Codebook – "Regulating Conflict: Historical Legacies and State Commitment to the Laws of War"

Identifier Variables

- ccode: Correlates of War (COW) country identifier.
- year: Year of observation.
- abbrev: Country name abbreviation.
- cowregion: Home region of state (COW classification system).
- wbregion: Home region of state (World Bank classification system).
- numstate: Number of states in the international system in given year (source: COW).

Dependent Variables

Values for ratification variables coded from International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) International Humanitarian Law database (http://www.icrc.org/ihl). This was supplemented for certain states with information from (Schindler and Toman 2004).

- ratdate_gen1949: Date (in Stata month/day/year format) that state ratified or acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
- rat_gen1949: Event history analysis variable for ratification of 1949 Geneva Conventions (0 for years treaty open for ratification but state not yet ratified, 1 for year state ratified; "missing" for subsequent years).
- ratdum_gen1949: Dummy variable for years where state ratified 1949 Geneva Conventions (0 if not ratified; 1 if ratified).
- ratdate_ap1: Date (in Stata month/day/year format) that state ratified or acceded to the 1977 Additional Protocol I.
- rat_ap1: Event history analysis variable for ratification of 1977 Additional Protocol I (0 for years treaty open for ratification but state not yet ratified, 1 for year state ratified; "missing" for subsequent years).
- ratdum_ap1: Dummy variable for years where state ratified 1977 Additional Protocol I (0 if not ratified; 1 if ratified).
- ratdate_ap2: Date (in Stata month/day/year format) that state ratified or acceded to the 1977 Additional Protocol II.
- rat_ap2: Event history analysis variable for ratification of 1977 Additional Protocol II (0 for years treaty open for ratification but state not yet ratified, 1 for year state ratified; "missing" for subsequent years).
- ratdum_ap2: Dummy variable for years where state ratified 1977 Additional Protocol II (0 if not ratified; 1 if ratified).

Independent Variables

- rgdp96pc: GDP per capita in constant 1996 US dollars (Gleditsch 2002).
- lngdp: Natural log of GDP in constant 1996 US dollars (Gleditsch 2002).

- idegree100: Ward's network centrality variable measuring the number of organizational links for each state to other states in the international system, divided by 100 (Ward 2006).
- gen1949_gnorm: Global norms for 1949 Geneva Conventions, measured as percentage of states that have ratified the treaties out of the total number of states in the international system by year. Source comes from ratification status used in the dependent variable. Coding procedure based on (Simmons 2000).
- gen1949_wbregnorm: Regional norms for 1949 Geneva Conventions, measured as percentage of states in each World Bank-designated region that have ratified the treaties out of the total number of states in that region by year. Source is the values from the dependent variable and the World Bank's regional identifiers.
- ap1_gnorm: Corresponding global norms measure for 1977 Additional Protocol I.
- ap1_wbregnorm: Corresponding regional norms measure for 1977 Additional Protocol I.
- ap2_gnorm: Corresponding global norms measure for 1977 Additional Protocol II.
- ap2_wbregnorm: Corresponding regional norms measure for 1977 Additional Protocol II.
- polity2: Polity2 score, which ranges from -10 to 10, where 10 is considered the most democratic (Marshall and Jaggers 2005).
- dem_new: Dichotomous variable coded as 1 for years in which Polity2 rises to 7 or above after being below 7; years continue to be coded 1 until Polity2 either drops below 7, or remains above 7 for more than 10 years. Coding procedure based on (Goodliffe and Hawkins 2006).
- leftgov2: Dichotomous variable coded as 1 for years where government ruled by a left-wing executive and 0 otherwise (Communist leaders are excluded and coded as 0)
- communist: Dichotomous variable coded as 1 for years where government considered Communist (Karnai 1992:6-7; supplemented by http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/).
- Commonlaw: Dichotomous variable coded as 1 for years where state considered to have a common law judicial system (Mitchell and Powell 2009).
- mid_nowar_5y: Measure for external threats facing a state based on the five-year moving average of the number of militarized interstate disputes (MIDs) in which a state was involved, excluding wars (Ghosn et al. 2004; Way and Sasikumar 2004).
- morrow10_av: Measure for interstate wartime conduct based on average compliance score, which ranges from 1 to 16, for all wars fought by state in the previous 10 years. If country did not participate in any wars during relevant window, coded as 1 (Morrow 2007).
- ipts_avg: Proxy measure for wartime conduct in civil wars and insurgencies based on the imputed average Political Terror Scale (PTS) score across the U.S. Department of State and Amnesty International codings (Gibney et al. 2010).
- interwar_downes_num10: Participation rate of state in interstate wars measured by 10-year moving average of the number of wars the state fought in per year. Based on data from (Downes 2009).
- wdl10_downes: War outcome measured by total lesson from war for each state in the prior decade, where a victory is counted as +1, a loss as -1, and a draw as 0. If a country did not participated in any wars during relevant window, coded as 0 (no net lesson). Based on data from (Downes 2009).

- insurgency_num10: Corresponding participation rate measure for insurgencies, based on data from (Lyall and Wilson 2009).
- wdl10_insurgency: Corresponding war outcome measure for insurgences, based on data from (Lyall and Wilson 2009).
- civwar_ds_num10: Corresponding participation rate measure for civil wars, based on data from (Doyle and Sambanis 2006).
- wdl10_ds: Corresponding war outcome measure for civil wars, based on data from (Doyle and Sambanis 2006).

Duration Dependence Variables

Variables calculated using –btscs– Stata ado file (Beck et al. 1998).

- bratyears_gen1949: Variable measuring the years at risk of ratification for each country for the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
- spline1_gen1949, spline2_gen1949, spline3_gen1949: Three natural cubic splines to estimate duration dependency for the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
- bratyears_ap1: Corresponding years at risk of ratification variable for the 1977 Additional Protocol I.
- spline1_ap1, spline2_ap1, spline3_ap1: Corresponding natural cubic splines for the 1977 Additional Protocol I.
- bratyears_ap2: Corresponding years at risk of ratification variable for the 1977 Additional Protocol II.
- spline1_ap2, spline2_ap2, spline3_ap2: Corresponding natural cubic splines for the 1977 Additional Protocol II.

Variables Used in Robustness Checks

- gen1949_cowregnorm: Corresponding Geneva Conventions regional norms variable using the alternate COW regional identifiers.
- ap1_cowregnorm: Corresponding Additional Protocol I regional norms variable using the alternate COW regional identifiers.
- ap2_cowregnorm: Corresponding Additional Protocol II regional norms variable using the alternate COW regional identifiers.
- Lningo: Number of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) in a country, logged (Hafner-Burton and Tsutsui 2005).
- ingo_percap: Number of INGOs per capita in a country.
- cap: COW measure for the Composite Index of National Capability (CINC) (Singer et al. 1972).
- civ_5y: Alternate measure for internal threats facing a state based on the five-year moving average of the number of low level conflicts, excluding wars (Gleditsch et al. 2002).
- trivalry_dum: Dichotomous variable for whether a country was involved in an interstate rivalry based on data from Thompson (2001).
- gdrivalry2_dum: Dichotomous variable for whether a country was involved in an interstate rivalry based on data from Goertz and Diehl (2000).

- cowsys: Country's date of entry into international system based on COW (Correlates of War Project 2011).
- successor_gen1949: Dichotomous variable for whether the country was a successor state to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, meaning they joined the interstate system after the treaty opened for ratification in 1949.
- successor_ap: Dichotomous variable for whether the country was a successor state to the 1977 Additional Protocols I and II, meaning they joined the interstate system after the treaty opened for ratification in 1977.

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