Figure 1: Trends in Military Spending (% of GDP) by Different Groupings A: Treatment vs. Original Control **B:** Effect of Shared Borders Avg. Military Spending (% GDP) $_{\scriptscriptstyle \Sigma}$ control (n=8) - treatment (n=24) ◆ No Shared Border (n=19) ◆ Shares Border (n=5) C: Eastern vs. Western Blocs D: Threat Proximity Quartiles Avg. Military Spending (% GDP) $_{\scriptscriptstyle \Sigma}$

Eastern Bloc (n=10) • Western Bloc (n=14)

Year

Year

Threat Quartile (1=Farthest, 4=Closest) → 1 (n=6) → 2 (n=6) →