

# Replication of Partners in Crime: An Empirical Evaluation of the CIA Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation Program

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In (Schmidt and Sikkink (2018b)).

**Figure 1**

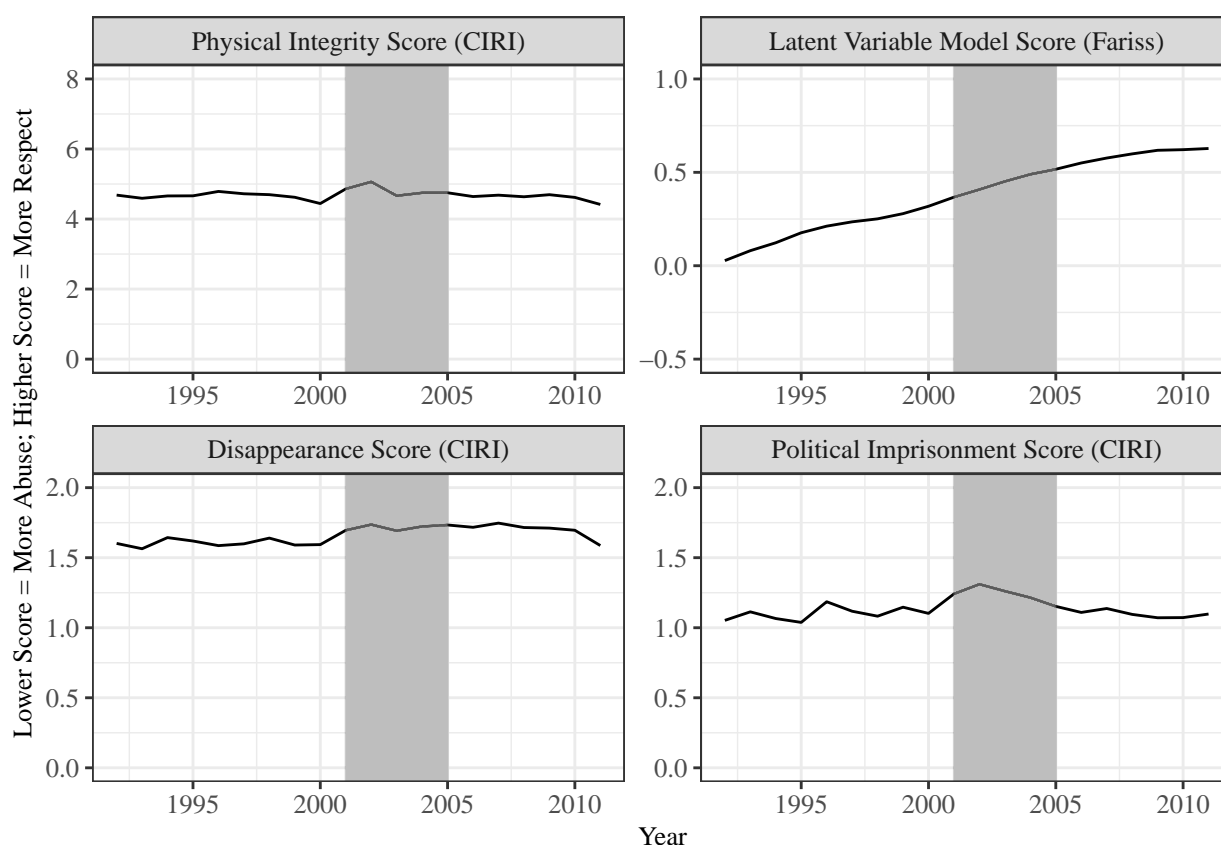


Figure 2

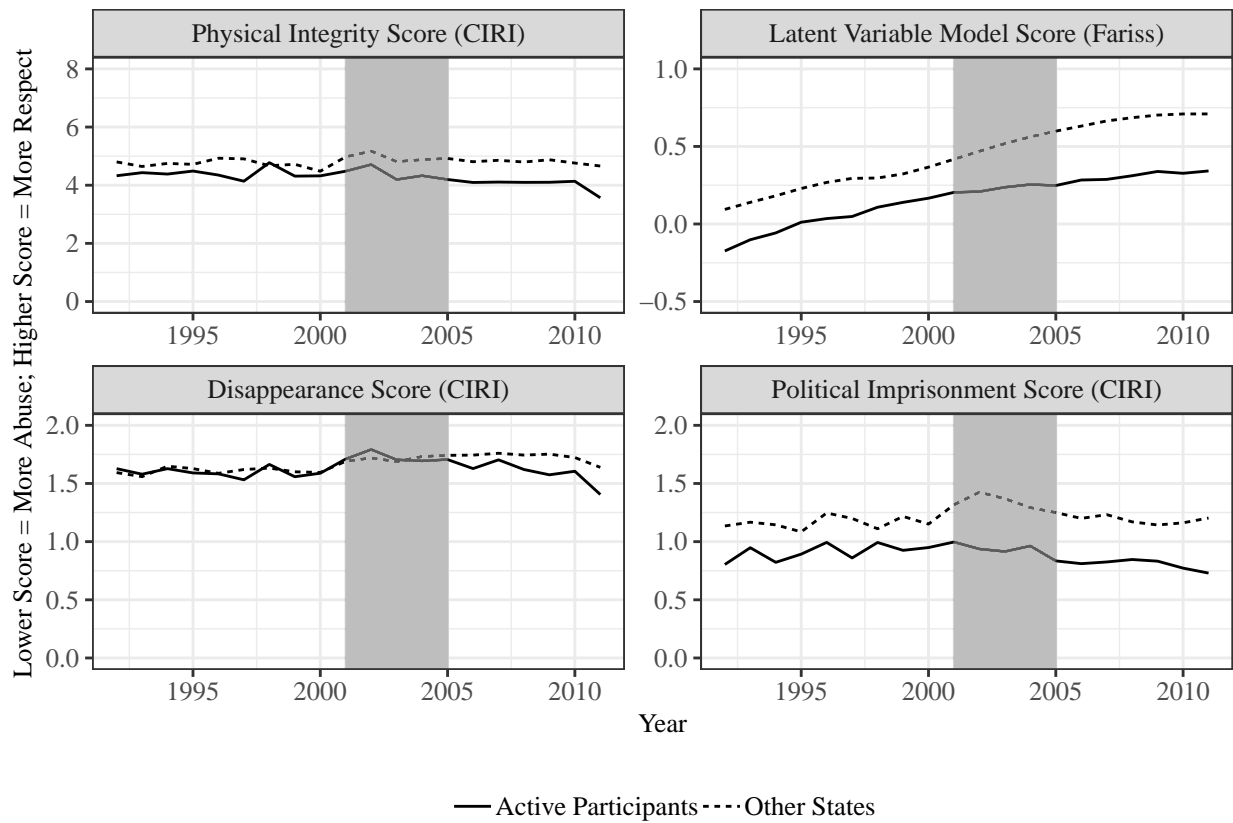
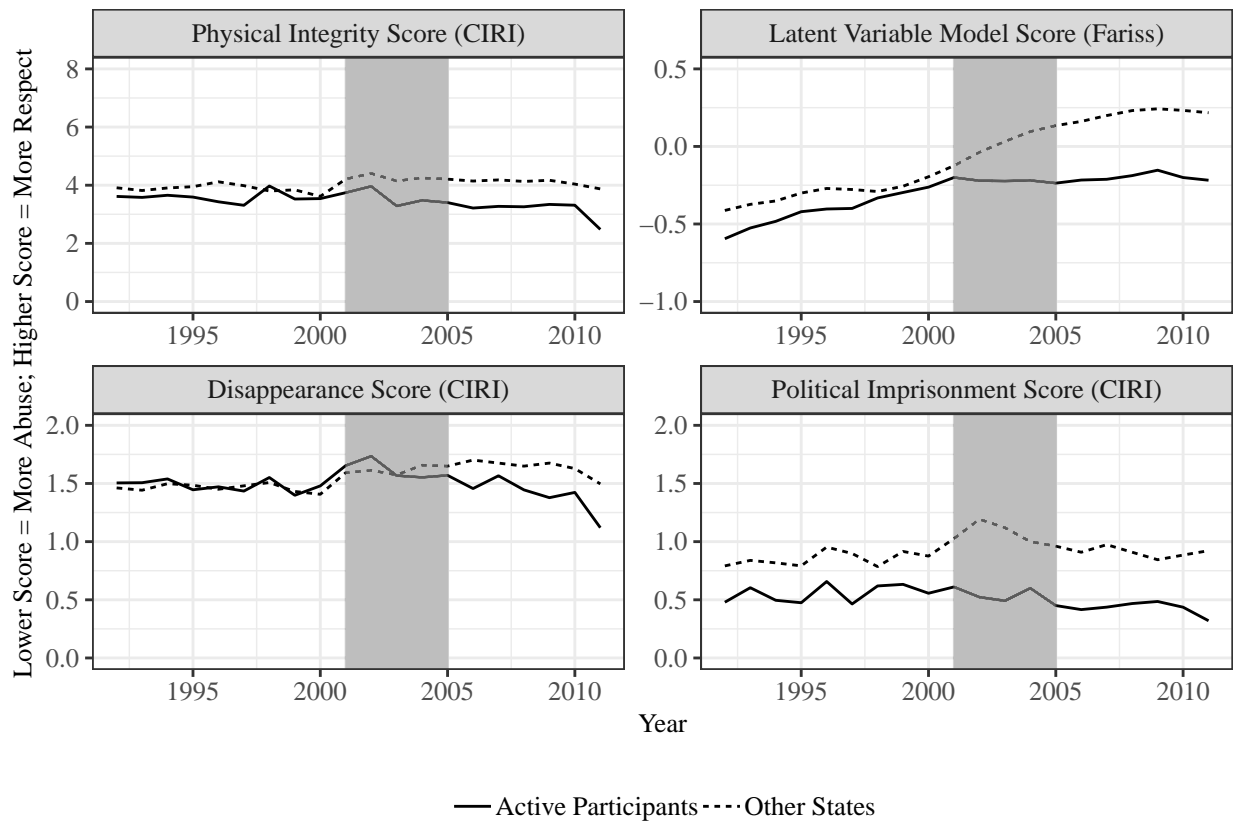


