

# 06\_\_REI

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This document will look at coverage of Russian electoral inference (1991-2017) from Casey and Ahmad (2017) and identify variables of interest.

The cyber data comes from Casey, Adam; Way, Lucan Ahmad, 2017, “Russian Electoral Interventions, 1991-2017”, <https://doi.org/10.5683/SP/BYRQQS>, Scholars Portal Dataverse

## Preparation

### Load packages

Pipe operators have trouble loading for individual commands

```
library(magrittr)
library(ggplot2)
```

### Load data

```
# Load data
load(paste0(here::here(), '/inst/extdata/russian_electoral_interventions_1991-2017.RData'))
rei <- x

incident_count <- nrow(rei)
```

There are 27 DCID incidents in which Russia was an actor.

## Summary statistics

### Choose variables

Identify variables of interest regarding the means employed, intensity of crises, etc. These variables are all recoded, but their raw values for those that are not obvious are as follows:

```
names(rei)

## [1] "year"          "target_state"    "target_ccode"
## [4] "target_event"  "event_sdate"    "event_edate"
## [7] "pro_incumbent" "disinfo"        "coup"
## [10] "cyberattack"   "mat_support"     "outcome"
## [13] "outcome_favorable" "rus_impact"

# Rename variables for readability
rei <- rei %>% dplyr::rename('Year' = year,
                           'Target' = target_state,
                           'Target COW code' = target_ccode,
                           'Target Event' = target_event,
                           'Start Date' = event_sdate,
                           'End Date' = event_edate,
                           'Pro-incumbent' = pro_incumbent,
                           'Disinformation campaign' = disinfo,
                           'Coups attempt' = coup,
                           'Cyberattack' = cyberattack,
                           'Material support' = mat_support,
                           'Outcome' = outcome,
                           'Favorable outcome' = outcome_favorable,
                           'Evidence of impact' = rus_impact)

# Recode some variables to be more intuitive
rei$`Target Event` <- as.character(rei$`Target Event`)
rei$`Target Event` <- plyr::revalue(rei$`Target Event`, c("1" = "National Election",
                                                         "2" = "Referendum",
                                                         "3" = "Political Party Operations"))

rei$Outcome <- as.character(rei$Outcome)
rei$Outcome <- plyr::revalue(rei$Outcome, c("1" = "Incumbent victory",
                                             "2" = "Incumbent loss",
                                             "3" = "Referendum failure",
                                             "4" = "Referendum success"))
```

## Summary

Make a table summarizing the data on Russian crisis participation

```
formattable::formattable(rei,
                          align = c("c", "l", "l", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c", "c"),
                          list('Pro-incumbent' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "red"),
                                'Disinformation campaign' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "red"),
                                'Coups attempt' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "red"),
                                'Cyberattack' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "red"),
                                'Material support' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "red"),
```

```
'Favorable outcome' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "lightblue")
'Evidence of impact' = formattable::color_tile("transparent", "lightblue")
```

Year
Target
Target COW code
Target Event
Start Date
End Date
Pro-incumbent
Disinformation campaign
Coup attempt
Cyberattack
Material support
Outcome
Favorable outcome
Evidence of impact
2017
Czech Republic
316
National Election
10/20/2017
10/21/2017
0
1
0
1
0
Incumbent loss
2
0
2017
France
220
National Election
4/23/2017
5/7/2017

0  
1  
0  
1  
1  
Incumbent victory  
1  
1  
2017  
Germany  
255  
National Election  
11/24/2017  
11/24/2017  
0  
1  
0  
1  
0  
Incumbent victory  
1  
1  
2017  
Malta  
338  
National Election  
6/3/2017  
6/3/2017  
0  
0  
0  
1  
0  
Incumbent victory  
0  
0

2017  
Netherlands  
210  
National Election  
3/15/2017  
3/15/2017  
0  
1  
0  
0  
0  
Incumbent victory  
1  
0  
2017  
Spain  
230  
Referendum  
10/1/2017  
10/1/2017  
0  
1  
0  
0  
0  
Referendum success  
0  
0  
2016  
Austria  
305  
National Election  
4/24/2016  
4/24/2016  
0  
0

0  
1  
1  
Incumbent victory  
1  
0  
2016  
Bulgaria  
355  
National Election  
11/6/2016  
11/6/2016  
0  
1  
0  
1  
0  
Incumbent loss  
1  
1  
2016  
Italy  
325  
Referendum  
12/4/2016  
12/4/2016  
0  
1  
0  
0  
1  
Referendum failure  
0  
0  
2016  
Montenegro

341

National Election

10/16/2016

10/16/2016

0

0

1

1

0

Incumbent victory

0

0

2016

Norway

385

Political Party Operations

NA

NA

0

0

0

1

0

NA

0

0

2016

Netherlands

210

Referendum

4/6/2016

4/6/2016

0

1

0

0

0  
Referendum failure  
1  
1  
2016  
United Kingdom  
200  
Referendum  
6/26/2016  
6/26/2016  
0  
1  
0  
0  
0  
Referendum success  
2  
0  
2016  
United States  
2  
National Election  
11/8/2016  
11/8/2016  
0  
1  
0  
1  
0  
Incumbent loss  
1  
1  
2015  
Germany  
255  
Political Party Operations



