

I. The Domestic Commitment Problem (Paradox of Domestic Commitment)

A. The Problem (Paradox)

Since 1500, the domestic costs of warfare have significantly increased across states, systems, and continents. We would predict increasing domestic resistance to those costs, yet paradoxically, domestic commitment to pay has increased.* (taxes, debt, conscription and damage from war)

B. Explanatory Hypotheses

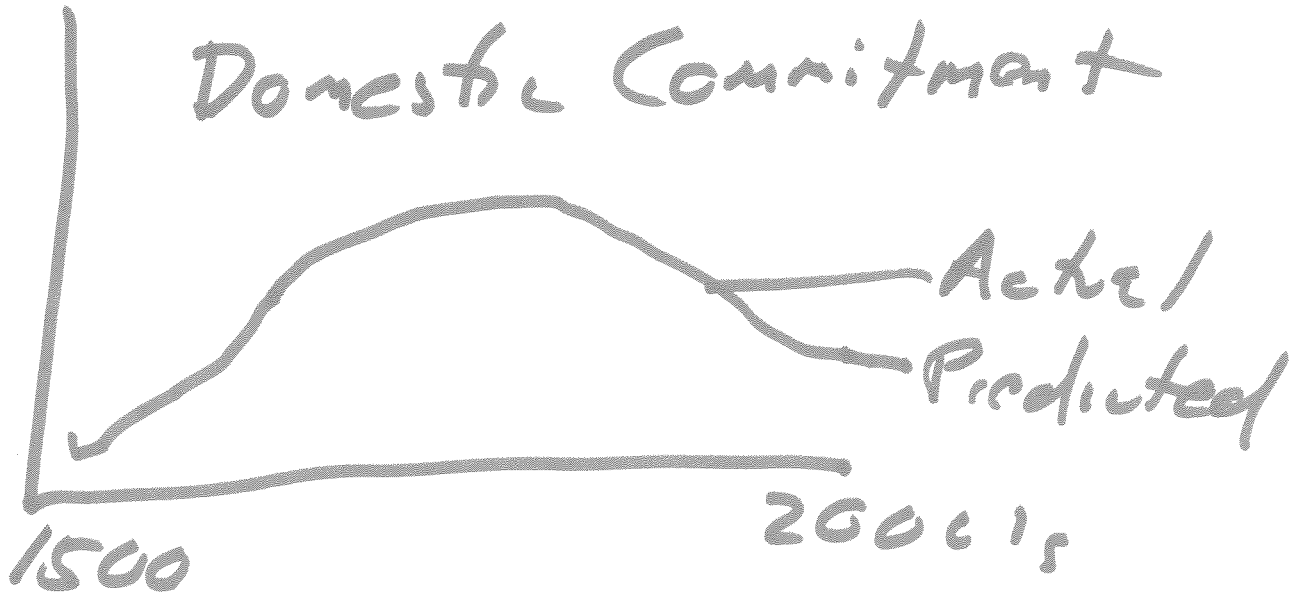
1. Coercion

2. Nationalism

3. Bargaining

* Paradoxical because of Aversion, Opportunity Costs

II. Graphic Illustration A Cost Curve of Warfare (Direct Costs, Damage, Duration, Including Preparation)



B. Minimum Commitment
Threshold has Increased

1944-45 The "Endless" Pacific WAR And American Commitment

- A. The Collapse of Germany
- B. Increasing Demand For The
End of Domestic Economic
Controls and A Return to Normalcy
- C. But How To Force Japan's
Surrender - Unconditional or
Barterained

1. Escalating Costs and
Casualties of the Pacific WAR

2. Should 18 year olds be sent
to combat (Mass Conscription)

3. 1944 Saipan; 1945 Iwo
Jima; Okinawa (20-25% U.S.
Casualties)

4. The Projected Invasion
of Home Islands (1,000,000 U.S.
Casualties)

J. Fire-Bombing; Atomic Bombing

Domestic Commitment

I. The American Dilemma 1941-45

The Two Front WAR AND The
Necessity of Economic & Social
Mobilization with that ASurvival Threat

A. Win II - The U.S. Must Fight A
Two Front WAR & Provide Logistics
Fc. Multiple Allied Fronts Weapons,
Finance

B. Thus, the American Public Must
Accept Rationing, Industrial
Mobilization, Deferred Consumption
Taxation, Inflation and Debt Sides

↳ The Economic "Boom" of WWII
was Outweighed by peacetime economic
costs

C. The Fundamental Political Question
↳ Absent the Threat of Invasion
would Americans Pay the Costs of
Domestic Commitment (The Pacific War. Etc)