

# Project report (Group 2)

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## 1 Introduction

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### 1.1 Goals

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- Are acts of terror dependent on the weather?
- Do terror attacks influence founding/splitting of metal bands? Vice versa?
- Does the population influence the number of existing metal bands?
- Do terror attacks have an influence on the population?
- Which main genre has the most terror events?

## 2 Sources

The following sources were used for this project:

- Global Terrorism 1970 - 2017
  - URL: <https://www.kaggle.com/START-UMD/gtd>
  - Dimensions: 181'691 rows x 135 columns
  - Size: 162.8 MB
  - Format: CSV
- Metal bands 1964 - 2016
  - URL: [https://www.kaggle.com/mrpantherson/metal-by-nation#metal\\_bands\\_2017.csv](https://www.kaggle.com/mrpantherson/metal-by-nation#metal_bands_2017.csv)
  - Dimensions: 5000 rows x 7 columns
  - Size: 264 KB
  - Format: CSV
- World Population 1960 - 2015
  - URL: [https://www.kaggle.com/mrpantherson/metal-by-nation#world\\_population\\_1960\\_2015.csv](https://www.kaggle.com/mrpantherson/metal-by-nation#world_population_1960_2015.csv)
  - Dimensions: 264 rows x 57 columns
  - Size: 125 KB
  - Format: CSV
- Weather Data

- URL: `ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/`
- Inventory
  - \* Dimensions: 65236 rows x 6 columns
  - \* Size: 26.9 MB
  - \* Format: TXT
- Daily
  - \* Dimensions: ~10M rows x 35 columns
  - \* Size: 2.9 GB
  - \* Format: DLY

### 2.1 ER

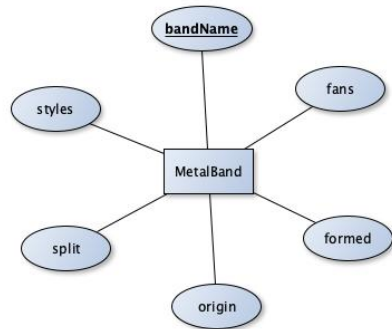
## 3 Integrated Schema

A new Population Entity replaces the year attribute in Country. Some of the Terror data is outsourced to new Entities, as some attributes are listed data points. A new entity TerrorLocation is created to simplify relations with countries and weather data.

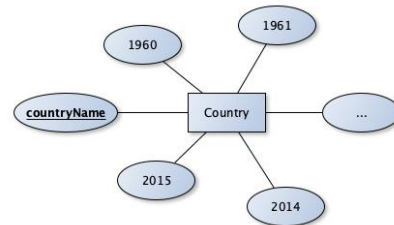
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#### 3.2 Logical Schema