NA  
NA  
0  
0  
0  
1  
0  
NA  
0  
0  
2015  
United Kingdom  
200  
National Election  
5/7/2015  
5/7/2015  
0  
1  
0  
0  
0  
0  
Incumbent victory  
0  
0  
2014  
Moldova  
359  
National Election  
11/30/2014  
11/30/2014  
0  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent victory

0  
0  
2014  
Ukraine  
369  
National Election  
5/24/2014  
5/24/2014  
0  
1  
0  
1  
0  
Incumbent victory  
0  
0  
2010  
Ukraine  
369  
National Election  
1/17/2010  
2/14/2010  
0  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
2  
0  
2009  
Moldova  
359  
National Election  
4/5/2009  
4/5/2009

1  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
0  
0  
2006  
Belarus  
370  
National Election  
5/19/2006  
5/19/2006  
1  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent victory  
2  
0  
2005  
Moldova  
359  
National Election  
3/6/2005  
3/6/2005  
0  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent victory  
0  
0

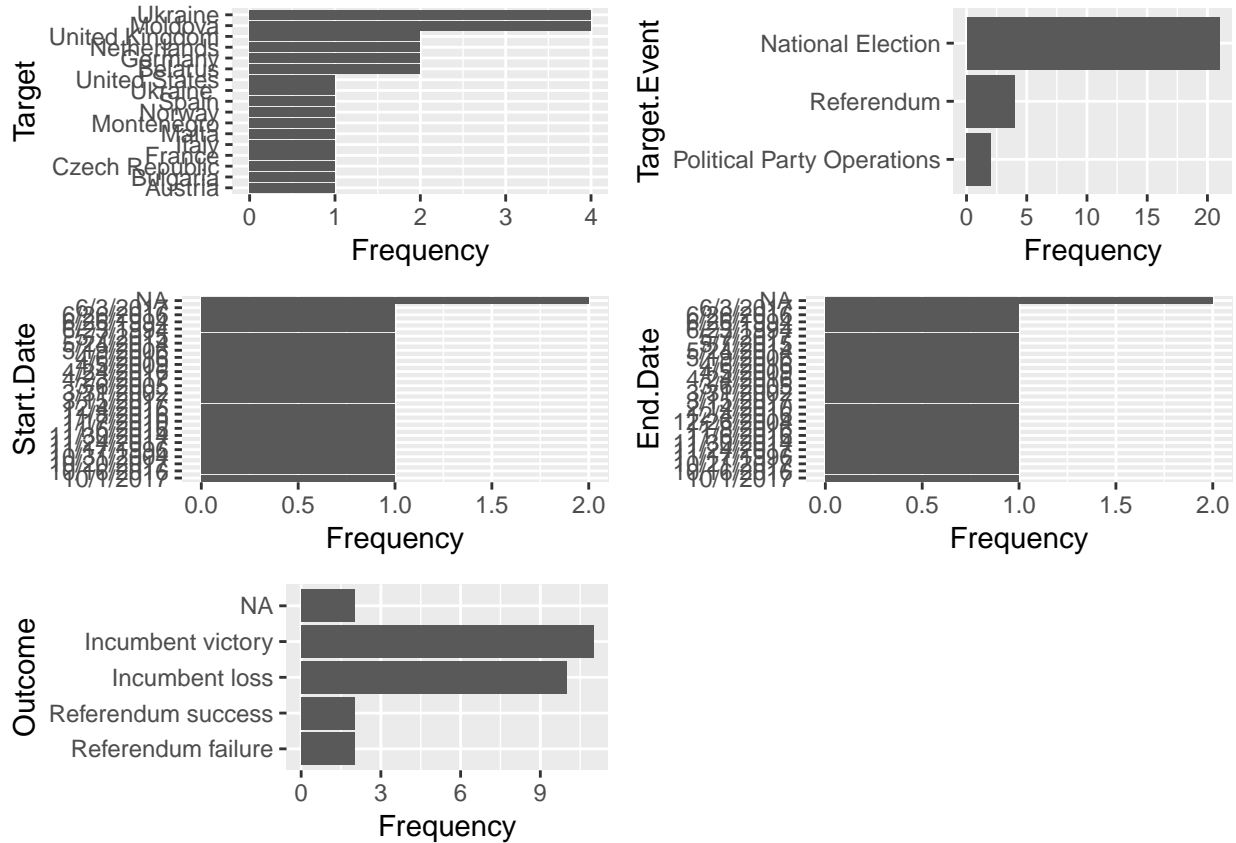
2004  
Ukraine  
369  
National Election  
10/31/2004  
12/26/2004  
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0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
0  
0  
2002  
Ukraine  
369  
National Election  
3/31/2002  
3/31/2002  
1  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
0  
0  
1996  
Moldova  
359  
National Election  
11/17/1996  
11/17/1996  
0  
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0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
2  
0  
1994  
Belarus  
370  
National Election  
6/23/1994  
6/23/1994  
1  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
0  
0  
1994  
Ukraine  
369  
National Election  
6/26/1994  
6/26/1994  
0  
0  
0  
0  
1  
Incumbent loss  
2  
1

## Plots

Given the number of cases, summarize them in plot format.

```
DataExplorer::plot_bar(rei)
```



## Save final dataframe

```
saveRDS(rei, paste0(here::here(), "/data/", "grayzone_rei.rds"))
```