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REPLICATION MATERIALS: CODEBOOK

Article: "How the Party Commands the Gun: The Foreign-Domestic Threat Dilemma in China"

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FILE: bio_data.csv

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<i>Variable Name</i>	<i>Variable Description</i>
name	Name of officer (in Chinese)
unique_id	Unique ID Code for each officer
birth_province	Province of birth (if name location name changed, used current name)
birth_prefecture	Prefecture of birth (if name location name changed, used current name)
birth_county	County of birth (if name location name changed, used current name)
birth_year	Year of birth
birth_month	Month of birth
rural	Rural birth (1=documented rural birth in a village or township)
ethnicity	Ethnicity (if available; in main analysis I assume if not documented individuals are Han)
participated_long_march	Participated in the Long March (1=participated)
CCP_member_before_1949	Communist Party Member before 1949 (1=member)
second_field	Fought in the Second Field Army during the Civil War (1=member)
parent_military	Parent joined the PLA or Red Army
parent_military_rank	Highest military rank achieved by parent
parent_long_march	Parent participated in the Long March (1=participated)
parent_CCP_pre_1949	Parent joined the CCP prior to 1949 (1=member)
parent_CCP_leader	Parent was CCP leader (1=leader)
parent_CCP_leader_highest_position	Highest position achieved by parent
highest_education	Highest level of education achieved by individual

education	Education level: 1=primary graduate, 2=college/military academy graduate, 3=postgraduate
college1_name	Name of college
college1_year	Year graduated from college
college1_foreign	Whether college was foreign (1=foreign)
college1_major	College major
college2_name	Name of second college
college2_year	Year graduated from second college
college2_foreign	Whether second college was foreign (1=foreign)
college2_major	Second college major
graduate_degree_1	Graduate degree (note data is known to be incomplete but made available for reference)
graduate_university_name_1	Graduate university name (note data is known to be incomplete but made available for reference)
graduate_graduated_year_1	Graduate degree year (note data is known to be incomplete but made available for reference)
graduate_university_foreign_1	Graduate foreign (note data is known to be incomplete but made available for reference)
graduate_major_1	Graduate major (note data is known to be incomplete but made available for reference)
cc1 - cc19	Membership in the CCP Central Committee using coding from Shih et al.
cmc	Central Military Commission member (1=member)
cmc_spells	Number of appointments to the CMC
cmc_first	First year appointed to CMC
cmc_last	Last year appointed to CMC
yuanshuai_year	Year appointed Marshal (rank has been discontinued)
shangjiang_year	Year appointed three-star general (rank in irregular use until 1993)
zhongjiang_year	Year appointed two-star general (rank in irregular use until 1993)
combat	Conflicts during which officer had frontline combat or command experience

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FILE: career_data.csv

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Variable Name	Variable Description
unique_id	Unique ID Code for Officer
job_id	Unique ID Code for Officer-Job
institution	PLA Department
position	Position title
start_year	Year began position
end_year	Year left position

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FILE: key_positions_data.csv

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Variable Name	Variable Description
name	Name of officer
department	PLA Department
positions	Position title
position_id	Unique ID Code for Position
start_date_year	Year began position
start_date_month	Month began position
end_date_year	Year left position
end_date_month	Month left position
position_convert	Officer transferred to equivalent position during bureauacratic reorganization (1=yes)

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SOURCES

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Data was collected by the author except for the variables on Central Committee membership, cc1 - cc19, which were collected and coded by Victor Shih. Please see the Mattingly (2022) main text and appendices to the article for more information on data collection methods.

- Mattingly, Daniel. "How the Party Commands the Gun: The Foreign-Domestic Threat Dilemma in China." American Journal of Political Science. Forthcoming.
- Shih, Victor. Coalitions of the Weak. Cambridge University Press, 2022.