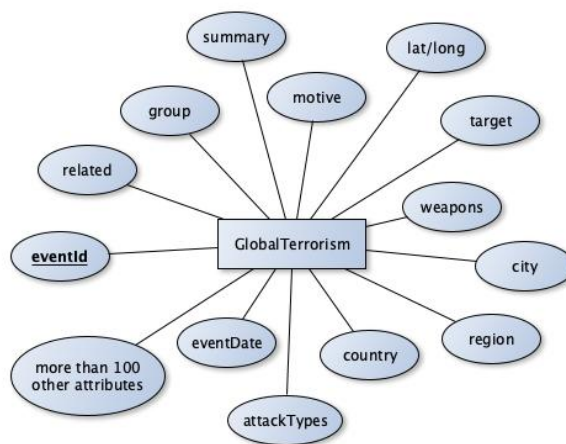
- Country (countryName)
- MetalBand (bandName, formed, origin, split)
- MetalStyle (SID, bandName, style)
- Population (PID, country, year, population)
- TerrorAttack (AID, EID, attackTypeID, attackType)
- TerrorEvent (EID, eventDate, approxDate, extended, resolution, LID, summary, crit1, crit2, crit3, doubtterr, alternativeID, alternative, multiple, success, suicide, nkill, nkillus, nkillter, nwound, nwoundus, nwoundte, property, propextentID, propextent, propvalue, propcomment, addnotes, weapdetail, gname, gsubname, gname2, gsubname2, gname3, gsubname3, motive, guncertain1, guncertain2, guncertain3, individual, nperps, nperpcap, claimed, claimmodeID, claimmode, claim2, claimmode2ID, claimmode2, claim3, claimmode3ID, claimmode3, compclaim, ishostkid, nhostkid, nhostkidus, nhours, ndays, divert, country, ransom, ransomamt, ransomamtus, ransompaid, ransompaidus, ransomnote, hostkidoutcomeID, hostkidoutcome, nreleased, scite1, scite2, scite3, dbsource, INT\_LOG, INT\_IDEO, INT\_MISC, INT\_ANY)
- TerrorLocation (LID, countryID, country, regionID, region, provstate, city, latitude, longitude, specificity, vicinity, location)
- TerrorRelation (RID, EID, related)
- TerrorTarget (TID, EID, targTypeID, targType, targSubtypeID, targSubtype, corp, target, nationalityID, nationality)
- TerrorWeapon (WID, EID, weapTypeID, weapType, weapSubtypeID, weapSubtype)
- Weather (LID, weatherDate, rain, temperature, station)



