Feedback from Scott

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1. Thought the story is about local variations of news on information dffusion, for example, a conflict about Wuhan is picked up by Guangdong radio and inspires local conflict in Guangdong, but not picked up by Shanghai, hence no conflict in Shanghai
   1. Leverage on the highly localized radio is one possibility (signal, Rwanda radio stations, etc)
2. Current design does not incorporate other competitive mechanisms, for example, arm shipment, refugees mobilization etc.
3. News effects on the elite- or mass- level? Do elites need to read the news(?!) to know what’s happening around them?
4. Endogeneity issue: UCDP is drawn from news sources
5. How to define contagious events? Now it’s murky. It’s probably just a cluster of mobilizations happening at the same time, rather than connected….
6. Interesting source: https://www.unglobalpulse.org/ (UN Global Pulse)