

Changes in Demographic after Armed Conflict

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Introduction

Since the end of the cold war in 1991, 2016 was the fifth most violent year in the world. Currently in 2017, there are more than 40 active conflicts in the world right now. Armed conflicts severely affect the lives of individuals in those countries currently. Most of the data online, outlines the armed conflict and casualties of the war. Others also include an interactive feature of the global conflict to observe the scale of the conflict, with respect to other nations. One special interactive map illustrates how various armed conflict affect US interests. Despite all the information surrounding the conflict, none accurately depict how the conflict has affected the lives of the individuals alive and living amidst the war.

War impacts people profoundly, and yet countries like the US insist on engaging in numerous armed conflicts regardless of the outcome. Westernized people, on account of the privilege awarded by not being engaged in the conflict on a daily basis, rarely understand the impact of war on the population. How has the war impacted education? Are more males leaving school as a result of the conflict? What about women? How has the war impacted the need to have equal education for women? How has the conflict caused the governmental expenditures to change? Is there more funding for the various industries or are a majority of the funding being exploited to arm the conflict? In addition, do the citizens have access to water, electricity, and housing and basic human rights? (Fenner 2012)

Our application, seen above, offers a tool to answer the questions as well as a variety of other questions. We integrated the wealth of information available for armed conflict and various findings on country-level data to provide a synthesized view of how armed conflict affects various nations. By offering this perspective, we can observe that it severely affects countries in which the conflict takes place and the other side is left unaffected and growing.

Data

The first data set used is from Kaggle titled “Country Socioeconomic Status Scores.” This data set includes the overall score of socioeconomic status by country for every decade since 1880. Socioeconomic Status (SES) Scores measure the accessibility of an individual, household, or community to collective resources. This measure incorporates, income, wealth, health, and occupation. For each country, this individualized measure is aggregated as a whole to provide the measure for the country.

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## # A tibble: 5 x 8
##   unid  wbid  country  year  SES  gdppc  yrseduc  popshare
##   <int> <chr>    <chr> <int> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1     4    AFG Afghanistan 2010  5.68  1663      NA  0.00415
## 2     4    AFG Afghanistan 2000  2.06   565      NA  0.00331
## 3     4    AFG Afghanistan 1990  1.27   604      NA  0.00235
## 4     4    AFG Afghanistan 1980  3.47   690      NA  0.00306
## 5     4    AFG Afghanistan 1970  3.47   709      NA  0.00310
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The second set is world data from the World Bank. The data was accessed from an R package `WDI`. Using the R package we choose 17 indicators which we believed were good measures of the well-being of the individuals in the country. The indicators were as follows:

- health expenditure, total (% of GDP)
- fertility rate, total (births per total)

- life expectancy at birth, female (years)
- life expectancy at birth, total (years)
- mortality rate, under-5 (per 1000 live births)
- children in employment, total (% of children 7-14)
- labor force, female (% of total labor force)
- labor force participation rate, female (% of female population ages 15+)(modeled ILO estimate) indicator
- GINI index (World Bank estimate) indicator
- Refugee population by country or territory of origin ()
- Refugee population by country or territory of asylum ()
- Improved sanitation facilities (% of population with access) indicator
- Improved water source (% of population with access) indicator
- Access to electricity (% of population) indicator
- Population living in slums (% of urban population) indicator

Variable Selection

Wrangling

Results

Limitations

Conclusion

References

Fenner, Martin. 2012. “One-Click Science Marketing.” *Nature Materials* 11 (4). Nature Publishing Group: 261–63. doi:10.1038/nmat3283.