Figure 3



# Tables

Table 1: Participation in RDI program and state respect for human rights, 1992-2011

	Physical Integrity Score (CIRI)				Latent Variable Model Score (Fariss)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Participation	-0.207*		-0.238**		-0.032		-0.036**	
	(0.125)		(0.111)		(0.020)		(0.018)	
Democratic participation		-0.127		-0.127		0.004		-0.002
		(0.112)		(0.129)		(0.023)		(0.022)
Autocratic participation		-0.244		-0.290**		-0.049**		-0.052**
		(0.166)		(0.146)		(0.025)		(0.023)
Internal conflicts			-0.277***	-0.277***			-0.028***	-0.028***
			(0.080)	(0.080)			(0.010)	(0.010)
Terrorist attacks			-0.001*	-0.001*			-0.0002	-0.0002
			(0.001)	(0.001)			(0.0001)	(0.0001)
Transitional state			-0.090	-0.088			0.016	0.016
			(0.077)	(0.077)			(0.014)	(0.014)
Polity score			0.086***	0.086***			0.010***	0.010***
			(0.014)	(0.014)			(0.003)	(0.003)
Log population			0.279	0.319			-0.058	-0.046
			(0.323)	(0.345)			(0.067)	(0.069)
Log GDP per capita			0.123	0.123			-0.003	-0.003
			(0.143)	(0.143)			(0.028)	(0.028)
Log US trade			0.002	0.002			-0.0004	-0.0002
			(0.024)	(0.025)			(0.002)	(0.002)
Log US military assistance			-0.013	-0.012			-0.004	-0.004
			(0.022)	(0.022)			(0.003)	(0.003)
Fixed effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198
R <sup>2</sup>	0.177	0.177	0.223	0.223	0.845	0.846	0.850	0.850

All models include country and year fixed effects and a dependent variable lagged one year. Country level cluster-robust standard errors in parentheses. \*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

Table 2: Participation in RDI program and state respect for human rights, 1992-2011

