

# Analytic Trail 1

Question: When war breaks out, how are the values affected in a country?

Going through the different conflicts, we quickly learn that WVS rarely gather data in active conflict zones.

## Al-Qaeda insurgency in Yemen (1998 - )



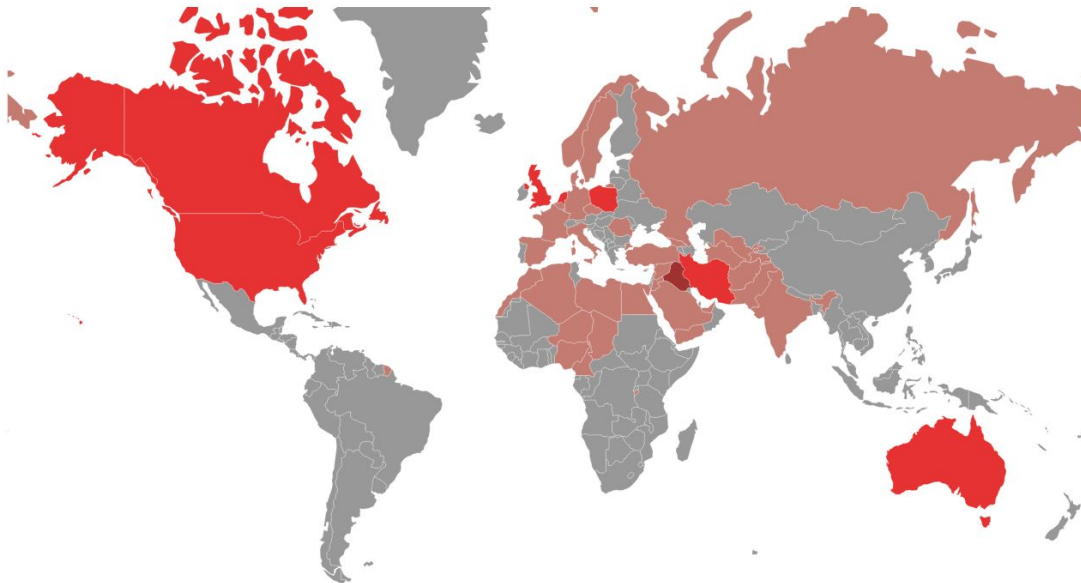
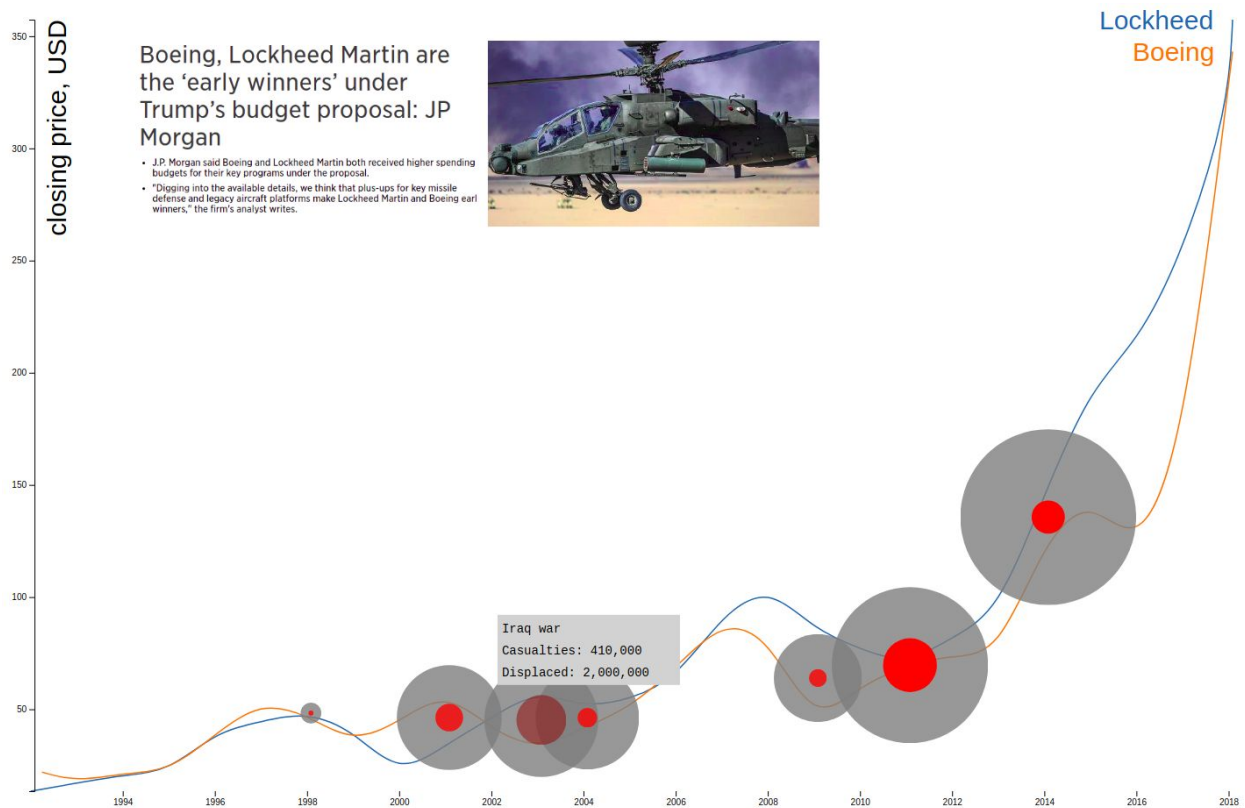
## Boko Haram insurgency (2009 - )



