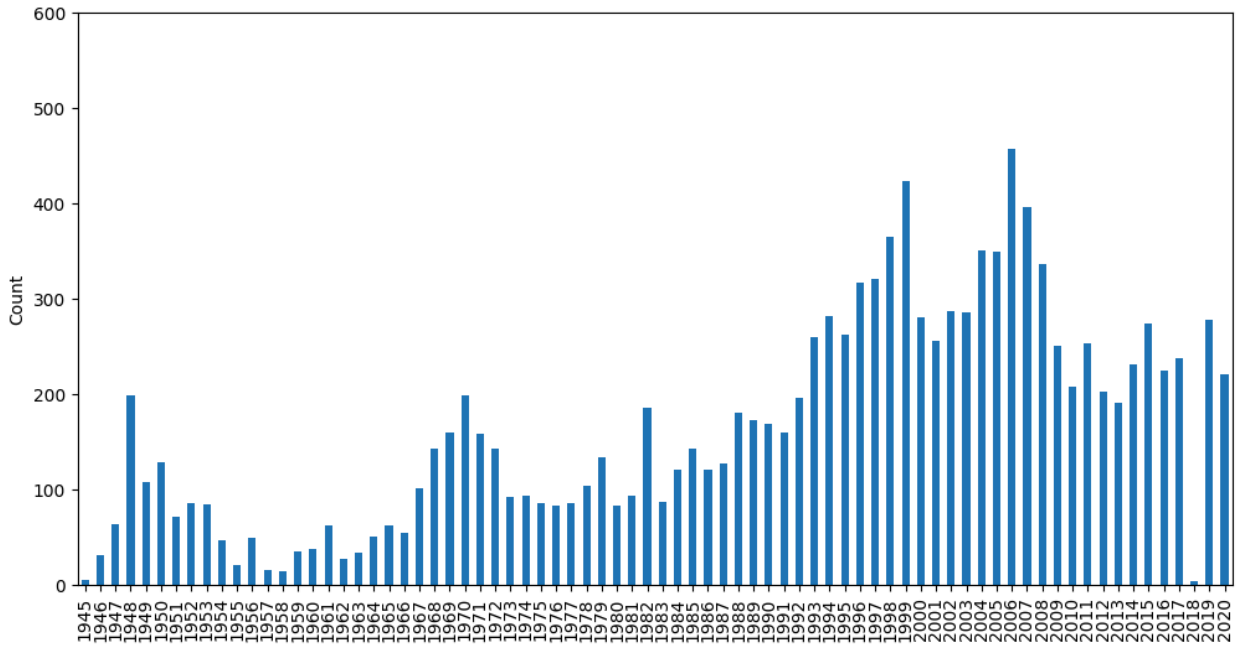
Supplementary Material

Figure 6 depicts the count of articles using the term "genocide" each year. There is a general upward trend in the usage of the term over time, which may be related to specific genocidal events and legal proceedings as well as the institutionalization of the term in international law and human rights discourses.

Figure 6. *New York Times* articles that include "genocid*" (1945-2020)



