3/24/25 – Scholarship Project Notes

Unit of Analysis: EVENT

Submit: Link to Gtown Domains

1. Options for web experience:
   1. Dashboard-rich interface that presents a well-organized summary of insights
   2. Sequence of visualizations that guides the audience step-by-step
   3. Interactive elements such as scrolling, zooming, or tooltips allowing user to explore data at their own pace
2. Narrative Portion:
   1. Draw meaningful conclusions and provide recommendations
   2. Summarize key insights from visual storytelling
   3. Actionable recommendations for stakeholders
   4. Should connect back to descriptive portion; evidence-based
3. Only “successful” attack events, so don’t think of likelihood of particular aid worker being attacked in a particular place
4. Analyze with respect to base rates (need to understand this)
5. Good variables:
   1. Count of victims by agency
   2. Count of victims by national versus international
6. Bad variable:
   1. Type of attack (often after the fact)
7. Dataset: Aid Worker Security Database (AWSD)
   1. Records major incidents of violence against aid workers
      1. Kidnapping, killing, wounding (serious injury), rape, sexual assault
      2. Aid workers: employees and personal of not-for-profit aid agencies that provide material and technical assistance in humanitarian relief
      3. NGOs, local volunteer groups, Red Cross, FAO, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, WFP, WHO (all UN), IOM, UNRAW, UNMAS, world bank
   2. All countries that have humanitarian operational presence
   3. Starting in 1997 (more comprehensive starting in 2000)
8. Variable Descriptions:
9. Preliminary Ideas:
   1. Plot of attacks overtime
   2. Geospatial map of where they occur
   3. Aggregate by type of aid worker (victim by agency/national vs international)

ANGLE: Motive

Has the reason for these attacks shifted and does the motive impact the outcome?

Sub questions:

1. How the motives are changing over time
2. Are certain motives more common in certain areas – coincide with worldly events?
3. Is the type of motive linked to the outcome?
   1. Types of attacks
   2. Certain motives more deadly
4. Are certain groups more at risk based on the motive
   1. National vs international
   2. Agency

Titles:

Understanding the Why:

Motive, means, and opportunity

What’s the Angle?

Motive Matters

Tracing Motive

Modeling Motive