Notes on Data

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* Note that both of these variables were derived from data from the ITERATE database, a proprietary database compiled by Edward Mickolus of Vinyard Software Inc. These variables are country-year event counts of terrorist incidents reported in ITERATE. Scholars interested in obtaining the ITERATE data should contact Mickolus at vinyardsoftware@hotmail.com.

Variable Names, Operationalization and Sources for Variables

Variable Name	Operationalization	Source
Incidents by Location*	Event count of transnational terrorist attacks sorted by country attack originates in.	ITERATE (Mickolus, et. al 2003)
Incidents by National Origin*	Event count of transnational terrorist attacks sorted by country of national origin of perpetrators.	Ibid.
Aggregate SF	Additive index of intensity indices of all types of state failures.	State Failure Task Force. http://globalpolicy.gmu.edu/pitf/
EthnicWar	Index of intensity of ethnic war state failure type.	Ibid.
RevWar	Index of intensity of revolutionary war state failure type.	Ibid.

GenPol	Index of intensity of genocide and politicide state failure type.	Ibid.
AdvRegime	Index of intensity of adverse regime change state failure type.	Ibid.
IntWar	Dichotomous variable coded 1 for country-years in which the country in question is involved in an intrastate armed conflict.	PRIO/Uppsala Armed Conflict Dataset. http://new.prio.no/CSCW-Datasets/Data-on-Armed-Conflict/UppsalaPRIO-Armed-Conflicts-Dataset/
Durable	Raw number of years the current regime has been in power.	"durable" indicator from Polity IV database. http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/polity/data/polreg.htm
HDI	HDI Index measuring level of economic development in terms of GDP per-capita, literacy and life expectancy.	United Nations Development Program, Human Development Reports (various years)
Homogenaity	The percentage of the national population comprised by the largest linguistic group averaged with the percentage of the population comprised by the largest religious group.	CIA World Factbook (various years)
logpop	Natural log of otal national population in millions.	World Bank, World Tables (various years) http://www.ciesin.org/IC/wbank/wtables.html
logarea	Natural log of total surface area in millions of square miles.	Ibid.
ExConst	Index measuring degree to which a country's executive is institutionally constrained in its exercise of power.	"xconst" indicator from Polity IV database. http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/polity/data/polreg.htm

Participation	Index measuring the level of institutional regulation of political participation in a country.	"parreg" indicator from Polity IV database. Ibid.