Remaining data on contested categories other than genocide

Figure 7. Slaughter* mentions by year

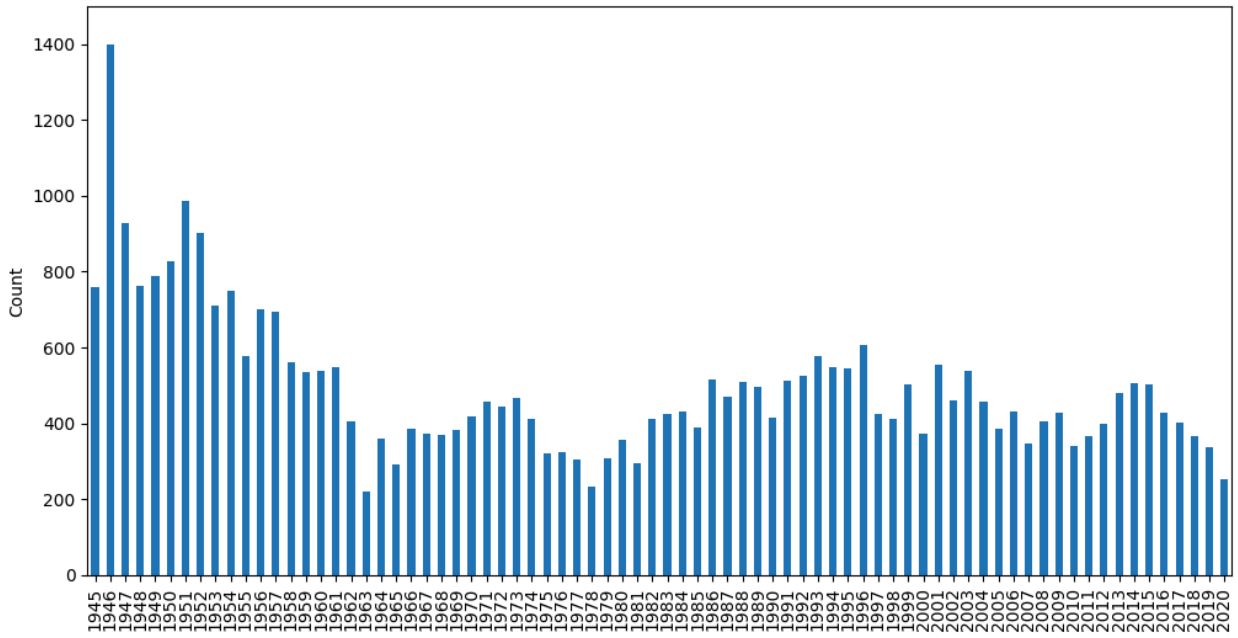


