Government Actions in a Terrorist Environment - Israel (GATE-Israel)

Variables & Inclusion Criteria

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METHODOLOGY

Data used for this study came from the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) and the database Government Actions in a Terror Environment-Israel (GATE-Israel). Data concerning Palestinian terrorist attacks was drawn from the GTD, while data relating to Israeli state actions was found in GATE-Israel. Palestinian terrorist attacks were defined in this research as cases involving a minimum of one Israeli target in either Israel or the Palestinian territories. Attacks, documented in the GTD, against such targets that lack information about the perpetrators (30.2%) are assumed by this study to have been Palestinian related. Israeli actions towards non-state actors were found by utilizing Textual Analysis by Augmented Replacement Instructions (TABARI) to search Reuters articles from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 2004 for articles containing the search term "Israel." These results were filtered again to include only articles relating to Israeli government actions, both conciliatory and repressive, towards non-state actors. To determine if actions were conciliatory or repressive, from the Palestinian perspective, the "Seven-Point Guide for the Conciliatory-Repression Scale" was developed. Data were also auto coded to reflect whether the action was discriminate or indiscriminate. The data were then divided into four temporally based sets, (1)most of the 211 months in the period with the exception of the twelve months in 1993 for which the GTD lacks data, the first four months of 1994 as they are dependent on the missing 1993 data, and the first four months of the data set because they are dependent on data outside the scope of this study; (2) those months during the First Intifada (December 1987-August 1993); (3) those months during the Oslo Lull (September 1993-August 2000); and (4) those months during the Second Intifada.

The codebook contains 35 variables related to the following categories: (1) material versus non-material responses to terrorist acts; (2) repressive versus conciliatory responses; and (3) discriminate versus non-discriminate responses. A discriminate response to a terrorist act relates to those Israeli actions that specifically target only known terrorists, while an indiscriminate response punishes the entire population. Repressive actions are those that are committed as punishment for terrorist acts, while conciliatory responses reward the population for good behavior and/or the absence of terrorist attacks. Material responses are those reactions to terrorist acts, or lack thereof, which are concrete in nature, such as the arrest of suspects or the lifting of a curfew; while non-material responses are more abstract, such as threatening military force or expressing optimism.

VARIABLES

A. Unique Identifier
   (mcount)
   Numeric Variable

   This field is the unique identifier for the data.

B. Year of Incident
   (year)
   Numeric variable

   This field reflects the year in which an event occurred.

C. Month of Incident
   (month)
   Numeric variable

   This field reflects the month in which an event took place.

D. Conciliatory Actions
   (council)
   Numeric variable

   This field contains a count of monthly conciliatory actions that were taken by Israel. Conciliatory actions are rewards for periods of good behavior.

E. Repressive Actions
   (repress)
   Numeric variable

   This field contains a count of monthly repressive actions that were taken by Israel. Repressive actions are intended as punishment for terrorist attacks.

F. Conciliatory Discriminate Actions
   (concdisc)
   Numeric variable

   This field contains a count of monthly discriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel. Discriminate conciliatory actions reward only those people relevant to the lack of terrorist activity.

G. Conciliatory Indiscriminate Actions
(concindisc)
Numeric variable

This field contains a count of monthly indiscriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel. Indiscriminate conciliatory actions reward the entire population for good behavior, not only those persons directly involved in terrorism.

H. Repressive Discriminate Actions
(reprdisc)
Numeric Variable

This field contains a count of monthly discriminate repressive actions taken by Israel. Discriminate repressive actions punish only those persons known to be associated with terrorism.

I. Repressive Indiscriminate Actions
(reprindisc)
Numeric variable

This field contains a count of monthly indiscriminate repressive actions taken by Israel. Indiscriminate repressive actions punish the general population, regardless of one's association or lack of association with terrorism.

J. Attacks with 1993 Missing
(att93miss)
Numeric variable

This field contains a count of monthly attacks in Israel that was extracted from the GTD.

K. All Actions by Israel
(allact)
Numeric variable

This field contains a count of monthly actions taken by Israel. This includes conciliatory, repressive, discriminate, and indiscriminate actions.

L. Lagged All Actions
(allla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

M. Lagged Conciliatory Acts
(concla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly conciliatory actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

N. Lagged Repressive Acts
(reprla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

O. Lagged Conciliatory Discriminate Acts
(cdisla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly discriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

P. Lagged Conciliatory Indiscriminate Acts
(cindla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly indiscriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

Q. Lagged Repressive Discriminate Acts
(rdisla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly discriminate repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

R. Lagged Repressive Indiscriminate Acts
(rindla)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly indiscriminate repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

S. Population in Thousands
   (popthou)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the monthly population of Israel in thousands.

T. Attack Rate In Thousands
   (att_popth)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the monthly rate of terrorist attacks committed against Israelis based on the population in thousands.

U. Lagged Attack Rate in Thousands
   (atppl1)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the lagged monthly rate of terrorist attacks committed against Israelis based on the population in thousands from the previous month.

V. Second Lagged Attack Rate in Thousands
   (atppl2)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the lagged monthly rate of terrorist attacks committed against Israelis based on the population in thousands from two months prior.

W. Third Lagged Attack Rate in Thousands
   (atppl3)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the lagged monthly rate of terrorist attacks committed against Israelis based on the population in thousands from three months prior.

X. Fourth Lagged Attack Rate in Thousands
   (atppl4)
   Numeric variable

   This field represents the lagged monthly rate of terrorist attacks committed against Israelis based on the population in thousands from four months prior.

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Y. <u>Lagged All Actions Squared</u>
(allla2)
Numeric Variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

Z. <u>Lagged Conciliatory Actions Squared</u>
(concla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a lagged count of monthly repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

AA. <u>Lagged Repressive Actions Squared</u>
(reprla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

BB. <u>Lagged Conciliatory Discriminate Actions Squared</u>
(cdisla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly discriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

CC. <u>Lagged Conciliatory Indiscriminate Actions Squared</u>
(cindla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly indiscriminate conciliatory actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

DD. <u>Lagged Repressive Discriminate Actions Squared</u>
(rdisla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly discriminate repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

EE. <u>Lagged Repressive Indiscriminate Actions Squared</u>
(rindla2)
Numeric variable

This field contains a squared value of the lagged count of monthly indiscriminate repressive actions taken by Israel from the previous month.

FF. <u>Did the Event Occur During the First Intifada?</u>
(firstint)
Categorical Variable

"1" = Yes   The event occurred during the First Intifada.

"0" = No   The event did not occur during the First Intifada.

GG. <u>Did the Event Occur During the Second Intifada?</u>
(secondint)
Categorical Variable

"1" = Yes   The event occurred during the Second Intifada.

"0" = No   The event did not occur during the Second Intifada.

HH. <u>Was the Data Collected Retrospectively?</u>
(GTD2)
Categorical Variable

"1" = Yes   The data was collected retrospectively.

"0" = No   The data was not collected retrospectively..

II. <u>Did the Event Occur During the Oslo Lull?</u>
<u>(</u>oslolull<u>)</u>
Categorical Variable

"1" = Yes   The event occurred during the Oslo Lull.

"0" = No   The event did not occur during the Oslo Lull.