

# **Global Terrorism Database: Exploration**

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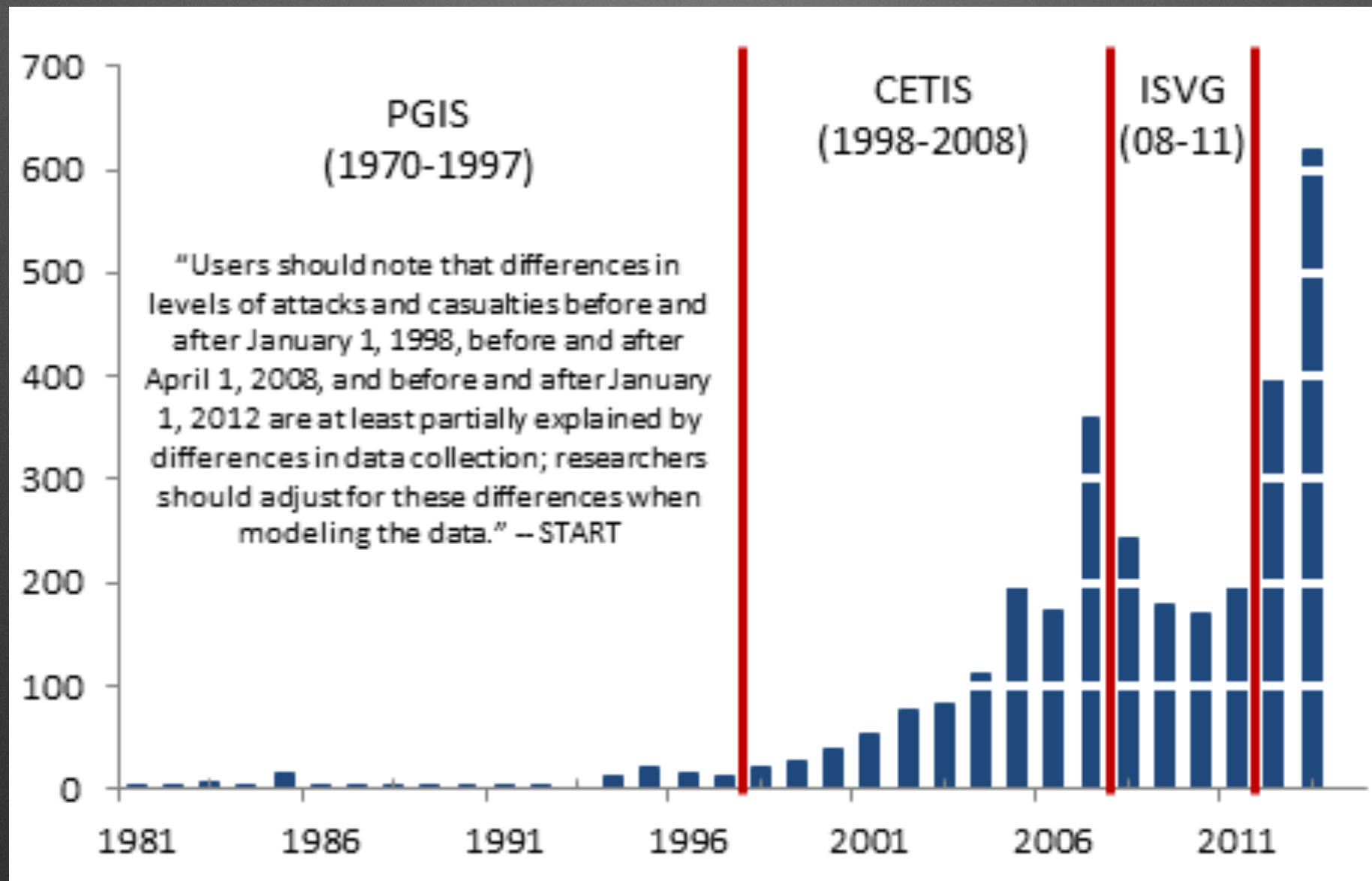
# Roadmap