## War in Afghanistan (2001 - )



Except for one exception, Iraq. So let's look at the Iraq War (the only war in our data which isn't ongoing):

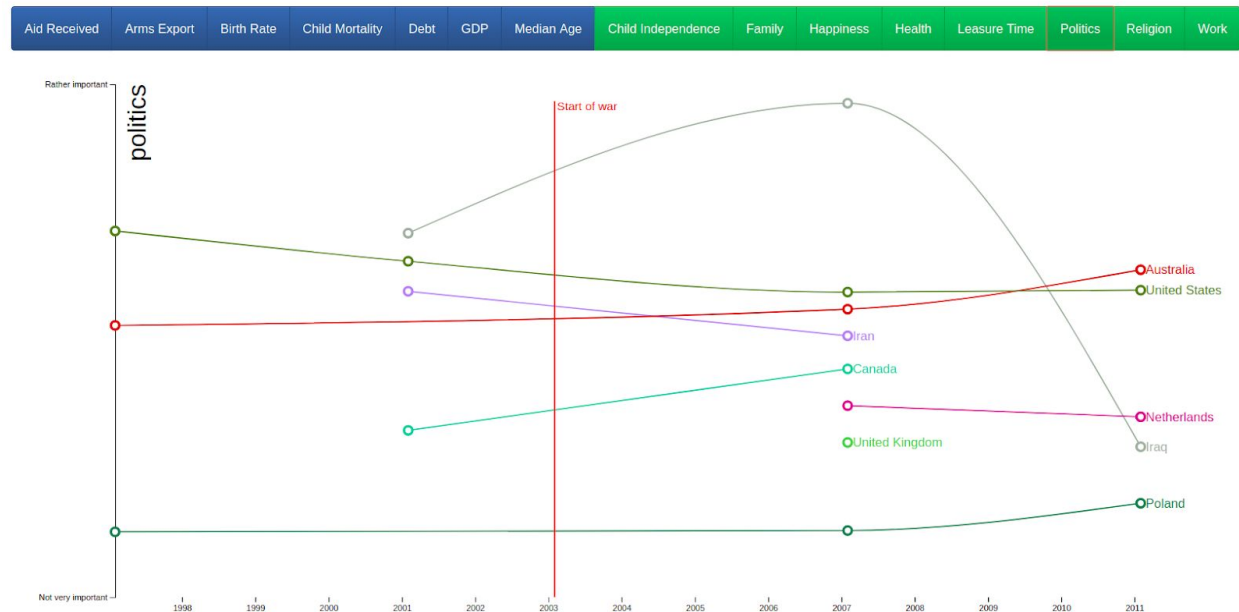


**Iraq war (2003 - 2011 )**

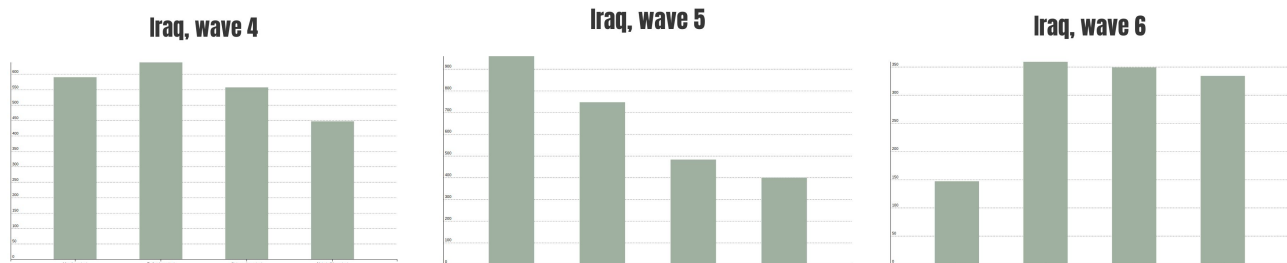
(not part of 200 words) There's an important criticism to be made of our time-series. At the time of creation and data gathering, we were unaware of the fact that you could get more specific time-information than the number of the wave. Therefore we gave all data points the "average date" of their wave. I.e. wave 4 (1999-2004) was given the "average date" 2001 (before the start of the war). But if we look at wave-4 data for Iraq, it was actually gathered in 2004 (after the start of the war). This gives the incorrect illusion that we have "before war" data to compare with, which we don't. We can still see how the value changed throughout the war, which is also interesting, but it's important to note this misrepresentation.

Rather important	0%
Not very important	55%
Not at all important	44%
No answer	2%
Don't know	6%
(N)	(2,325)
Selected sample: Iraq 2004 (2325)	

