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The datafile "bigstick.dta" is a STATA dataset that can be used to replicate the findings published in:

Gelpi, Christopher and Peter Feaver. 2002. "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick? Veterans in the Policy Making Elite and the American Use of Force." **American Political Science Review**, December 2002.

One addition has been made to these data since their publication in the APSR. Fourteen missing data points have been filled, bringing the total number of cases for the analyses up to 8,753. The results remain substantively unchanged by the recovery of these missing data.

In addition, I have discovered one error in the reporting of the analysis in the APSR. Specifically, the text of the article states that we controlled for “the number of other disputes the United States was involved in each year(either as initiator or target).” (p. 785). In fact, the coefficients reported in the article relied upon the total number of other disputes initiated by the United States as a control variable. Substantive results regarding the impact of veterans does not change regardless of which control variable is used. However, using the total number of disputes does make that control variable significant and reduced the estimated impact of the “cold war” dummy variable. The dataset “bigstick.dta” includes both variables so that scholars can examine this issue.

If you have questions or comments about these data, please write to me at gelpi@duke.edu.

Thank you for your interest in my work.

Sincerely,

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