- Database Discussion
- Explore the data
- Bayes
- 1993



# Data Exploration

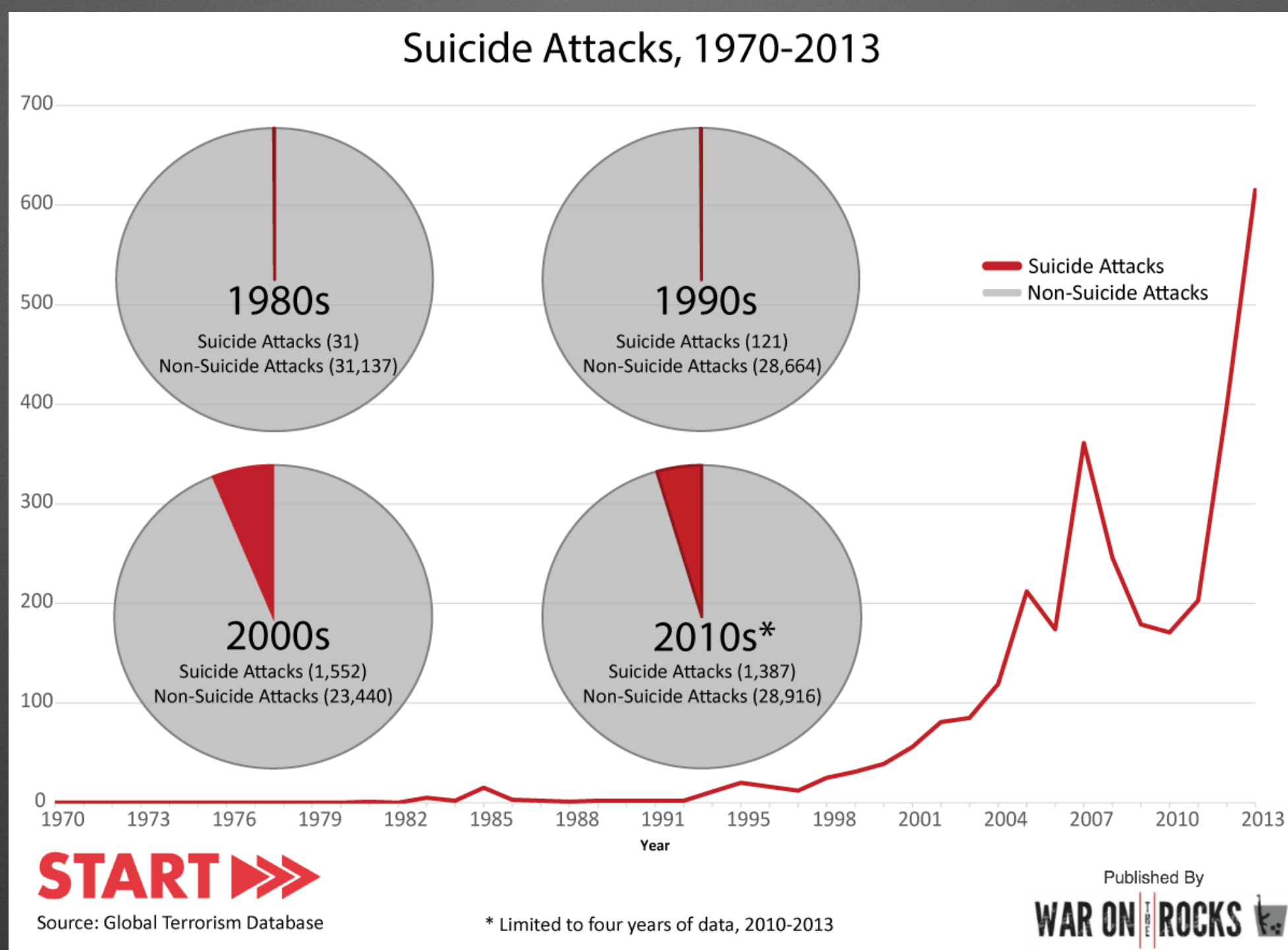
- Issues with set?



