Data Codebook

Off the Menu: Post-1945 Norms and the End of War Declarations

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Contents of Archive

This archive contains two data files in Stata format (.dta) and a .do file that replicates the results reported in the paper and supplementary appendix. All tests were run using Stata 15.

1. OfftheMenuWarDeclarations.dta

Consists data on war participants in the period 1816-2007 arranged into directed dyads. These data are used to create Figures 1 and 2 and Table A-1 in the appendix.

2. OfftheMenuArticle51.dta

Consists of state-level data on war participants in the period 1947-2007. These data are used to create Table 2.

3. Off the Menu replication code.do

This .do file contains all of the code to create Figures 1 and 2 and Tables 2 and A-1.

Description of Data

1) OfftheMenuWarDeclarations.dta

This file contains directed-dyadic data on war participants in the period 1816-2007. It was derived from the replication data provided by Tanisha Fazal for *Wars of Law: Unintended Consequences in the Regulation of Armed Conflict* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018), available online at http://www.tanishafazal.com/s/Wars-of-Law-Replication-Data.zip. Additional information on the coding and source of these variables can be found in Fazal, *Wars of Law*, pp. 83-87. Duplicate observations related to the Franco-Thai war were deleted.

warnum	The Correlates of War (COW) number for the war
warname	The name of the war
side1	The name of the first state in the directed dyad
side2	The name of the second state in the directed dyad

ccode1	The COW country code of the first state in the directed dyad
ccode2	The COW country code of the first state in the directed dyad
newdeclare	Indicates whether first state issued a war declaration against the second state
ratifications	A count of the number of international law treaties the first state had ratified at the time the war started
reciprocal	Indicates whether the second state issued a war declaration against the first state
post45	Indicates wars that started after 1945
un	Indicates whether the first state was a UN member
cowstartyr	The year that the war started
initiate	Indicates whether the first state was on the initiating side of the war
polity	Polity score of the first state
dem	Indicates whether the first state in the dyad was a democracy (polity score>6)
aut	Indicates whether the first state in the dyad was a autocracy (polity score<-6)
politymiss	Indicates whether the first state in the dyad was a transitional polity (policy score missing)
polconiii_2002	Political constraints in the first state in the dyad
coin	Indicates whether the war participants used guerilla warfare
Eurovsnon	Indicates whether the directed dyad involved a European state against a non-European state

2) OfftheMenuArticle51.dta

This file contains state-level data on war participants in the period 1947-2007. Cases were derived from the COW Interstate War Data (v.4.1).[1] Note that these cases include a small number of war participants that were not included in Fazal's data, particularly a number of states on the US side in the Iraq and Afghanistan war.

warnum	The Correlates of War (COW) number for the war
warname	The name of the war
ccode	COW country code of the state
statename	Name of the state
side	Indicates side of war (1 or 2)
year	Year of the state's entry into the war
art51	Indicates whether the state made an Article 51 notification
ratifications	Number of IHL treaties ratified by the state before the start of the war. These data are primarily derived from Fazal's replication data (see above). For war participants not included in those data, counts of ratified treaties were derived from information at https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl.nsf/vwTreatiesByCountry.xsp.
ihl4	Number of IHL treaties ratified by quartile
unsc	Indicates UNSC authorized wars (Korea and Persian Gulf)

[1] Meredith Reid Sarkees and Frank Whelon Wayman, *Resort to War: A Data Guide to Inter-State, Extra-State, Intra-State, and Non-State Wars, 1816-2007*, Correlates of War Series (Washington, D.C: CQ Press, 2010).