

Dear signatories,

Thank you for signing the Letter by Concerned Economists Regarding “Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War” in the International Review of Law and Economics.

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On Monday, the publication of “Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War” was covered by the [Associated Press](#) (and therefore many outlets, including [NBC News](#) and the [Los Angeles Times](#)) and the [Guardian](#). Today [CNN](#) covered the story also. The City Council of Philadelphia, and members of the US House of Representatives Michelle E. Steel and Young O. Kim, made [statements](#) condemning the article's publication. On March 2, a reporter [asked](#) White House press secretary Jen Psaki about the article, and Ms. Psaki said that she would get back to the reporter directly. Back in February, the US State Department released a [statement](#) saying, "As the United States has stated many times, the trafficking of women for sexual purposes is an egregious violation of human rights, including by the Japanese military during World War II."

On March 9, the International Review of Law and Economics issued an [updated](#) Expression of Concern about the article but their position has not changed.

Our letter now has 3303 signatories, including 1189 professors of economics, 378 professors who work in game theory, 128 professors who are legal scholars, 139 professors who are Law and Economics scholars, 140 professors of history, 377 professors who are scholars of Asia, and 255 professors who are former or current editors or co-editors of scholarly journals, including all [twelve editors](#) of the American

Political Science Review.

Please share widely, in all your networks, the link for our letter

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and ask friends and colleagues to sign. We are currently translating the letter into Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, to increase its international reach. There are more resources, including responses by many scholars and community members, available at

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Thank you so much for your support.