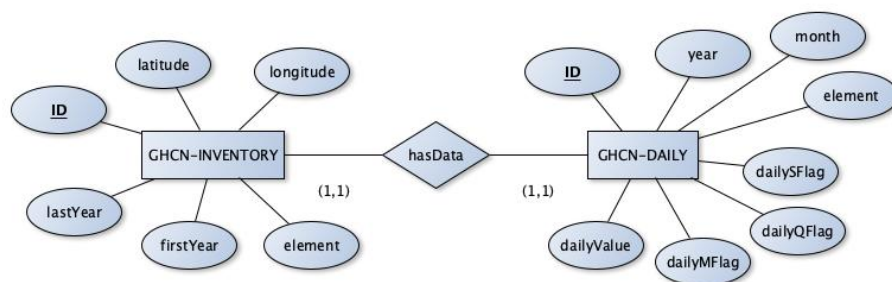
(a) Metal



(b) Country



(c) Terrorism



(d) Weather

Fig. 1: Entity-Relation diagrams of single sources

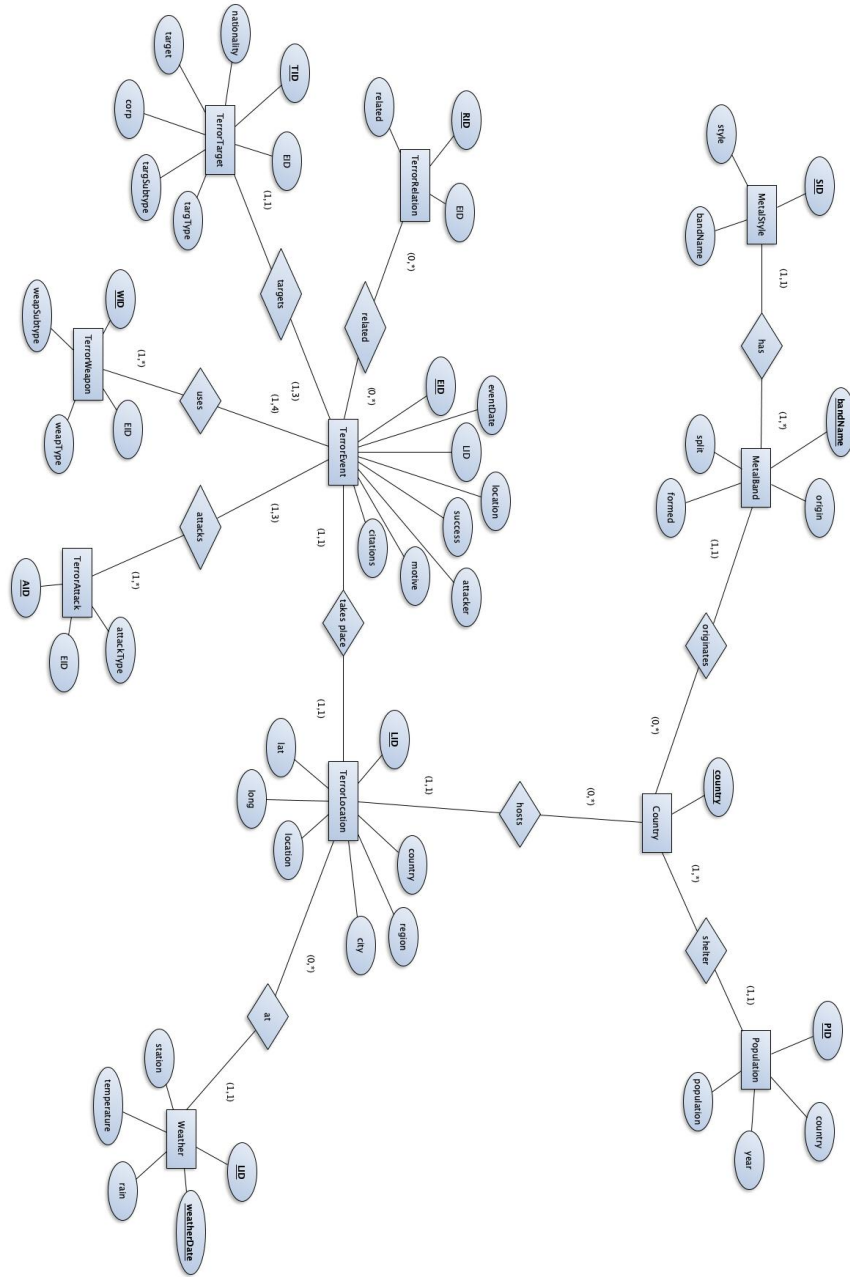


Fig. 2: Entity-Relation diagram integrated schema

## 4 Methods & Results

### 4.1 Data Integration

## 5 Results

The posed questions are answered by creating visualizations of the integrated data. Each visualization is designed to show if there is a correlation between the inspected attributes.

**Are terror events dependent on the weather?** Here, the influence of the weather on terror events is inspected. The visualizations show the number of events that took place under the specified conditions. The weather influence is measured by observing the distribution of terror events for different conditions.

The weather data contains information about the daily mean temperature and daily precipitation. The temperature is split into intervals of 10°C beginning with  $< -10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and ending with  $> 30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The daily precipitation is mapped to types of rain, namely: no rain, light rain, moderate rain, heavy rain and very heavy rain.

For the terror events, three aspects are chosen:

- Types of terror attacks
- The targets of attacks
- The used weapons in the attacks

These three aspects are represented by the tables **TerrorAttack**, **TerrorTarget** and **TerrorWeapons**, for which only the most significant attributes are chosen, if the total number of them is too large.

*Weather - Attack Types* There are nine distinct attack types, which are all displayed in the visualization. Bombing is the most frequent one for each weather condition, followed by armed assault.

The influence of rain on attack types is very low, as the different types are proportionally similar for each type of rain.