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“...especially when START itself does not listen to its own warnings”

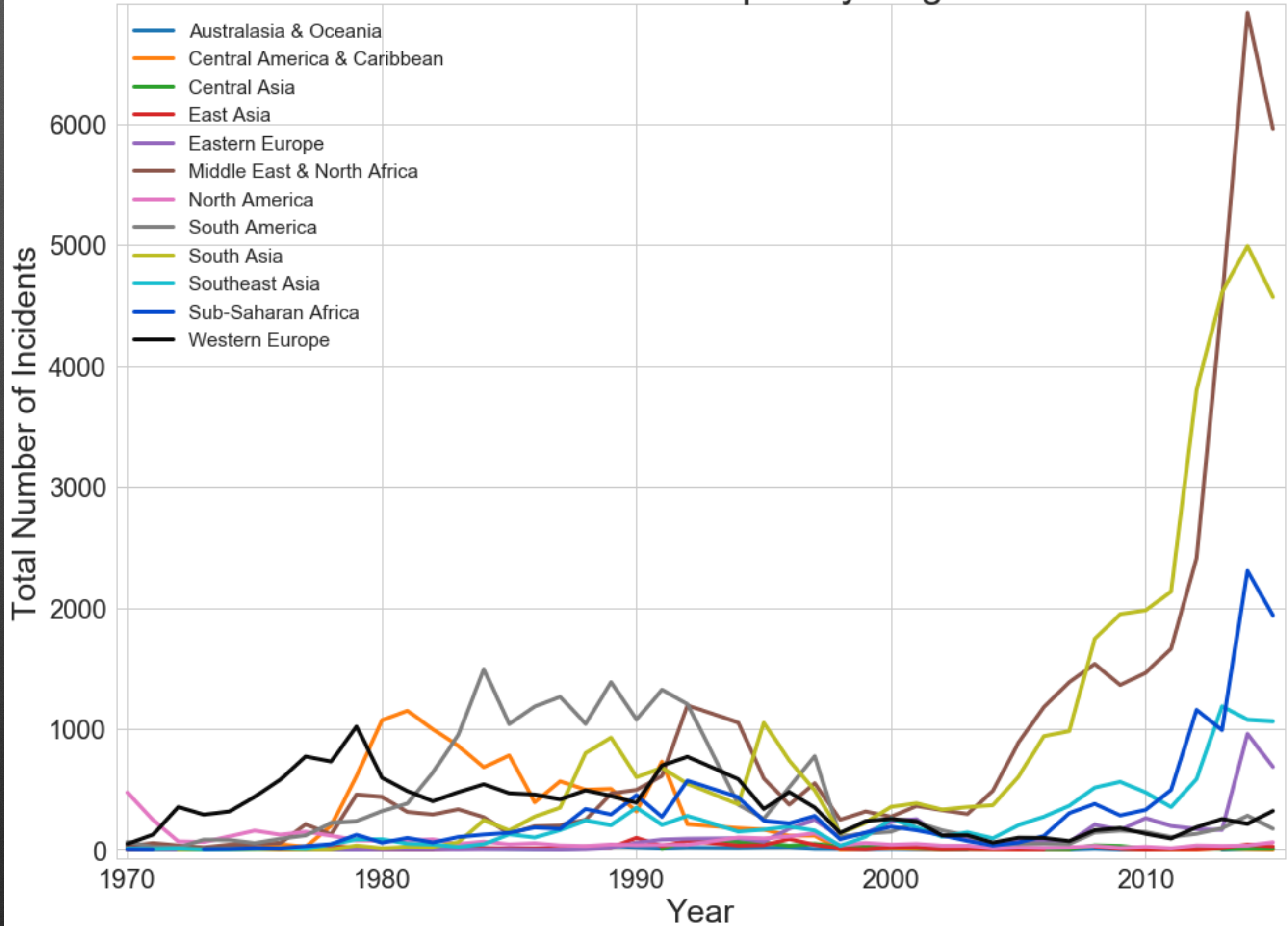