Figure 8. Articles mentioning "slaughter*" and country name

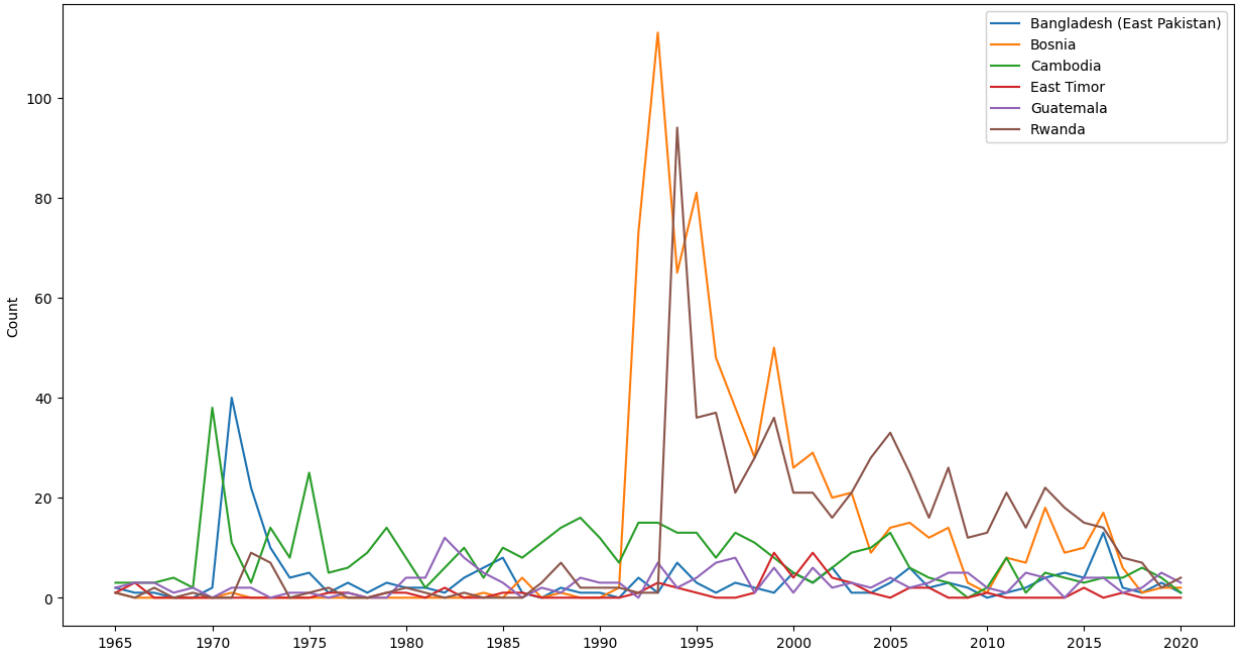
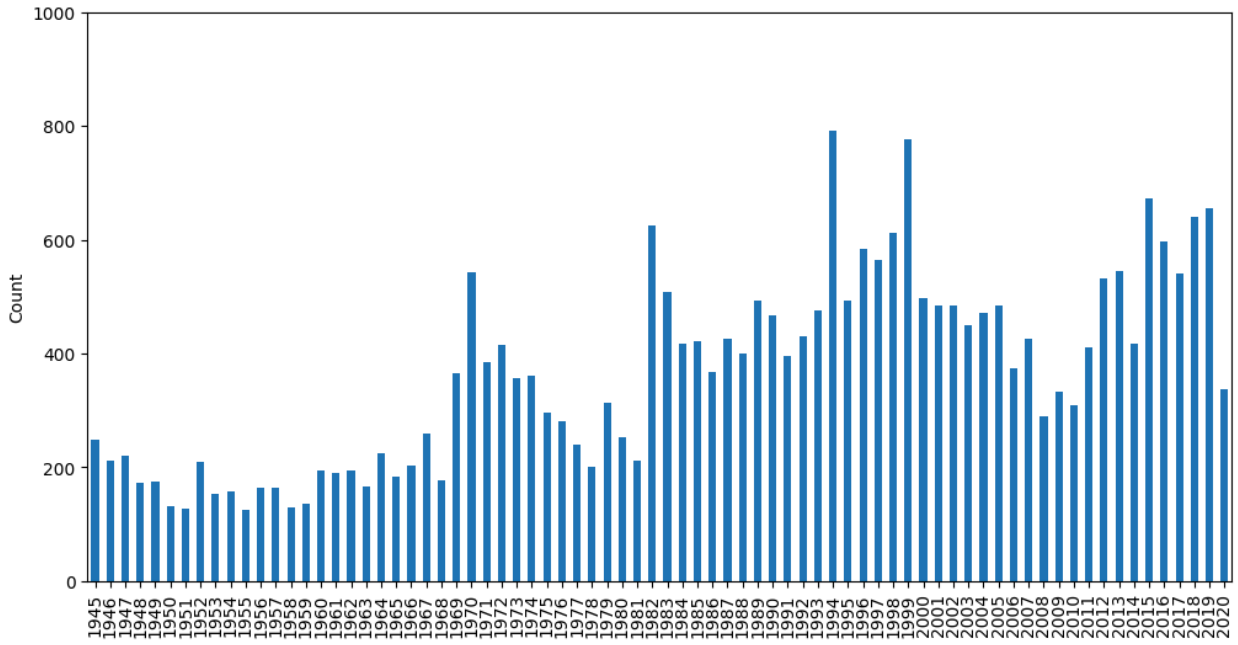