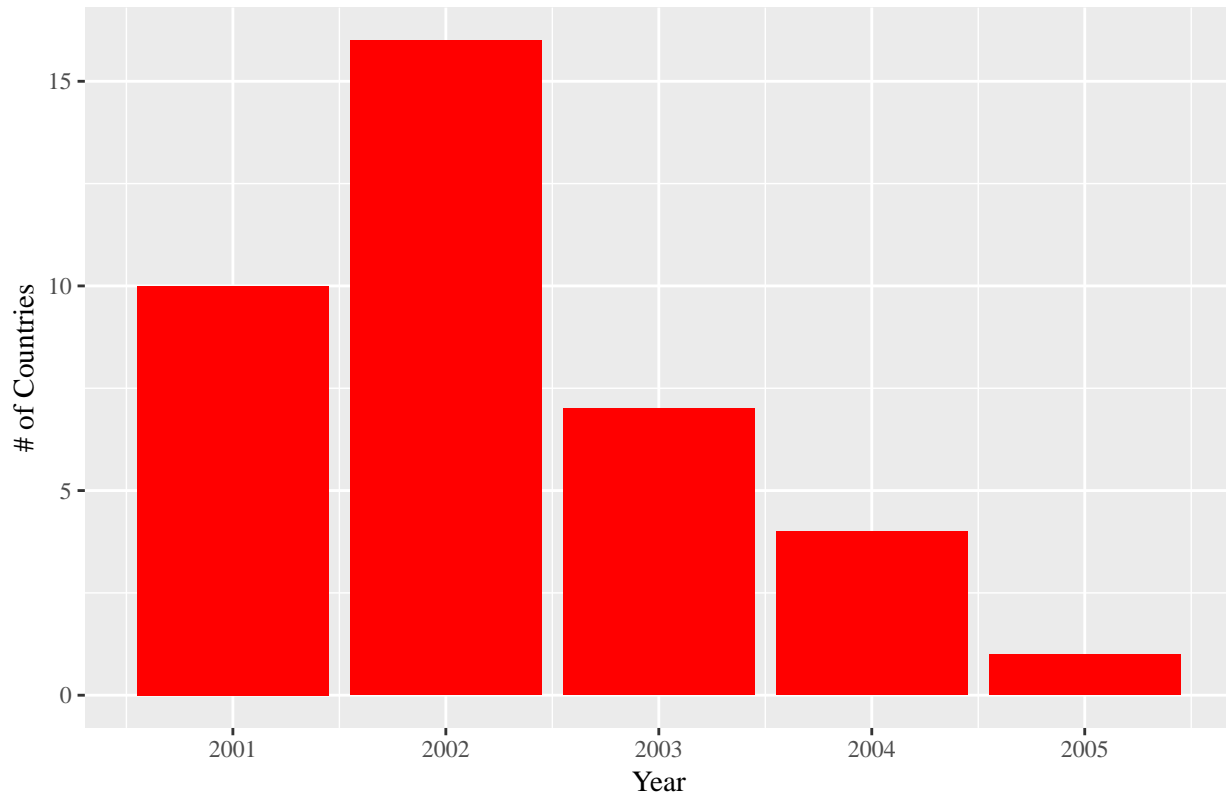
	Disappearance Score (CIRI)				Political Imprisonment Score (CIRI)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Participation	-0.075 (0.053)		-0.086* (0.049)		-0.092* (0.051)		-0.100** (0.049)	
Democratic participation		0.036 (0.063)		0.038 (0.067)		-0.079** (0.039)		-0.059 (0.049)
Autocratic participation		-0.126* (0.068)		-0.144** (0.060)		-0.097 (0.069)		-0.119* (0.066)
Internal conflicts			-0.063** (0.030)	-0.063** (0.030)			-0.073** (0.035)	-0.073** (0.035)
Terrorist attacks			-0.001 (0.0003)	-0.0005 (0.0003)			-0.0002 (0.0002)	-0.0002 (0.0002)
Transitional state			-0.046 (0.029)	-0.044 (0.029)			0.004 (0.031)	0.005 (0.031)
Polity score			0.023*** (0.005)	0.023*** (0.005)			0.037*** (0.006)	0.037*** (0.006)
Log population			0.031 (0.107)	0.075 (0.119)			0.137 (0.125)	0.151 (0.134)
Log GDP per capita			-0.004 (0.058)	-0.005 (0.057)			0.017 (0.061)	0.017 (0.060)
Log US trade			0.010 (0.008)	0.011 (0.008)			-0.003 (0.008)	-0.002 (0.008)
Log US military assistance			0.005 (0.010)	0.006 (0.010)			-0.004 (0.008)	-0.003 (0.008)
Fixed effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,198
R <sup>2</sup>	0.162	0.164	0.184	0.186	0.100	0.100	0.137	0.137