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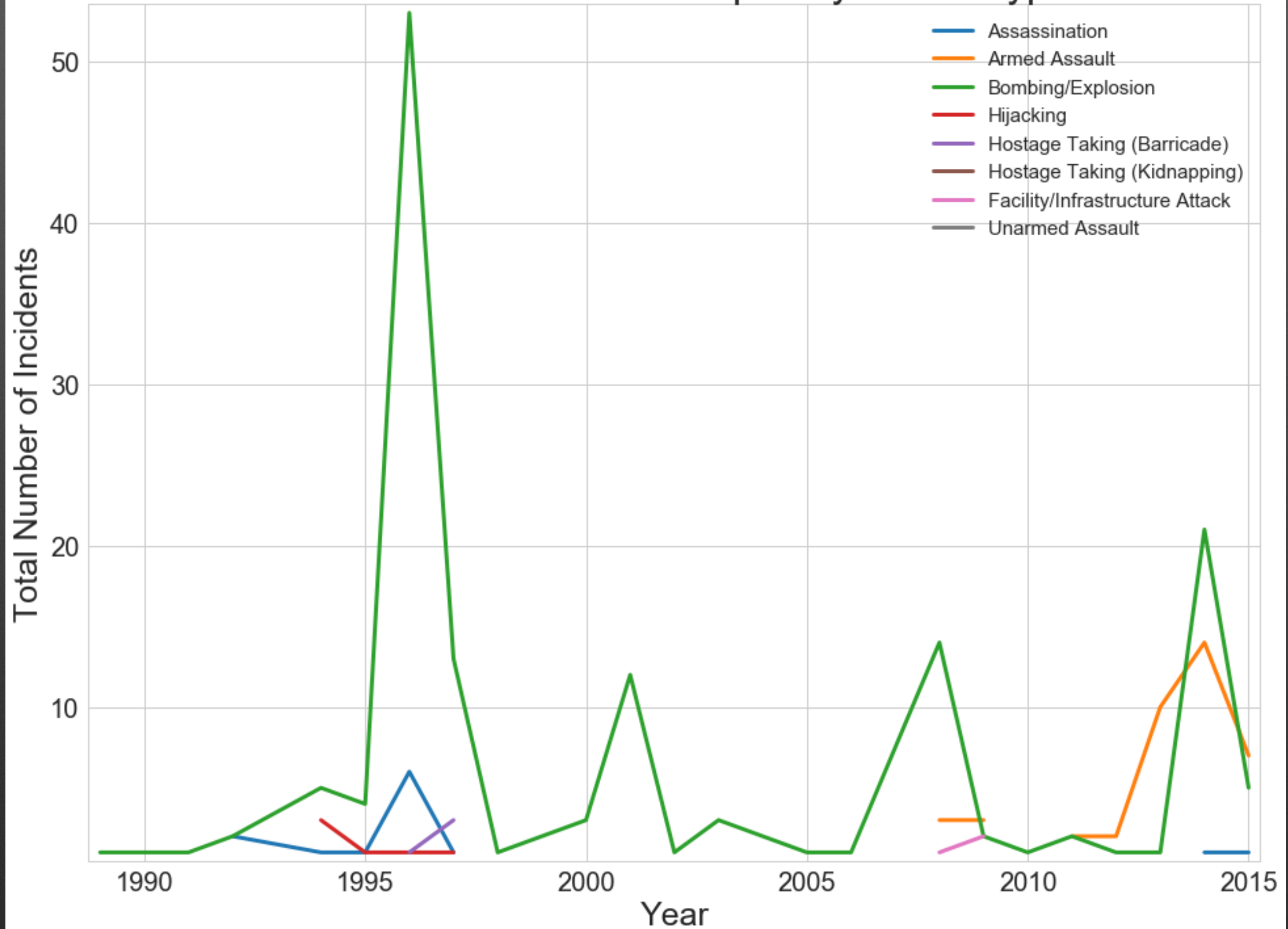
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# Annual Totals Grouped by Region

