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peak size, which alone explained 32 percent of the variance in outcome scores (i.e., $r^2 = 0.32$). No other single variable on its own explained more than 4 percent of the variance. Remarkably, the addition of all other explanatory variables together improved the explanatory power only from 32 to 34 percent—or hardly at all. On the surface, there appears to be weak support for the argument that a terrorist group's size may affect its duration: Larger groups tend to last longer than smaller groups. However, size may be endogenous to duration. That is, groups that last longer may be larger simply because they have more time to recruit new members. In this case, duration would cause size, rather than the other way around.