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
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• 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
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• 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
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• 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: Gaddaffi 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
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- **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