

I think that individual boycott is a very powerful tool; boycott has been used successfully to help end apartheid in South Africa; and the refusal of women to buy cane sugar from slave plantations was instrumental in putting an end to the slave trade. But denying trade agreements is open to misuse and can cause great suffering, as happened in Iraq and Iran. Moreover, Britain has disregarded international law on many occasions and is not able to take the moral high ground - for example, by invading Iraq in 2003; by not sticking to its own treaty commitments such as to work toward nuclear disarmament following the international nuclear non-proliferation treaty.