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## Extension

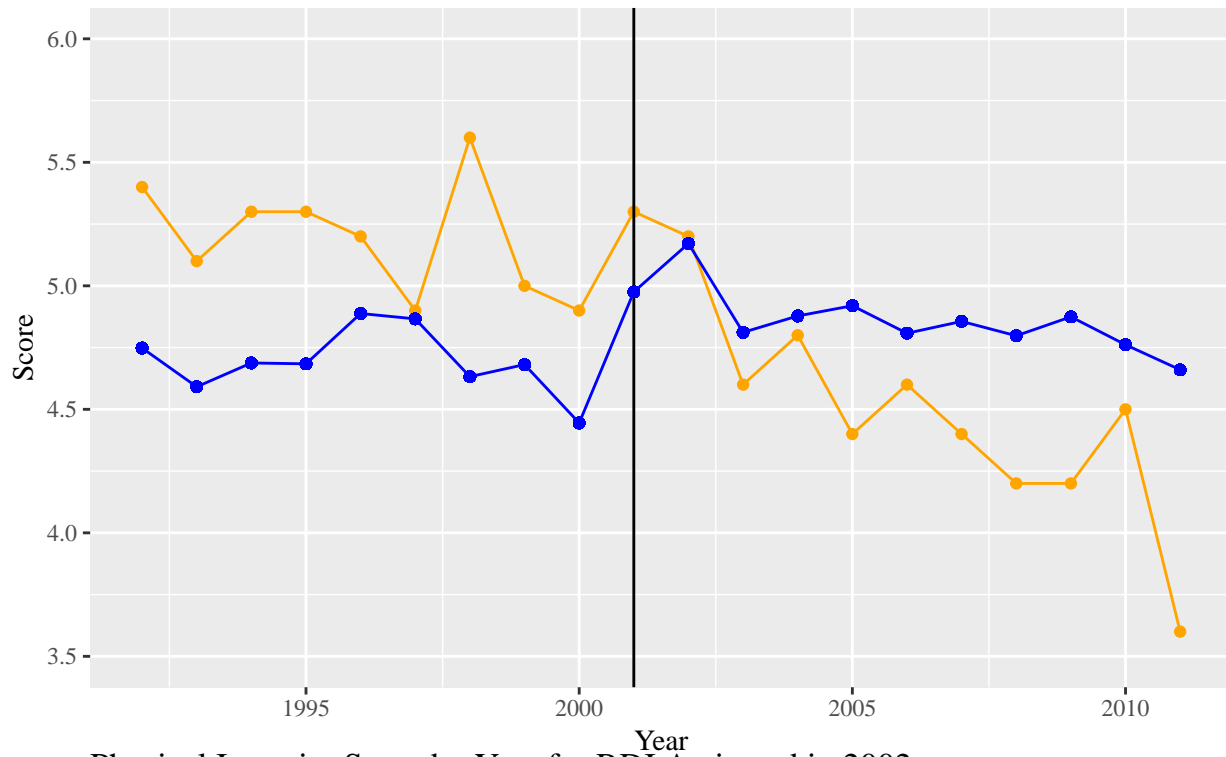
The extension is looking at the way that a country's human rights rating would change with the adoption of, participation in, or support of the CIA's RDI program. Using an indicator in the dataset, I was able to construct a profile for each of the different years to compare countries participating in and not participating in the program. An interesting thing to note in the dataset is that once a country was participating in the program, the data indicated that none of the countries backed out. The original paper (Schmidt and Sikkink (2018a)), included a note saying that this data was not readily available in their original dataset. If this data were available, it would be interesting to have a better view of what was going on.

**Number of Countries Actively Adopting the RDI Program**



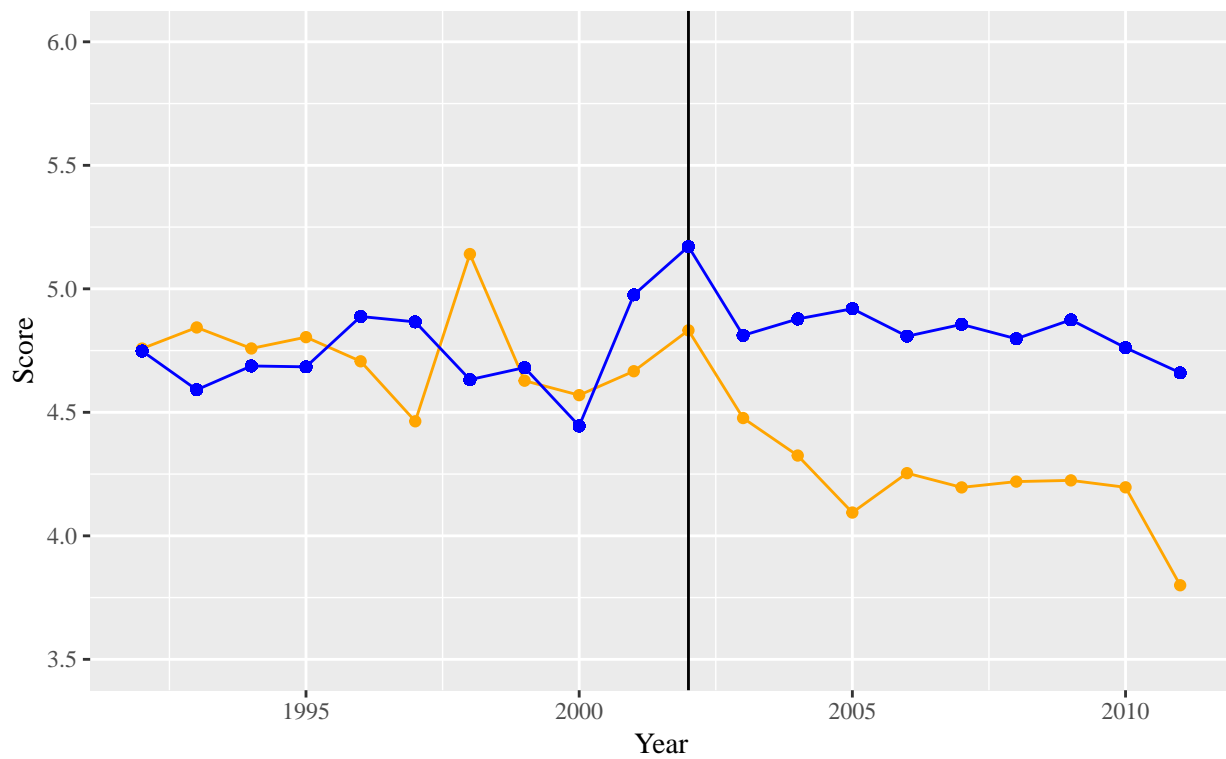
### Physical Integrity Score by Year for RDI Activated in 2001

