

# Japan at War and Peace, 1930-1949: U.S. State Department Records on the Internal Affairs of Japan

*Japan's progression toward a democratic system faced economic and political pressures, during which expansionism and militarization became increasingly influential.*

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Japan emerged from the 19th century as Asia's first industrialized nation, embracing the concept of a market economy and adopting Western forms of capitalism.

During the 20th century's early decades, the parliamentary government was not rooted deeply enough to withstand the economic and political pressures of the 1930s. Military leaders became increasingly influential and led the nation into a series of military conflicts that culminated in the almost total destruction of the nation during World War II.

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