A Dataset of References to Youth in Peace Agreements (YPAD), 1990-2022 Codebook (Version 1.0, 2023)

The dataset compiles 208 peace agreements which were concluded in the period of 1990-2022 and make an express textual reference to youth, young people, and similar. The texts of the agreements and other key information are sourced from PA-X Peace Agreements Database and Dataset (Version 7, 2023), and cross-checked with the Language of Peace Database of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) and the United Nations Mediation Support Unit. The dataset is also cross-referenced to PAM_ID and UCDP Peace Agreement Datasets.

Definitions

Youth: The peace agreements in the dataset refer to the following terms: youth, young (people, person(s), boy, men, girl, women), adolescent, and equivalents in other languages used in the agreements (such as jeune and joven). A small number of peace agreements that refer to these terms were excluded from the dataset as the use of the terms was not in essence about youth. For example, if an agreement was signed by the Minister of Youth and the institution was mentioned only to show the affiliation of the signatory and without indicating any substantive relevance to youth, the agreement was excluded.

Conflict: The dataset adopts the PA-X definition of conflict as "armed violence, causing more than 25 conflict-related deaths in one year, or a local conflict with fewer conflict-related deaths in one year, if there is evidence of a clear nexus with the national conflict that came before or after and which has seen 25 or more battle-related deaths in one year".

Peace agreement: For the purposes of this dataset, peace agreements are defined as "formal documents which were discussed and agreed by at least two opposing conflict parties and aim to bring an end to a specific conflict". This definition is based on but narrower than that of PA-X. This definition excludes (i) formally one-sided documents such as unilateral declarations and peace proposals, (ii) documents that have been adopted only through domestic legal processes, such as legislation and constitutions, (iii) regional agreements that do not address a specific conflict, or (iv) agreements between a non-belligerent international actor such as the United Nations and one or more of the conflict parties. These documents are excluded from the dataset as they are not direct outcomes of negotiation between, or involving, opposing conflict parties, held with a view to ending a particular conflict.

Variables

General variables	Details
Con	Country/entity. Taken from PA-X (please see 'Notes' below).
ISO3	ISO3 code(s) for country/countries.
ConfName	Name of conflict. Taken from PA-X.

PPName	Name of peace process. Taken from PA-X.
PP	Identifier for the peace process. Taken from PA-X.
PAXAgtId	Identifier for the peace agreement. Taken from PA-X.
Agt	Agreement name. Taken from PA-X.
Dat	Date of agreement.
Agtp	Agreement/conflict type. Character variable taken from PA-X.
ConfType	Conflict type. Character variable taken from PA-X.
Stage	Agreement stage. Character variable taken from PA-X.
PAMAgtId	Identifier for the agreement. Taken from PAM_ID (please see 'Notes' below).
PAMSc	Implementation score of the agreement. Taken from PAM_ID.
UCDPAgtId	Identifier for the agreement. Taken from UCDP (please see 'Notes' below).
Variables: Main themes	**Details:** 1 = if the agreement refers to youth in relation to the theme, 0 = if there is no reference to youth in relation to the theme.
IncPr	Inclusion in process
IdHR	Identity and human rights
PolPar	Political participation
VioSec	Violence and security
EcDev	Economy and development
EdCuSc	Education, culture and society
TrJs	Transitional justice
PbId	Peacebuilding

MThCnt	The number of main themes addressed in the agreement.
Variables: Sub-themes	**Details:** 1 = if the agreement refers to youth in relation to the sub-theme, 0 = if there is no reference to youth in relation to the sub-theme.
Pcon	Participation in consultation
Pneg	Participation in negotiation/dialogue
Pws	Agreement signatory as a third party (witness, stakeholder, etc.)
Ps	Agreement signatory as a party
Idgen	General inclusion (unspecific mention of a youth as a societal group)
Idhr	Human rights
Iddisp	Displaced youth
Idind	Indigenous youth
Idwom	Young women
Idmin	Ethnic minority youth
Iddisv	Disadvantaged youth
Ppgen	General inclusion in political decision-making (unspecific mention of youth inclusion in political decision-making)
Ppcon	Inclusion in constitution-making
Ppmin	Youth ministry (mention of an existing youth ministry or establishment of a new youth ministry)
Ppdev	Devolved/reserved powers (mention of allocation of youth affairs as a governmental power in the context of power-sharing arrangements or transitional governments)
Ppcom	Youth commission

Pploc	Inclusion in local governance
Pppol	Inclusion in political parties
Ppleg	Inclusion in legislature
Ppexec	Inclusion in executive
Ppelc	Elections
Ppcivs	Civil service
Vscon	Role of youth in conflict (as fighters or perpetrators of violence)
Vscrim	Youth crime
Vssec	Inclusion in security sector
Vsddr	DDR (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration)
Vsgen	Gender-based violence against youth
Edemp	Employment
Edsoc	Socio-economic development
Edecon	Economic support (specific tools, projects and mechanisms of economic support to youth such as loans, funds, scholarships, etc.)
Edland	Land reform
Edcens	Population census
Edhel	Health
Edenv	Environment
Ecsed	Education
Ecsvoc	Vocational training
Ecssoc	Social programmes
Ecsspr	Sports
Ecsfac	Youth facilities

Ecscivs	Civil society
Ecscul	Culture
Ecsmed	Media
Tjimp	Impact of conflict on youth
Tjroot	Conflict root cause (youth-related root causes of conflict)
Tjcrim	Criminal justice system
Tjtrcom	Truth commission
Tjpsy	Psychosocial support
Tjcom	Compensation
Tjdet	Release of detainees
Perec	Reconciliation (including educational, cultural, social, etc. exchange activities among youth groups to advance dialogue and reconciliation)
Peedu	Peace education
PebId	Peacebuilding (inclusion of youth in future dialogue processes, peace conferences, etc.)
Peimp	Agreement implementation (inclusion of youth in a specific agreement monitoring and/or implementation mechanism, specific mention of youth as an obligation-holder, etc.)
SthCnt	The number of sub-themes addressed in the agreement.

Notes

Where a variable is taken from another dataset, please see the codebook of the source dataset for further details on the variable:

- PA-X Peace Agreements Database and Dataset (Version 7, 2023): Bell, Christine, Sanja Badanjak, Juline Beaujouan Robert Forster, Tim Epple, Astrid

Jamar, Kevin McNicholl, Sean Molloy, Kathryn Nash, Jan Pospisil, Robert Wilson, Laura Wise (2023). PA-X Codebook, Version 7. Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform (PeaceRep), University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh. <https://www.peaceagreements.org/files/PA-X_codebook_Version7-converted.pdf>

- Peace Accords Matrix Implementation Dataset (PAM_ID) Codebook (Version 1.5, 2015): <https://peaceaccords.nd.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/PAM_ID-CODEBOOK-V.1.5-29July2015.pdf>

  See also: Joshi, Madhav, Jason Michael Quinn & Patrick M. Regan. 2015. “Annualized Implementation Data on Intrastate Comprehensive Peace Accords, 1989-2012.” Journal of Peace Research 52(4): 551- 562.

- Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) Peace Agreement Dataset (Version 22.1, 2022): Högbladh, Stina (2022) UCDP Peace Agreement Dataset Codebook v 22.1 <https://ucdp.uu.se/downloads/peace/ucdp-codebook-peace-agreements-221.pdf>

  See also Pettersson, Therese; Stina Högbladh & Magnus Öberg (2019) Organized violence, 1989-2018 and peace agreements. Journal of Peace Research 56(4).