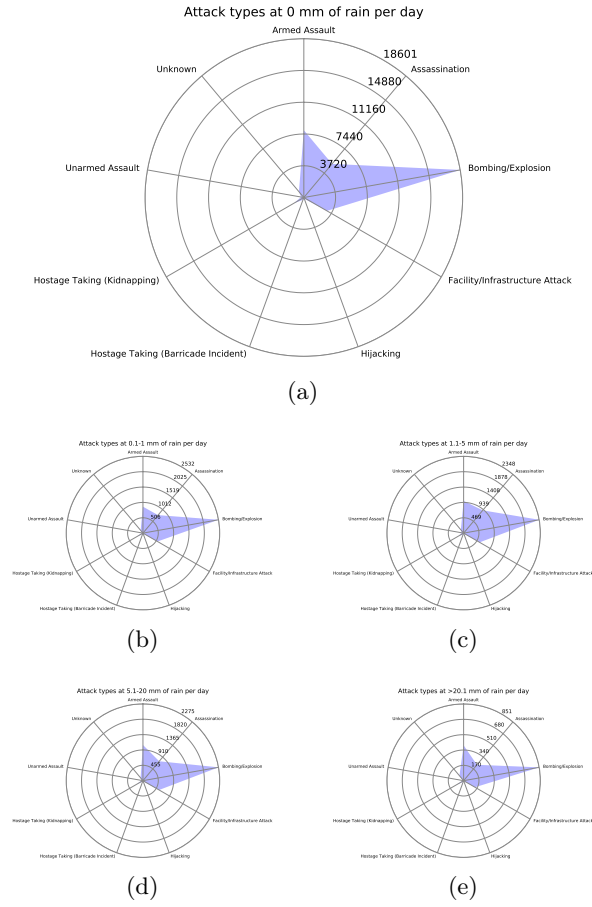


Fig. 3: Influence of rain on terror attack types

The temperature has a greater influence on attack types. It can be observed that more armed assaults take place when the temperature rises.

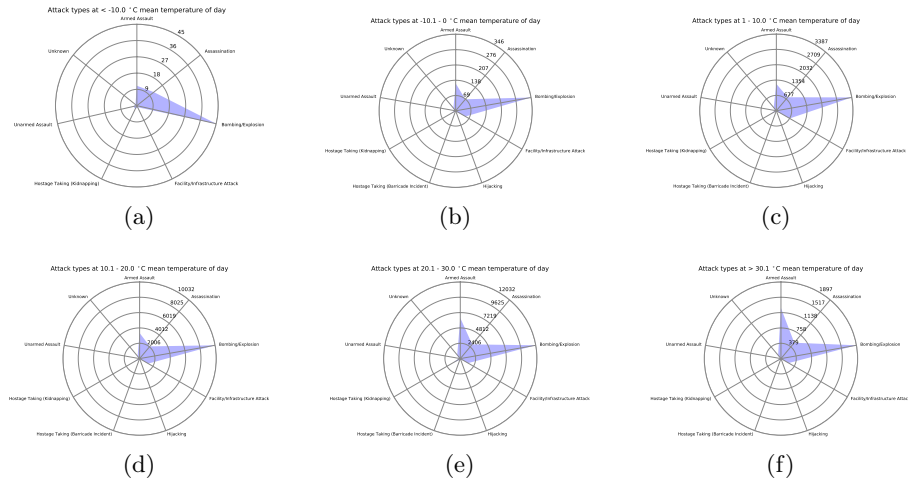


Fig. 4: Influence of temperature on terror attack types

*Weather - Attack Targets* The number of distinct target types is quite large, since they can be very specific (e.g. Priest). For the analysis, the ten most representative attributes have been chosen. Different to the attack type, the target types vary more for the different conditions.

It can be observed, that heavier rain results in a bigger number of attacks on military units, patrols and convoys.

