Summary of final paper-Strejc

I was fortunate that I had a data set that allowed me to look at most of what I sought to study. I thought in the beginning, that I would look at the spatial side of data analysis with the various groups, but that would require me having access to data on the location of attacks and terrorist residences. I did not, so I had to focus just on the target outcomes and intended targets. I wish that I would have been able to make more conclusions on ideology, but my small sample size/missing data made that difficult.

I had a tougher time making regression models since my variables are categorical. I really did not know what I was doing, until I came across the concepts of odds ratio tables, and margins at averages. Both of these allowed me to represent my data in a logical and interpretable way. I was disappointed that my sample size ended up being so small due to missing values. This made it so in some cases, there were independent variables that perfectly predicted a certain outcome. While this does tell me something, I would like to have more data to be more certain with my results.

Overall, this project was difficult, but I found that it came together nicely. Having all the steps really made in manageable. I feel that I learned a little bit about terrorism in the US, and it is something that I could see myself researching later in my career. Thank you for everything you did this semester! I appreciate how much you care about your students.