RDI: orange, non-RDI: blue



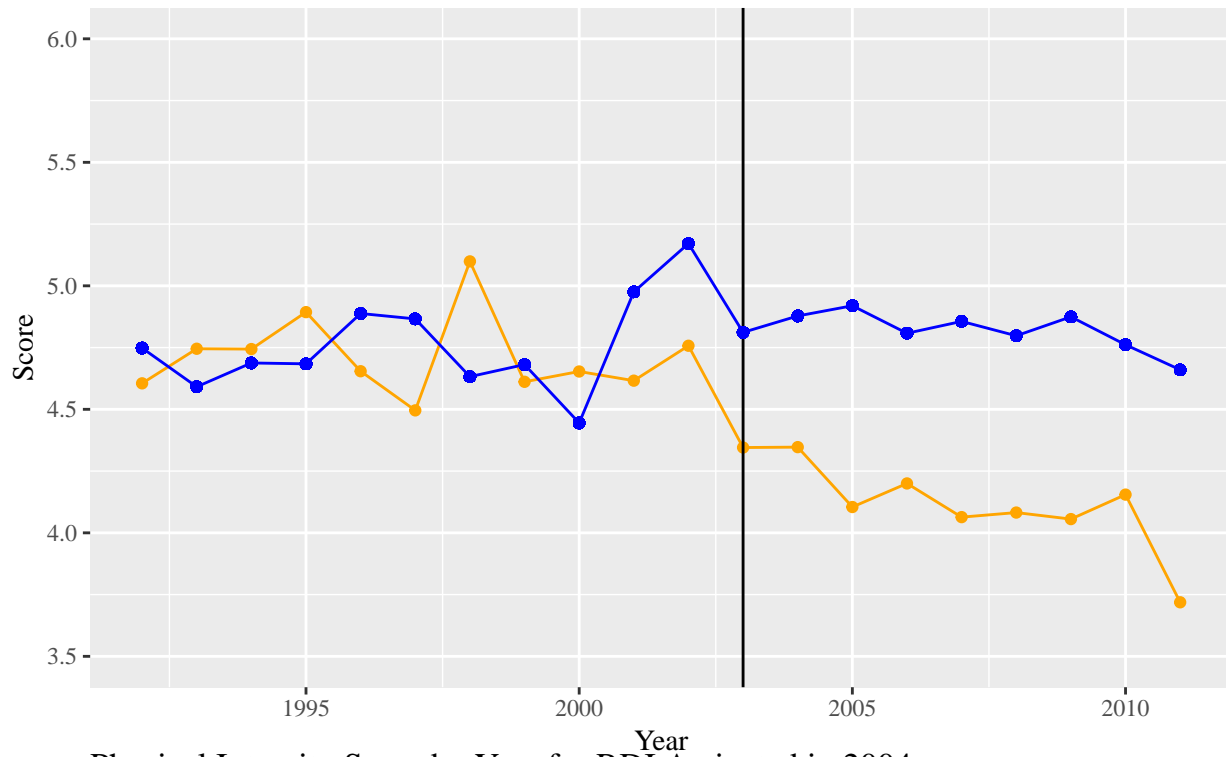
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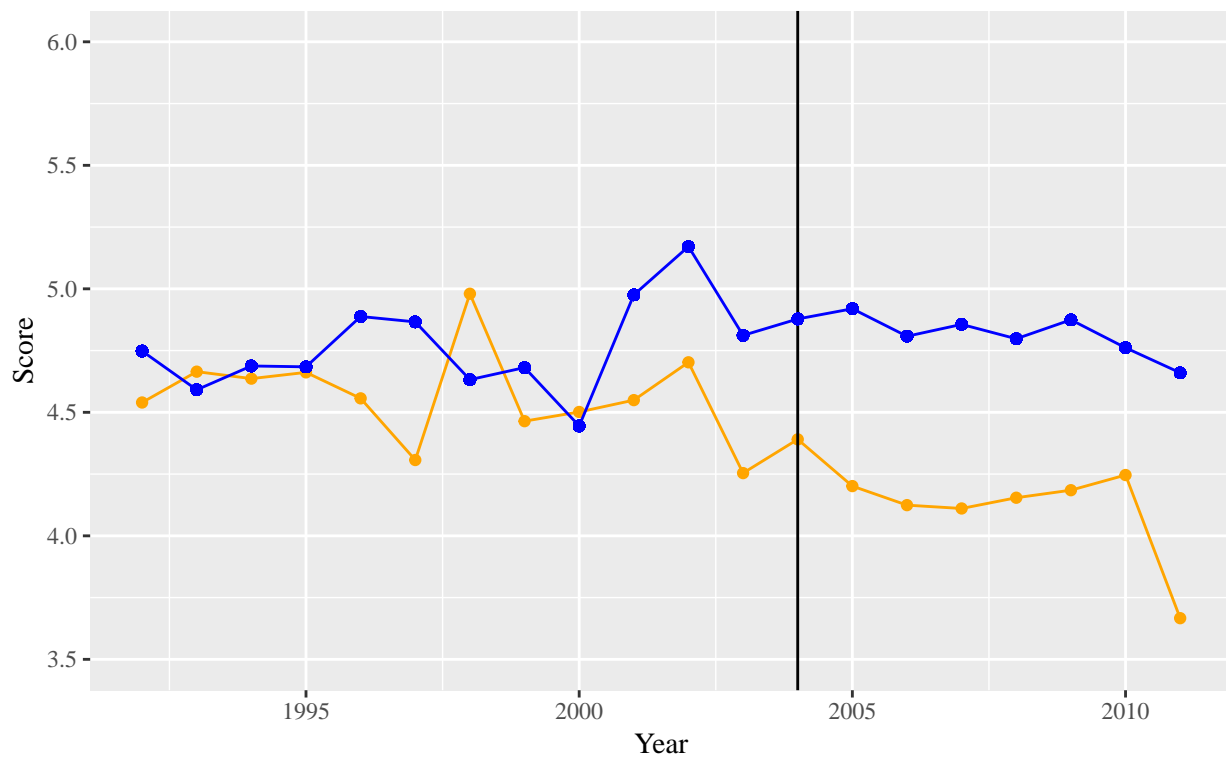
