

# MMP Dataset and Codebook

**Data last scraped from website: July 31, 2019**

The Mapping Militants Project (MMP) collects and maintains data on several types of relationships (e.g., alliances, rivalries) among hundreds of unique militant organizations. These data are hosted on the project's interactive "maps," which provide both (1) visual representations of how relationships among militant organizations change over time and (2) links to in-depth profiles of individual groups. MMP team members scrape these maps and additional areas of the MMP website to construct a dataset on relationships among militant organizations. This dataset is available for download on the [MMP Box](#).

There are several CSV files included in the MMP Box. The descriptions of each file and its column names are listed below. The MMP team can be reached at [mappingmilitants@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:mappingmilitants@lists.stanford.edu) to answer any questions about the data.

**When using this dataset, please cite:**

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**Before downloading and using this data, please keep two crucial points in mind.**

1. These data were not systemically collected or sampled from specific countries. MMP has emphasized detailed narrative accounts of militant organizations over rigorous and systematic data collection. MMP research assistants attempted to include as many militant groups as possible in a given region, but the maps are not necessarily exhaustive. As a consequence, the data are likely missing observations that would bias any analysis.
2. Though MMP is currently in the process of moving to a new website platform, all MMP data are still hosted by the old website. The old website is known to be unreliable at times, and it is possible that its data output contains small errors. MMP team members have tried to eliminate all of these errors in the data, but data users should still exercise caution. If users find any additional errors within the data, please contact the MMP team to let them know at [mappingmilitants@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:mappingmilitants@lists.stanford.edu).

# Data file descriptions

**Militant Group Key** – This file lists all of the militant groups included in the Mapping Militants Project and their corresponding unique identification number.

- **group\_id**: unique id number for each group included in the dataset (Note: -99 signals that this is a new group in the data that has not yet been added to a map)
- **name**: group name

**Militant Group Relationships** – This file contains data on all relationships among militant groups documented in the Mapping Militants Project. Each observation is a relationship-dyad.

- **unique\_id**: unique id number for every relationship included in the dataset
- **type**: type of relationship recorded; see definitions page for more information – <https://web.stanford.edu/group/mappingmilitants/cgi-bin/pages/definitions>
- **group1\_id**: id number for the first group included in a given dyad observation
- **group2\_id**: id number for the second group included in a given dyad observation
- **date**: date at which the relationship begins as recorded in the map
- **description**: brief description of the relationship
- **group1\_name**: name of the first group included in a given dyad observation
- **group2\_name**: name of the second group included in a given dyad observation

**Map Key** – This file lists all of the maps included in the Mapping Militants Project and their corresponding identification number.

- **map\_name**: name of map
- **description**: brief description of map
- **startyear**: the first year included on the map
- **endyear**: the last year included on the map
- **map\_id1**: one of two unique id numbers assigned to each map (both are used in as the map\_id in the Map Contents data)
- **map\_id2**: one of two unique id numbers assigned to each map (both are used in as the map\_id in the Map Contents data)

**Map Contents** – This file contains data on which militant groups belong to which maps.

- **unique\_id**: unique id number for every observation included in the dataset
- **map\_id**: id number for each map (both map\_id1 and map\_id2 are used in this column)
- **group\_id**: id number for each group