RELIABILITY AS RESOLVE
Reputational Transference in International Relations

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Online Appendix

Summary Statistics

Table A1 – Summary statistics

	Count	Mean	SD	Min	Max
MID initiation (Challenger)	1077992	.0021837	.0466789	0	1
MID initiation, display of force (Challenger)	1077992	.0017802	.0421544	0	1
MID initiation, use of force (Challenger)	1077992	.0012301	.0350507	0	1
Reputation as unreliable ally, defense alliance (target)	1077992	.0175873	.1314459	0	1
Reputation as unreliable ally, all alliance types (target)	1077992	.0204519	.1415403	0	1
Defense alliance (target)	1077992	.5431089	.4981384	0	1
Offensive pact (challenger)	1077992	.0300967	.1708535	0	1
Neutrality pact (challenger)	1077992	.0503816	.2187313	0	1
Both same defense alliance member	1077992	.0433148	.2035649	0	1
Capability ratio	1077992	.5	.3488099	.0000529	.9999471
Major power status	1077992	.1192718	.3241082	0	1
Both democracy	1077992	.1116595	.3149472	0	1
Alliance portfolio similarity score	1077992	.7630876	.1864401	-.217391	1
Distance (logged)	1077992	8.176058	.8438405	1.609438	9.421168
Cold War	1077992	.5574513	.4966886	0	1

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Robustness Checks: Logit Models

Table A2 – Logistic Regression Models: Reputation Not Lagged

	(13) (Full Sample, No Covariates)	(14) (Full Sample, Additional Covariates)	(15), (Restricted Sample, No Covariates)	(16) (Restricted Sample, Additional Covariates)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)			
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)	0.376**	0.451**	0.487***	0.338*
	(0.136)	(0.141)	(0.139)	(0.144)
Defense alliance (target)		-0.0458		
		(0.0440)		
Offensive pact (challenger)		0.203*		0.247†
		(0.0827)		(0.129)
Neutrality pact (challenger)		0.483***		0.735***
		(0.0741)		(0.109)
Capability ratio		0.380***		0.0393
		(0.0557)		(0.0809)
Major power status		1.889***		2.021***
		(0.0486)		(0.0659)
Both democracy		-0.635***		-0.399***
		(0.0788)		(0.111)
Alliance portfolio similarity score		0.533***		-0.00242
		(0.125)		(0.164)
Distance (logged)		-0.971***		-1.054***
		(0.0168)		(0.0260)
Cold War		0.166***		0.496***
		(0.0499)		(0.0772)
Constant	-4.786***	1.419***	-4.823***	2.274***
	(0.0395)	(0.173)	(0.0603)	(0.253)
Observations	1077992	1077992	585467	585467
Time polynomials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robust standard errors	✓	✓	✓	✓

† $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A3 – Logistic Regression Models: Controlling for Intra-Alliance MIDs and Interwar Period

	(17) (Full Sample, No Intra-Alliance)	(18) (Restricted Sample, No Intra-Alliance)	(19), (Full Sample, No Interwar)	(20) (Restricted Sample, No Interwar)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)			
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)	0.530***	0.421**	0.645***	0.540***
	(0.132)	(0.135)	(0.132)	(0.135)
Defense alliance (target)	-0.244***		-0.0813†	
	(0.0473)		(0.0447)	
Offensive pact (challenger)	0.183*	0.290*	0.165†	0.206
	(0.0837)	(0.129)	(0.0844)	(0.130)
Neutrality pact (challenger)	0.478***	0.706***	0.460***	0.724***
	(0.0737)	(0.107)	(0.0743)	(0.109)
Capability ratio	0.350***	0.000648	0.373***	0.0322
	(0.0566)	(0.0808)	(0.0565)	(0.0815)
Major power status	1.845***	1.982***	1.865***	1.980***
	(0.0497)	(0.0685)	(0.0490)	(0.0662)
Both democracy	-0.670***	-0.516***	-0.581***	-0.365**
	(0.0795)	(0.114)	(0.0800)	(0.111)
Alliance portfolio similarity score	0.105	-0.596***	0.544***	-0.0410
	(0.121)	(0.163)	(0.126)	(0.167)
Distance (logged)	-0.917***	-0.988***	-0.953***	-1.055***
	(0.0174)	(0.0273)	(0.0170)	(0.0261)
Cold War	0.105*	0.397***	0.103*	0.498***
	(0.0509)	(0.0778)	(0.0522)	(0.0810)
Both same defense alliance member	0.979***	1.028***		
	(0.0758)	(0.0911)		
Interwar period			-0.272**	0.0880
			(0.0838)	(0.166)
Constant	1.644***	2.352***	1.543***	2.472***
	(0.172)	(0.256)	(0.175)	(0.256)
Observations	1045074	572874	1045074	572874
Time polynomials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robust standard errors	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Table A4 – Logistic Regression Models: Higher-level MIDs

