

## Formation of the Outbreak of War Against Russia in the Japanese Media, 1902-1904

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This paper focuses on the formation of the outbreak of war against Russia in the Japanese media from January 1902 to February 1904. The main purpose of this paper is to investigate the reactions to the Manchurian occupation by Russia, and to analyze the logic of justifying the Russo-Japanese War with Japan's dominating Korea and Manchuria in the Japanese press.

Though few in the press were in favor of the Russo-Japanese War, many criticized the Russo-Japanese War and hoped that the problem of Manchuria between Japan and Russia would be resolved peacefully. But, the struggle between Japan and Russia about Korea arose, they declared that they could not trust Russia. Moreover, as Korea was considered to be an uncivilized state, the press justified the Russo-Japanese War and Japan's dominating Korea according to Japanese superiority to the Korean civilization.