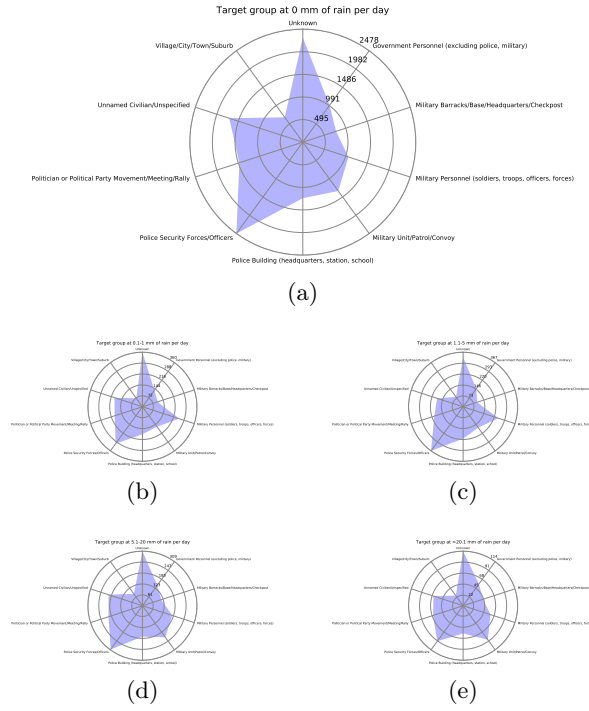


Fig. 5: Influence of rain on attack targets

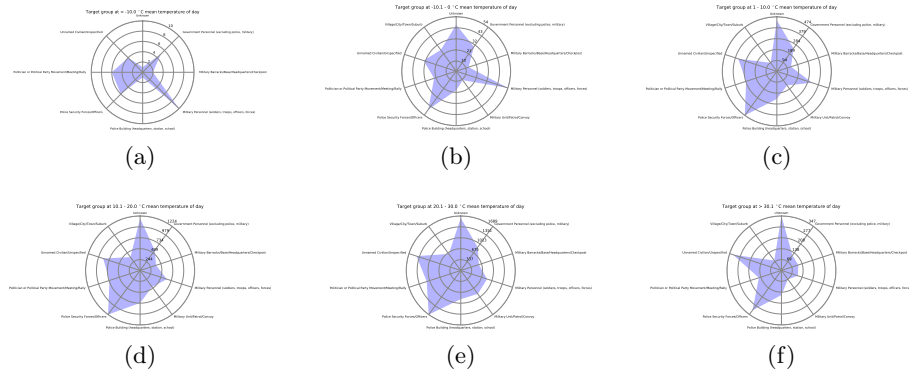


Fig. 6: Influence of temperature on attack targets

Lower temperatures have a high number of attacks on military personnel. With increasing temperature, this shifts towards civilians. Therefore, with higher temperature, more civilians but less military personnel are attacked.



*Weather - Attack Weapon* There are, like attack targets, many distinct attack weapons. Again, the ten most representative attributes have been chosen. The weapons have a high correlation to the attack types, seen by the attributes **Bombing/Explosion & Unknown explosive type** and **Armed assault & Unknown gun type**.

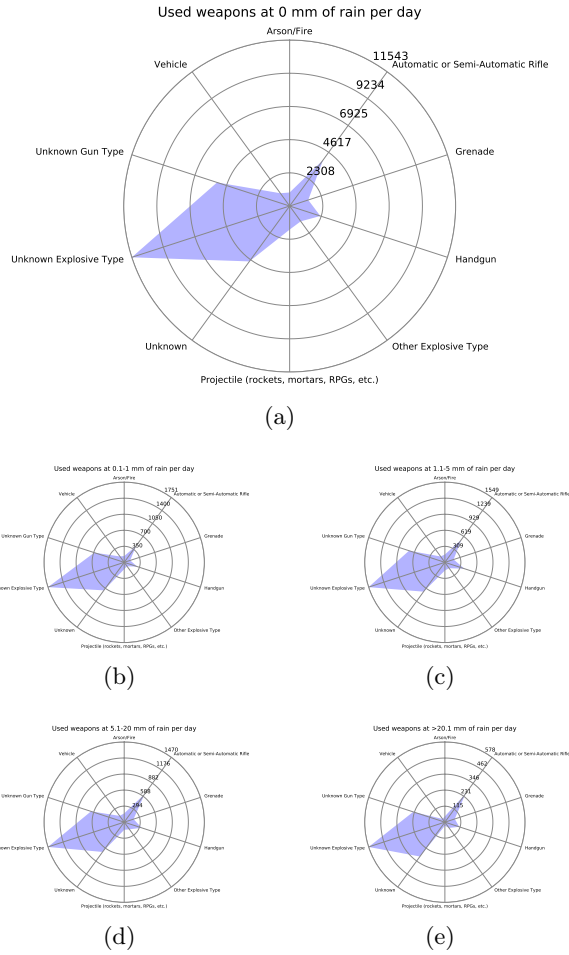


Fig. 7: Influence of rain on terror attack weapons

Similar to the attack types, the influence of rain on the used weapons can hardly be seen.