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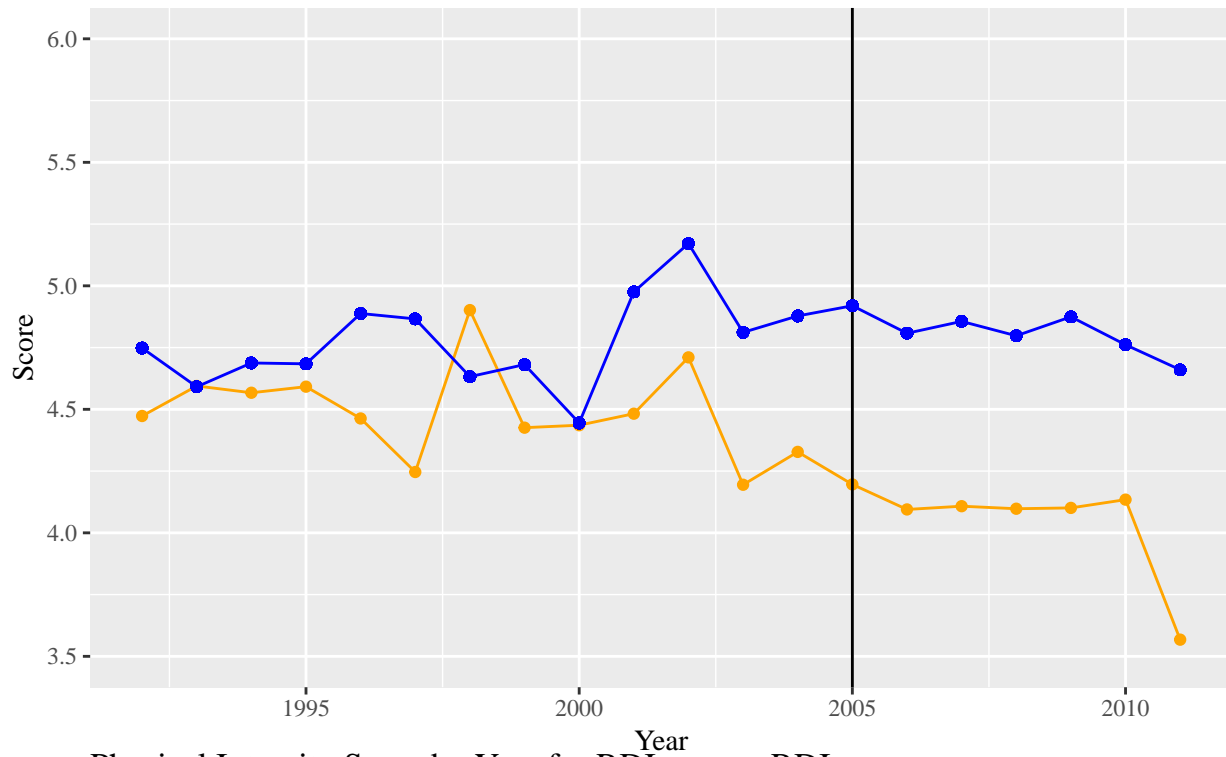
RDI: orange, non-RDI: blue