	(21) (Full Sample, Display of Force)	(22) (Full Sample, Use of Force)	(23), (Restricted Sample, Display of Force)	(24) (Restricted Sample, Use of Force)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)			
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)	0.593***	0.659***	0.494**	0.582***
	(0.149)	(0.169)	(0.153)	(0.173)
Defense alliance (target)	-0.0321	-0.0308		
	(0.0491)	(0.0599)		
Offensive pact (challenger)	0.0689	0.252*	0.109	0.412*
	(0.0961)	(0.111)	(0.148)	(0.165)
Neutrality pact (challenger)	0.504***	0.388***	0.787***	0.605***
	(0.0811)	(0.103)	(0.118)	(0.151)
Capability ratio	0.384***	0.128†	0.0474	-0.247*
	(0.0622)	(0.0757)	(0.0889)	(0.109)
Major power status	1.878***	1.859***	1.999***	1.983***
	(0.0542)	(0.0649)	(0.0730)	(0.0852)
Both democracy	-0.675***	-0.877***	-0.403**	-0.553***
	(0.0888)	(0.118)	(0.123)	(0.157)
Alliance portfolio similarity score	0.718***	0.709***	0.183	0.288
	(0.143)	(0.171)	(0.184)	(0.222)
Distance (logged)	-0.956***	-0.957***	-1.031***	-1.021***
	(0.0181)	(0.0210)	(0.0278)	(0.0326)
Cold War	0.144**	0.290***	0.436***	0.528***
	(0.0557)	(0.0666)	(0.0839)	(0.100)
Constant	1.157***	1.099***	1.988***	1.831***
	(0.193)	(0.228)	(0.275)	(0.328)
Observations	1045074	1045074	572874	572874
Time polynomials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robust standard errors	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Table A5 – Logistic Regression Models: Reputation Based on All Alliance Types

	(25) (Full Sample, No Covariates)	(26) (Full Sample, Additional Covariates)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)	
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)	0.381**	0.405**
	(0.126)	(0.131)
Defense alliance (target)		-0.0609
		(0.0444)
Offensive pact (challenger)		0.187*
		(0.0841)
Neutrality pact (challenger)		0.464***
		(0.0743)
Capability ratio		0.369***
		(0.0566)
Major power status		1.860***
		(0.0492)
Both democracy		-0.606***
		(0.0790)
Alliance portfolio similarity score		0.502***
		(0.126)
Distance (logged)		-0.956***
		(0.0169)
Cold War		0.155**
		(0.0504)
Constant	-4.529***	1.546***
	(0.0467)	(0.176)
Observations	1045074	1045074
Time polynomials	✓	✓
Robust standard errors	✓	✓

† $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A6 – TWFE Models: Reputation Based on All Alliance Types

	(27) (Full Sample, No Covariates)	(28) (Full Sample, Additional Covariates)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)	
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)	0.000848*	0.000839*
	(0.000337)	(0.000337)
Defense alliance (target)		-0.000769***
		(0.000172)
Offensive pact (challenger)		0.00255***
		(0.000325)
Neutrality pact (challenger)		0.00158***
		(0.000345)
Capability ratio		0.00185**
		(0.000664)
Major power status		0.00102*
		(0.000413)
Both democracy		-0.000693**
		(0.000214)
Alliance portfolio similarity score		-0.00246***
		(0.000520)
Distance (logged)		0.00740*
		(0.00356)
Cold War		-0.00141
		(0.00266)
Constant	0.00370	-0.0560†
	(0.00263)	(0.0292)
Observations	1045074	1045074
Dyad FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓

† $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A7 – TWFE Models: Placebo Tests

	(29) (Full Sample, Random Treatment)	(30) (Full Sample, Random Outcome)
	DV: MID initiation (challenger)	DV: MID initiation (challenger, randomly assigned)
Reputation as unreliable ally (target, randomly assigned)	-0.000142	
	(0.000147)	
Reputation as unreliable ally (target)		-0.00147
		(0.00239)
Defense alliance (target)	-0.000674***	0.00179
	(0.000166)	(0.00114)
Offensive pact (challenger)	0.00262***	-0.000298
	(0.000318)	(0.00214)
Neutrality pact (challenger)	0.00156***	-0.000666
	(0.000336)	(0.00228)
Capability ratio	0.00179**	-0.00142
	(0.000643)	(0.00439)
Major power status	0.00136***	0.00147
	(0.000399)	(0.00273)
Both democracy	-0.000701***	-0.00111
	(0.000210)	(0.00142)
Alliance portfolio similarity score	-0.00226***	0.00496
	(0.000506)	(0.00344)
Distance (logged)	0.00689*	-0.0165
	(0.00350)	(0.0235)
Cold War	0.00486†	-0.00513
	(0.00264)	(0.0176)
Constant	-0.0582*	1.037***
	(0.0287)	(0.193)
Observations	1077992	1045074
Dyad FE	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓

† $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$