Table 5. Articles mentioning country name and "slaughter*"

Case	Period	# Articles Mentioning both the country and "slaughter*"	# Mentioning both / # mentioning country name	# Articles within 5 years after the end date	# Articles in the period 5-10 years after the end date	# Articles in the period 10+ years after the end date
Bosnia	April 6, 1992 - December 14, 1995	328	0.04	191	95	125
Cambodia	April 17, 1975 - January 7, 1979	30	0.01	40	48	231
Rwanda	April 6, 1994 - July 17, 1994	50	0.14	188	103	268
Bangladesh (East Pakistan)	March 25, 1971 - December 16, 1971	26	0.01	14	2	21
Guatemala	January 1, 1981- December 31, 1983	24	0.02	11	17	92
East Timor	December 7, 1975 - October 31, 1999	25	0.02	20	5	4

Figure 9. Massacr* mentions by year



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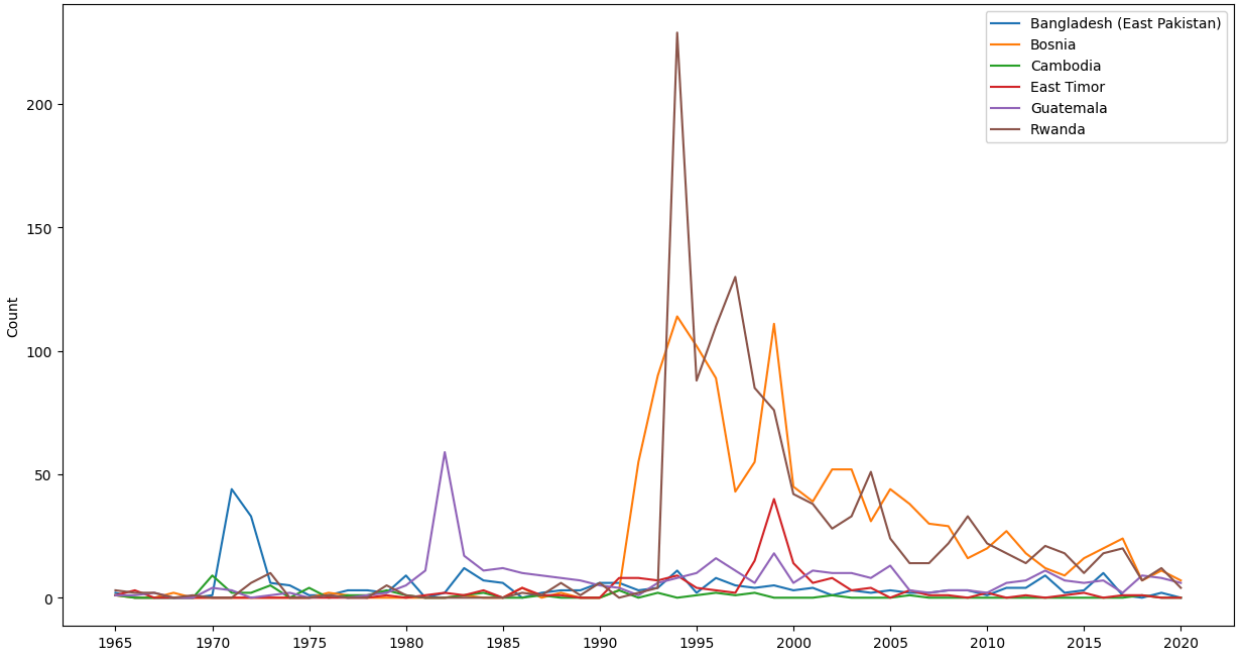

Table 6. Articles mentioning country name and "massacr*"

Case	Period	# Articles Mentioning both the country and "massacr*"	#mentioning both / #mentioning country name	# articles within 5 years after the end date	# articles in the period 5-10 years after the end date	# articles in the period 10+ years after the end date
Bosnia	April 6, 1992 - December 14, 1995	350	0.05	351	219	285
Cambodia	April 17, 1975 - January 7, 1979	4	0.00	5	3	14
Rwanda	April 6, 1994 - July 17, 1994	113	0.31	576	198	293
Bangladesh (East Pakistan)	March 25, 1971 - December 16, 1971	25	0.01	24	2	31
Guatemala	January 1, 1981- December 31,1983	87	0.06	50	23	209
East Timor	December 7, 1975 - October 31, 1999	107	0.08	37	6	8