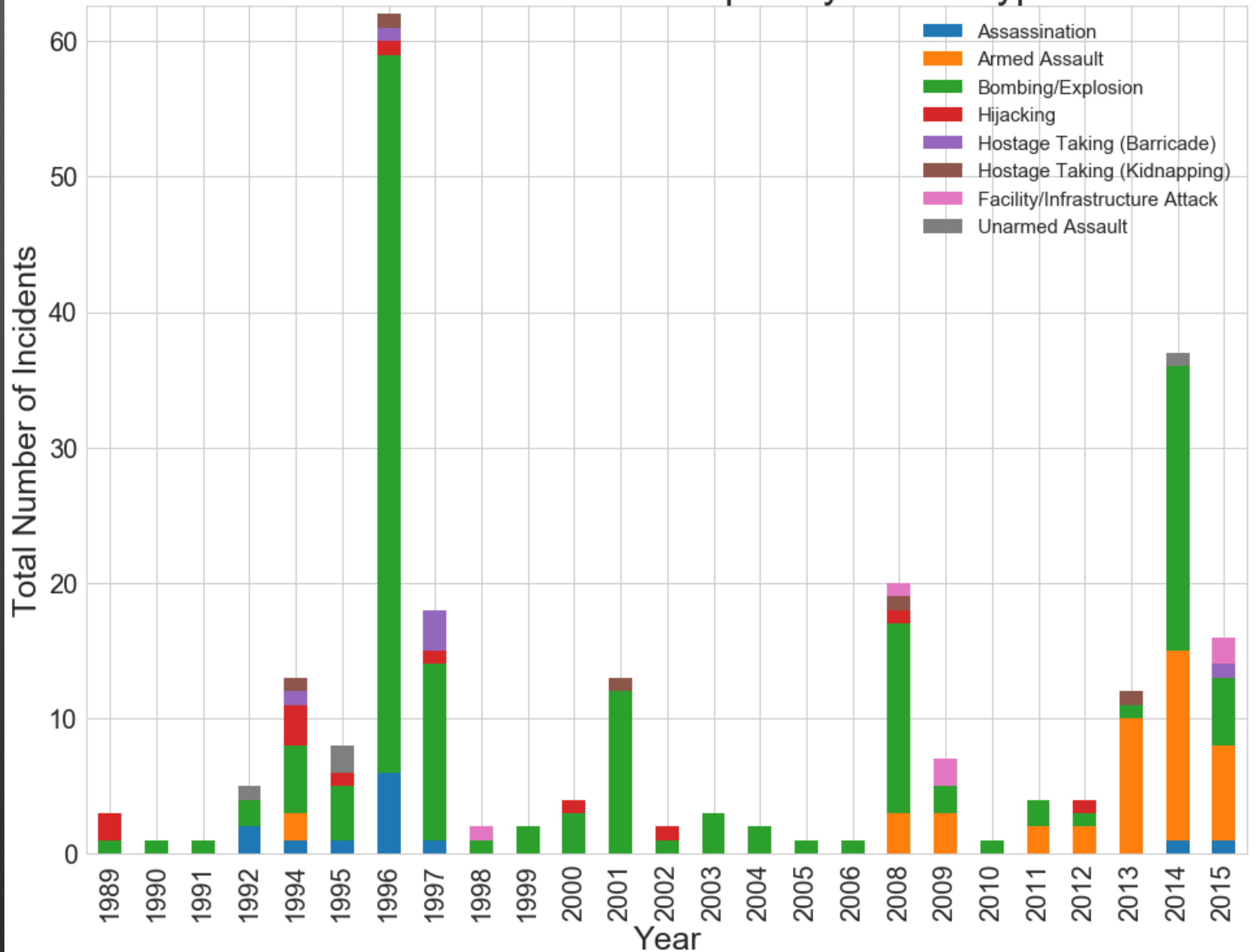




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# Bayes

- Wanted to compare a recent year, cutting off at 2008 (time discussion)
- Asia-region interest
- How about 2012 in specific regions?
- Interesting attack types?
  - 1 = Assassination
  - 7 = Infrastructure



# Bayes



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# Bayes

- Investigate:
  - Attack type 7: Infrastructure
  - East Asia (4): China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan
  - Southeast Asia (5): Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, South Vietnam, Thailand, Vietnam