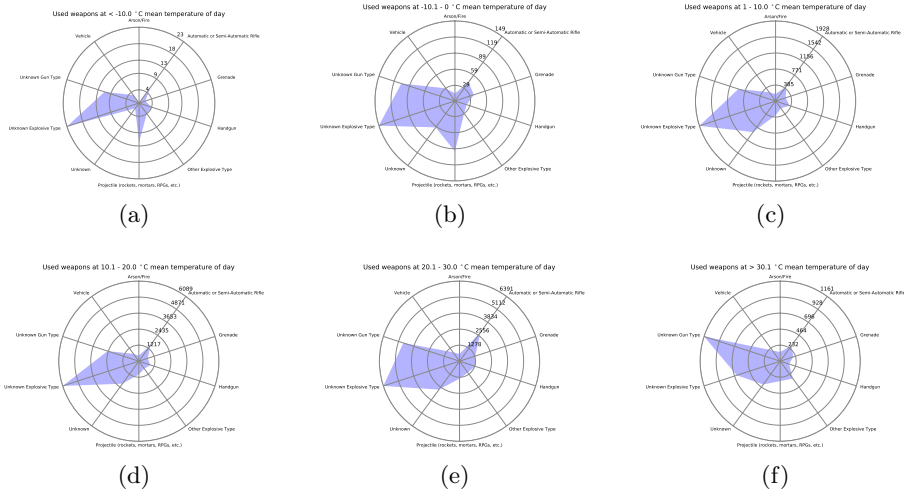


Fig. 8: Influence of temperature on terror attack weapons

As the armed assaults increase with temperature, the number of guns used increases as well.

### 5.1 Terrorism vs number of metal bands

Are acts of terrorism related to the number of metal bands? These plots show the number of formed, split and existing metalbands vs the number of attacks per year. The curves of formed and split metal bands show the same evolution.

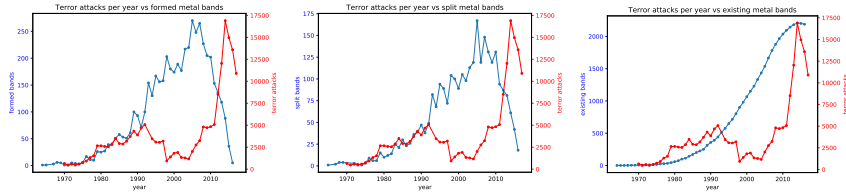


Fig. 9: formed, split and existing | l,blue: bands / r,red: attacks

First the data is aligned, then it diverges. To have another view, the mean data (existing bands) was also plotted. One could say that terrorism triggered the creation of metal, but then metal went all in. A peak of terrorism then stopped the rapid growth. But no, the number of terror attacks is probably not related to the number of metal bands.

## 5.2 Population vs number of metal bands

Is population growth related to number of metal bands? To answer this question, a country's population was plotted against the number of existing metal bands in this country. There was a lot of different patterns for population, while the band

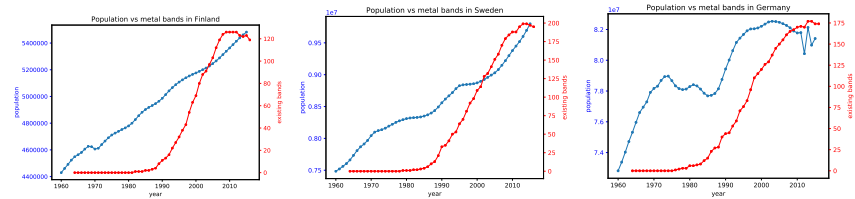


Fig. 10: Finland, Sweden and Germany | l,blue: population / r,red: bands

curve pretty much remains the same, but no interesting correlation. What was found, though, were countries that show an opposite behaviour for population and metal bands. It seems as after the rise of metal the population crashed. As it