### Physical Integrity Score by Year for RDI Activated in 2005

RDI: orange, non-RDI: blue



### Physical Integrity Score by Year for RDI v. non-RDI

RDI: orange, non-RDI: blue

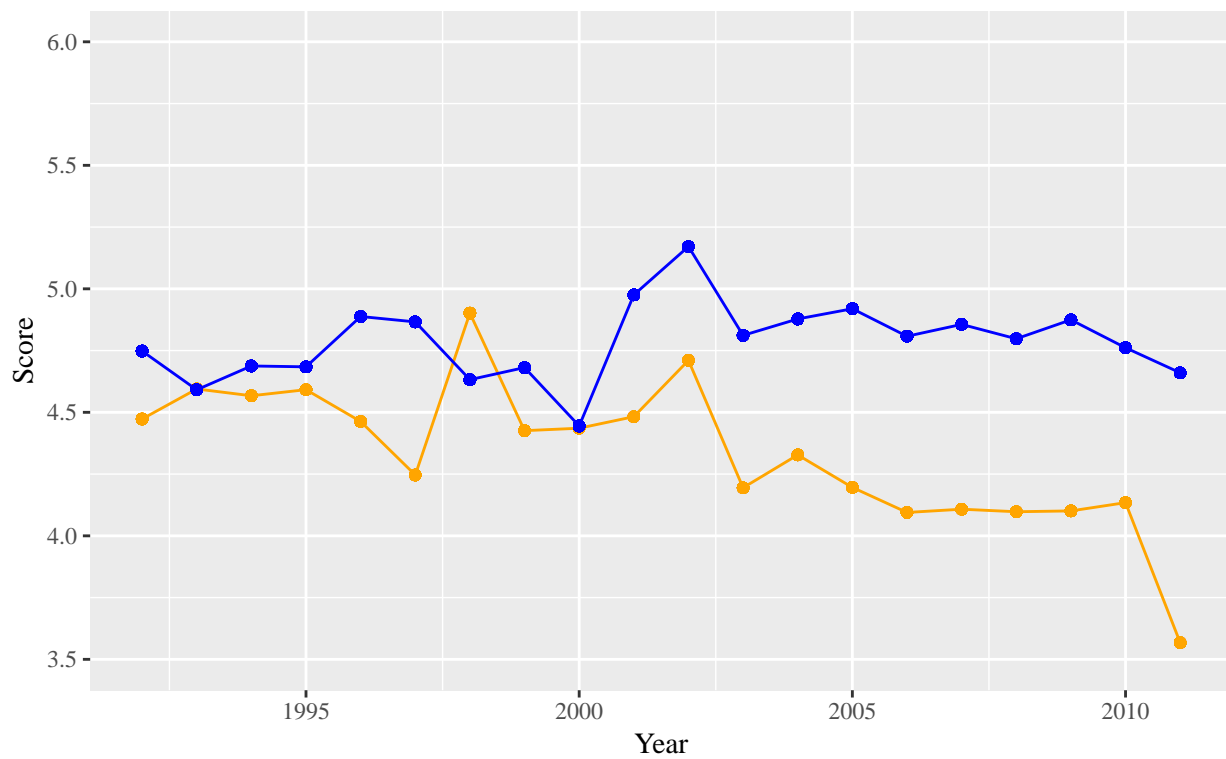


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	Physical Integrity Score (CIRI)	
	(1)	(2)
Participation	−0.464*** (0.169)	
Democratic participation	−0.741*** (0.116)	
Autocratic participation	−0.926*** (0.125)	−0.980*** (0.057)
Internal conflicts	−0.004*** (0.001)	−0.004*** (0.001)
Terrorist attacks	−0.270** (0.121)	−0.163** (0.070)
Transitional state	0.116*** (0.009)	0.126*** (0.005)
Polity score	−0.656*** (0.048)	−0.387*** (0.026)
Log population	0.209*** (0.054)	0.337*** (0.026)
Log GDP per capita	0.141*** (0.022)	−0.024* (0.013)
Log US trade	−0.059*** (0.020)	−0.136*** (0.013)
Log US military assistance	12.185*** (0.824)	10.747*** (0.431)
Fixed effects	Yes	Yes
N	759	2,491
Log Likelihood	−1,296.139	−4,446.552
AIC	2,614.277	8,911.104

All models include country and year fixed effects and a dependent variable lagged one year. Country level cluster-robust standard errors in parentheses. \*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

## References

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