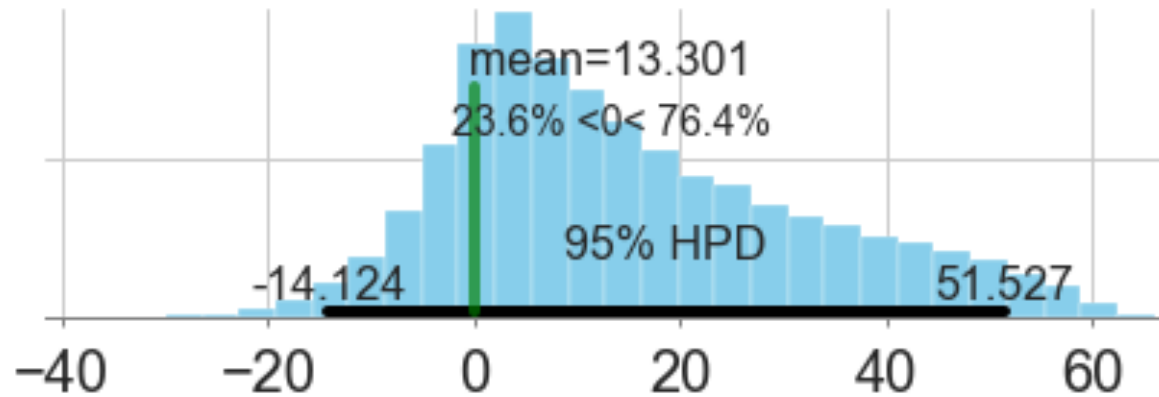
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- Prior: 2008 - 2012 “Other regions” annual infrastructure attacks
- Look at 2012 for Regions 4 and 5

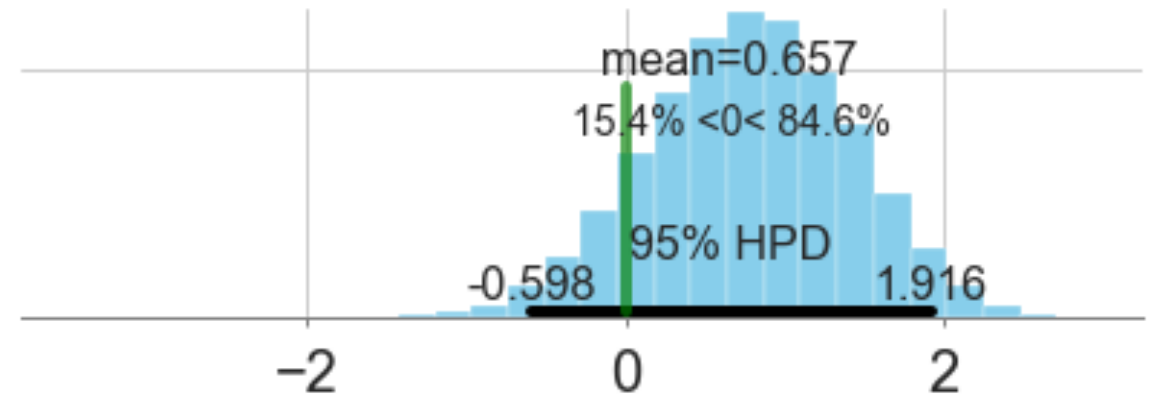


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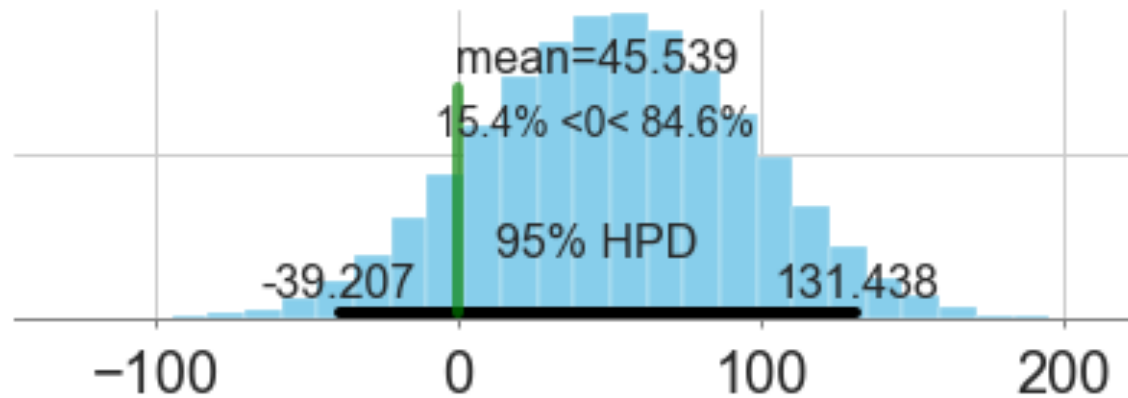
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Effect Size



