The Failure of Economic Sanctions on Preventing the Continuation of North Korea’s Nuclear Program

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What to Look At

- Problem
- Possible Hypothesis
  - Individual decision maker
  - Domestic determinant
  - International Environment
- Hypothesis
- Case Study
  - Current Sanctions
  - Major Actors
- Conclusion
Problem

- Three Nuclear tests
- Sanctions have been placed after each test
- Program continues to grow
- Citizens suffer
Possible Hypothesis

- Independent Decision Maker
  - If a state’s political leader continues to ignore the problems within their country, then economic sanctions will continue to fail at deterring their nuclear program.
Possible Hypothesis

- Domestic Determinant
  - If a government prioritizes military hardware over the people, then economic sanctions will continue to fail at deterring their nuclear program.

Worker’s Party of Korea
Possible Hypothesis

- International Environment
  - If countries refuse to comply with internationally agreed upon sanctions, then economic sanctions will continue to fail at deterring their nuclear program.
Hypothesis

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  "it is necessary to firmly bolster the nuclear armed forces both quantitatively and qualitatively. Peace, and wealth and prosperity, as well as the people's happy lives, rest upon powerful nuclear armed forces"
Current Sanctions

- The current sum of the resolutions has imposed embargoes on:
  - large-scale arms
  - weapons–related research and development materials
  - luxury goods
- Financial transactions including transfers of cash have been banned to prevent funding for any potential weapons development.
Major Actors

- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- China
- United States
- South Korea
- Japan
- United Nations
Conclusion

- Military–First mentality
- Constant cycle of retaliation