Figure 11. Atrocit* mentions by year

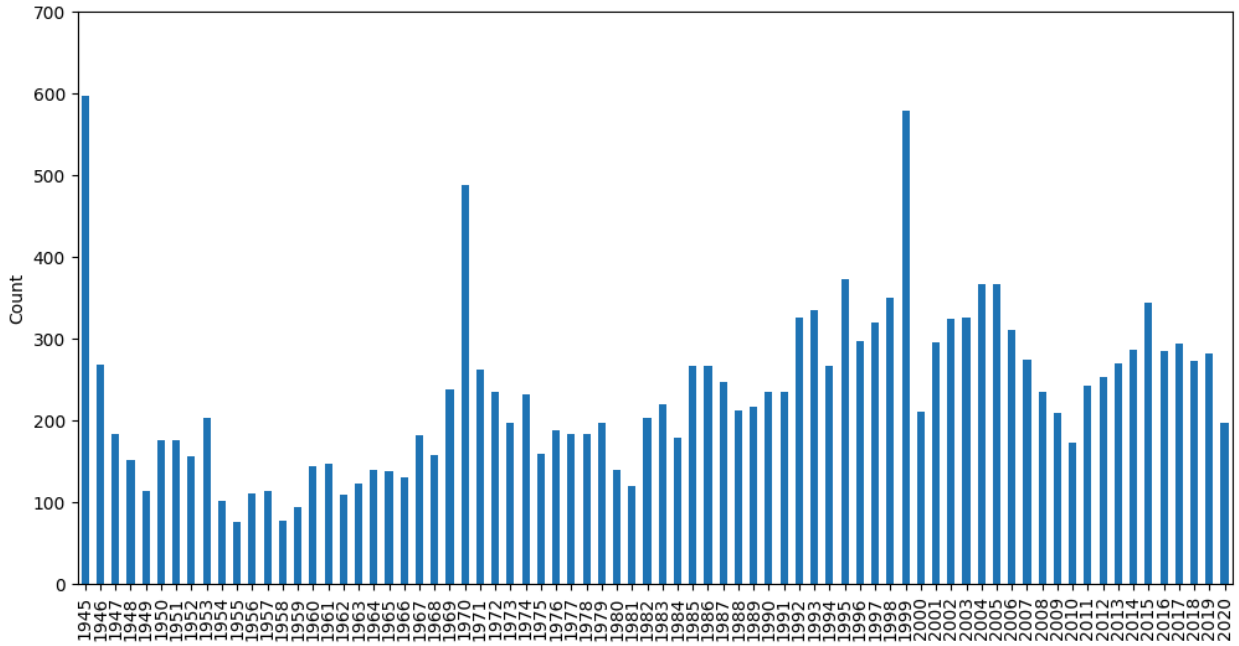

Figure 12. Articles mentioning "atrocit*" and country name

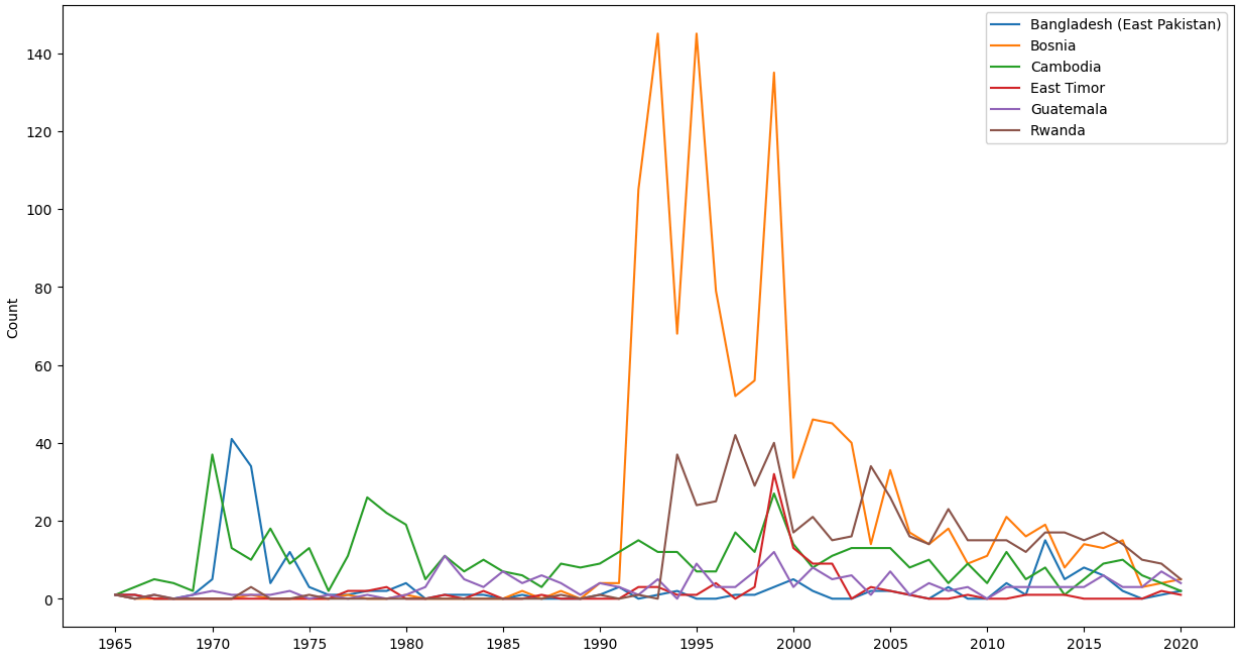

Table 7. Articles mentioning country name and "atrocit*"

Case	Period	# Articles Mentioning both the country and "atrocit*"	#mentioning both / #mentioning country name	# articles within 5 years after the end date	# articles in the period 5-10 years after the end date	# articles in the period 10+ years after the end date
Bosnia	April 6, 1992 - December 14, 1995	453	0.06	359	179	187
Cambodia	April 17, 1975 - January 7, 1979	49	0.02	64	35	307
Rwanda	April 6, 1994 - July 17, 1994	14	0.04	164	110	252
Bangladesh (East Pakistan)	March 25, 1971 - December 16, 1971	23	0.01	26	1	20
Guatemala	January 1, 1981- December 31,1983	19	0.01	24	14	112
East Timor	December 7, 1975 - October 31, 1999	50	0.04	42	3	7