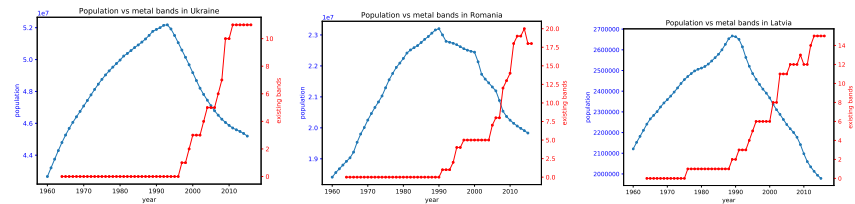


Fig. 11: Ukraine, Romania and Latvia | l,blue: population / r,red: bands

turned out, after opening the borders, due to the fall of communism, there was a lot of emmigration. So population growth and metal bands probably aren't related either.

## 5.3 Terrorism vs population

Are acts or terror related to population? The number of terror attacks are plotted against the population by country. Obviously population (growth) doesn't care about terror attacks. A lot of different patterns were found, both for population and terrorism. So terrorism and population probably aren't related either, although some countries show interesting figures. Some countries have a stagnating or even decreasing population after or while the presence of terrorism. Moldova is probably also communism related, the behaviour in Italy and the UK remain unknown to the authors.

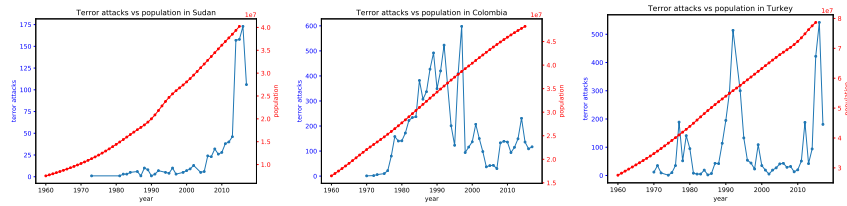


Fig. 12: Sudan, Colombia and Turkey

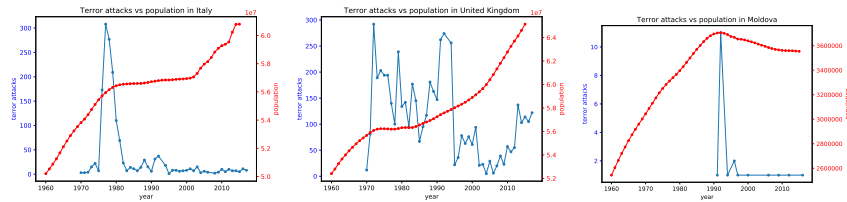


Fig. 13: Italy, United Kingdom and Moldova

#### 5.4 A country's main genre vs terror attacks

Does a country's main (most represented) metal genre have influence on terror? How do you compare metal genre with terrorism? Comparing band names with types and subtypes of attacks, targets and weapons brought two results: There is a metal band and a terror group called *Condor* and there is a metal band called *Suffocation*, which may or may not be related to 17 incidents in the past years. To get somewhat significant data, the top 30 countries with most (over 15) metal bands were selected. Then the country's main genre is selected along with the number of attacks. Group by genre, sum attacks and mean attacks by countries yields the following graph. So if your country's main genre is progressive you should be good, if it is doom you should probably leave.

#### 5.5 Terror Map

The terror data points were visualized with datamaps. For each year, the distinct locations were retrieved and plotted. Mouseover the location shows the city, country, number of attacks and the number of killed and wounded people.

