanctions will often exclude humanitarian aid
 - Medicine etc...

So do Sanctions work?

- Kinda...



- Famous Example of Sanctions actually working
 - US Sanctions on South Africa in protest of Apartheid
 - Eventually forced SA to give up Apartheid