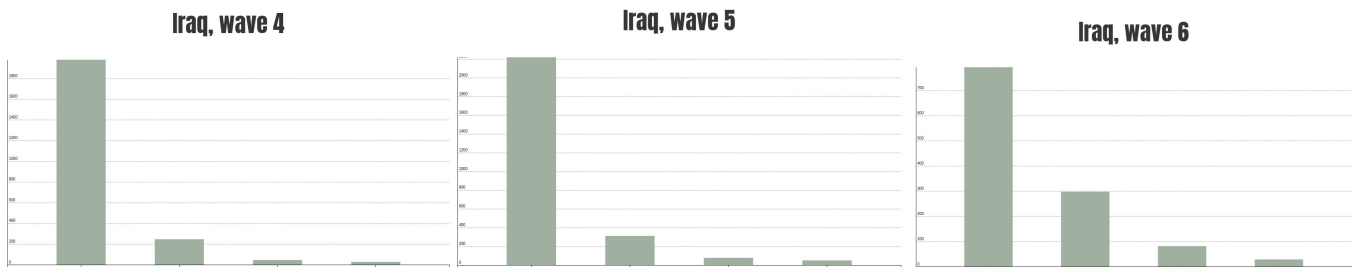
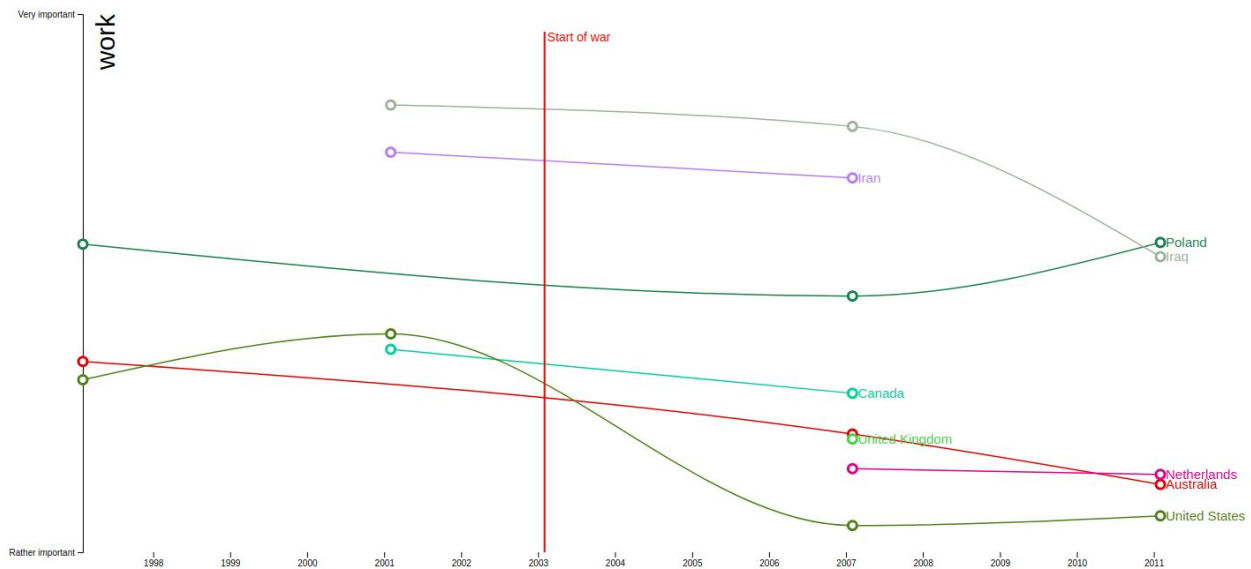
## Iraq war (2003 - 2011 )



The value that changed the most during the war was politics, and below we can see how it changes from wave to wave. It looks like, at first, war makes politics more important. Prolonged war though, seem to make people lose faith in what good their politicians do.

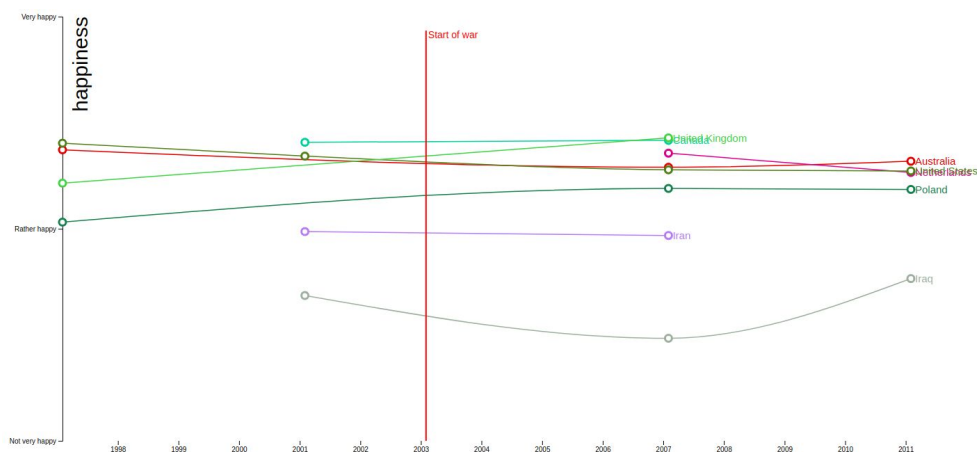


One unfortunate observation is that the importance of work seems to have been diminishing throughout the war.



Though we can still safely say that most people find work very important one assumption could be that living in a war zone might give an experienced futility in going to your day job.

Another sad but perhaps not surprising observation is that throughout the war, Iraq was the only country, whose inhabitants' average happiness, score was significantly below "Rather Happy".



Also, it seems that throughout the war, fewer and fewer people mentioned child independence among their values.