### 6 Lessons Learned

Describe your lessons learned.

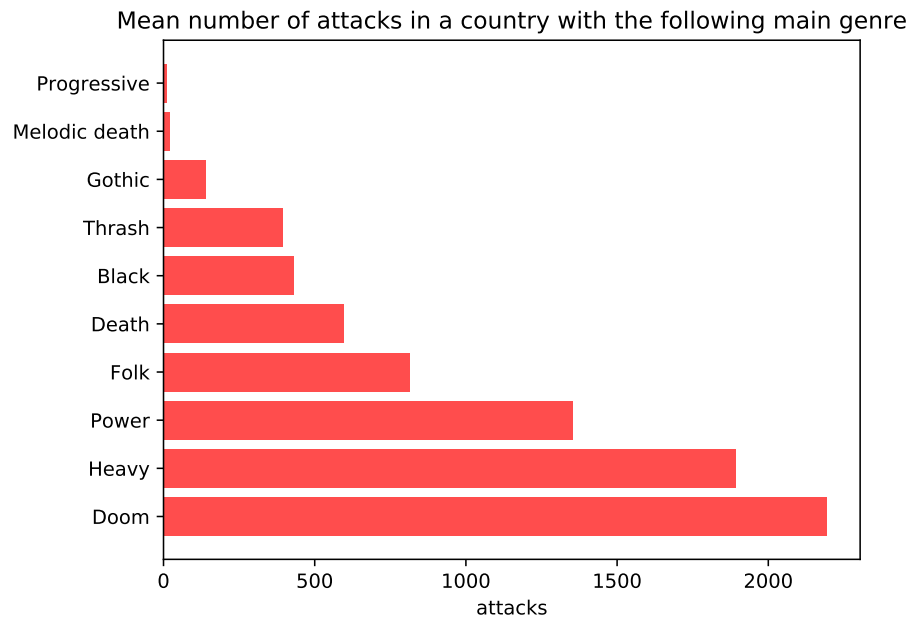


Fig. 14: Main genre vs terrorism

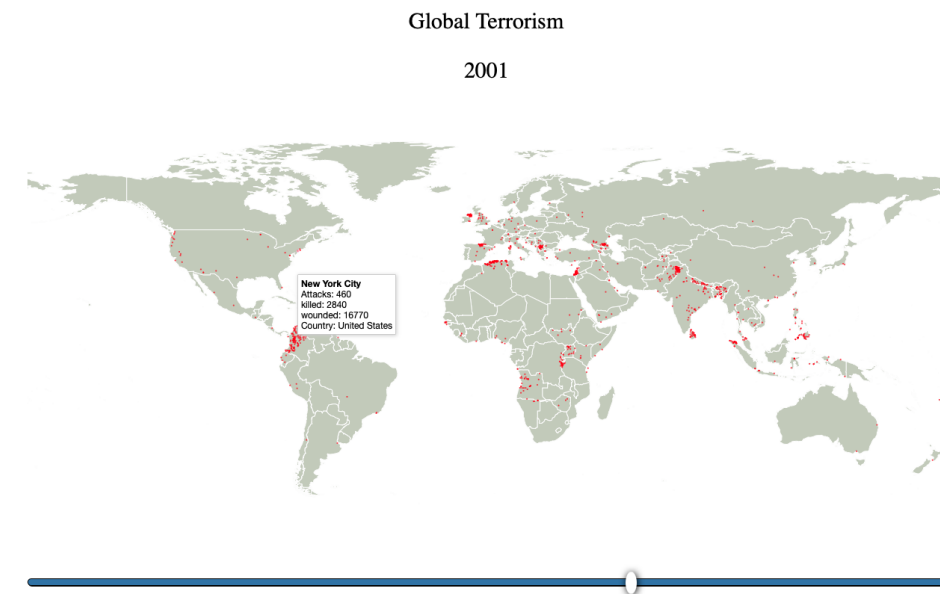


Fig. 15: Global Terror Map