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Introduction

This section outlines your basic research idea. You will need to highlight in particular the following points: - Relevance - Analytical research question - Provide a short overview of the paper's structure

Theoretical Part: Theory and Hypotheses

I expect you to briefly sketch your theoretical argument and your argumentative structure as well as to generate **one hypthesis** that you will later analyze descriptively. I expect you to base your theory on existing research. You'll therefore need to cite related literature (Hultman, Kathman and Shannon, 2014).

Research Design

In this section, you will need to provide more in-depth information on your research design. This means I require you to - discuss your sample and time span/case selection - discuss your operationalization of your variables

Results

This section is dedicated to testing your hypothesis with descriptive statistics (e.g. with data visualization). You will need to create a plot that is adequate to test your hypothesis. This plot will then be discussed and interpreted.

Conclusion

This section summarizes your results (with a critical discussion) and answers your research question.

References

Hultman, Lisa, Jacob Kathman and Megan Shannon. 2014. "Beyond keeping peace: United Nations effectiveness in the midst of fighting." *American Political Science Review* 108(4):737–753.