

Pacifism and Antimilitarism in Japan

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

- Why is this dataset useful for political scientists?
- Why is this dataset useful for my own research?
- Why seems feasible for this semester?

This dataset seeks to introduce information about U.S. military bases in East asian countries. A growing body of literature has been interested about the role and the effect U.S. military bases and locations play on the host countries, especially how it shapes citizen's attitudes. For example, Jakobsen and Jakobsen [2019](#) seeked to understand how U.S. military deployments in allied countries lead to a growing sentiment of “free-riding” among the host country over a certain threshold. Furthermore, Allen et al. [2020](#) found that increased contact with U.S. military troops and the economic benefits generating from hosting these bases has a positive effect on attitudes.

However, these findings are also challenged by empirical evidences that go against these previous claims. Hikotani, Horiuchi, and Tago ([2023](#)) challenge the argument from Allen and al. by highlighting that their argument greatly overlook the disproportionate concentration of U.S. troops in some areas. Using the case of Okinawa in Japan, they find that the people in this prefecture are more likely to have contact with U.S. personnel and troops, and yet they hold more *negative* views toward them. Horiuchi and Tago ([2023](#)) also found clear evidences of this “Not-In-My-Backyard” attitudes in Japan against the U.S. military. Japanese do value the alliance, but do not want the deployment of these arms in their vicinity. These findings of negative views toward U.S. military base go beyond the case of Japan, as movements global movements known as “No Bases” have surge in South Korea, Italy, and Puerto Rico (Vine [2019](#)).

Yet, no dataset has been created yet to help us understading popular views of the U.S. military, and how does it differs with the interaction with local military. Furthermore, among the previous design some are also survey experiement (e.g., Horiuchi and Tago ([2023](#))), while other are historical account of the evolution of the protest movements (e.g., Vine ([2019](#))) or how these movements failed to achieve their goal (e.g., (Kim [2017](#))). While this is not a negative thing per se, we still lack a comprehensive dataset widely available that would allow more finegrained and contemporary analyses of this phenomenom.

2 Literature Review

3 Data and Methods

The objective of this paper is to introduce a dataset that contains information about U.S. military bases abroad and local military bases. The goal for the semester will be to create a dataset containing informations about US military bases and JSDF bases.

Each row of the dataset will be one base. As an illustration, the

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A Appendix

Insert preliminary codebook.