Difference: Means



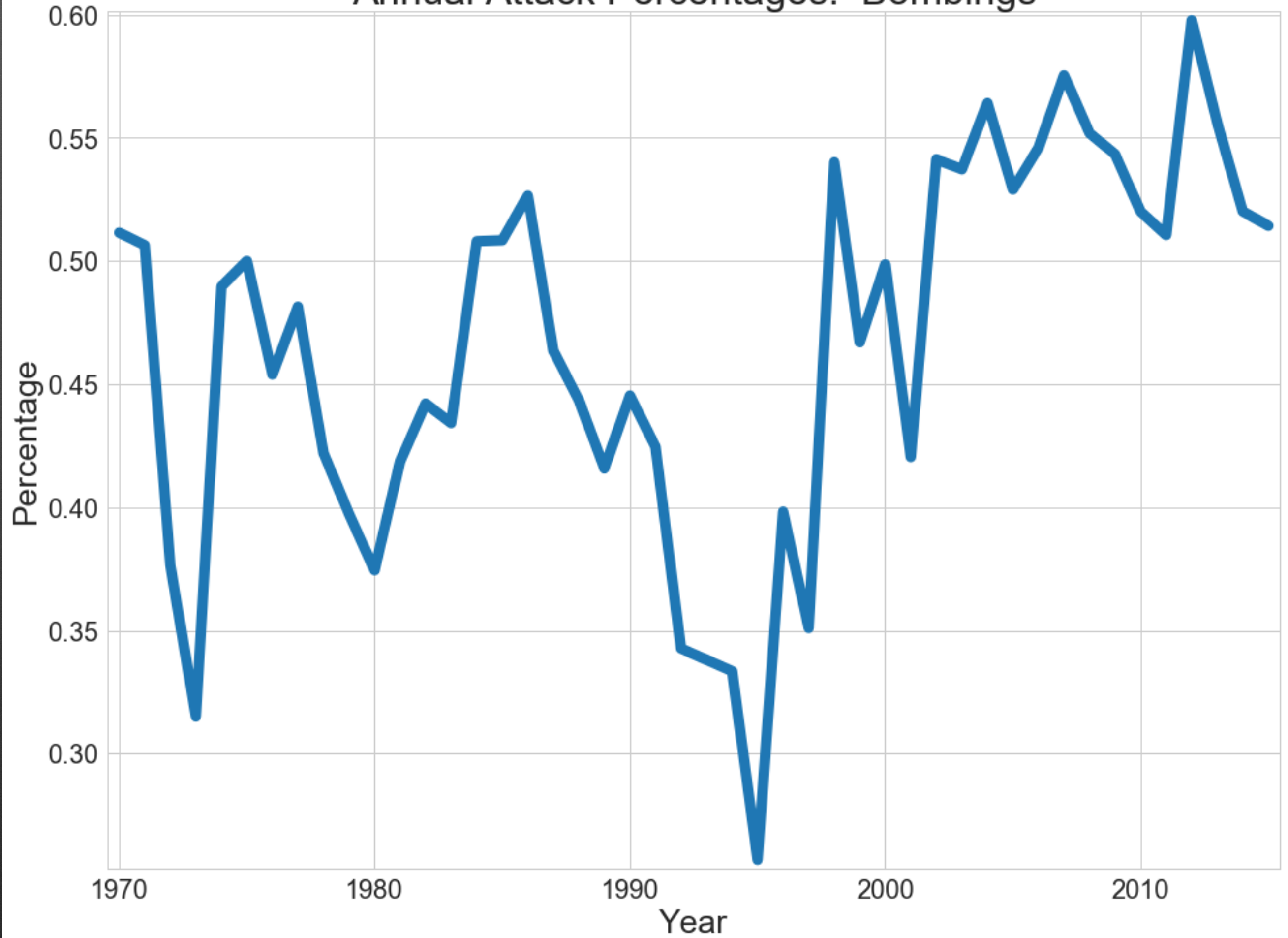


# 1993?

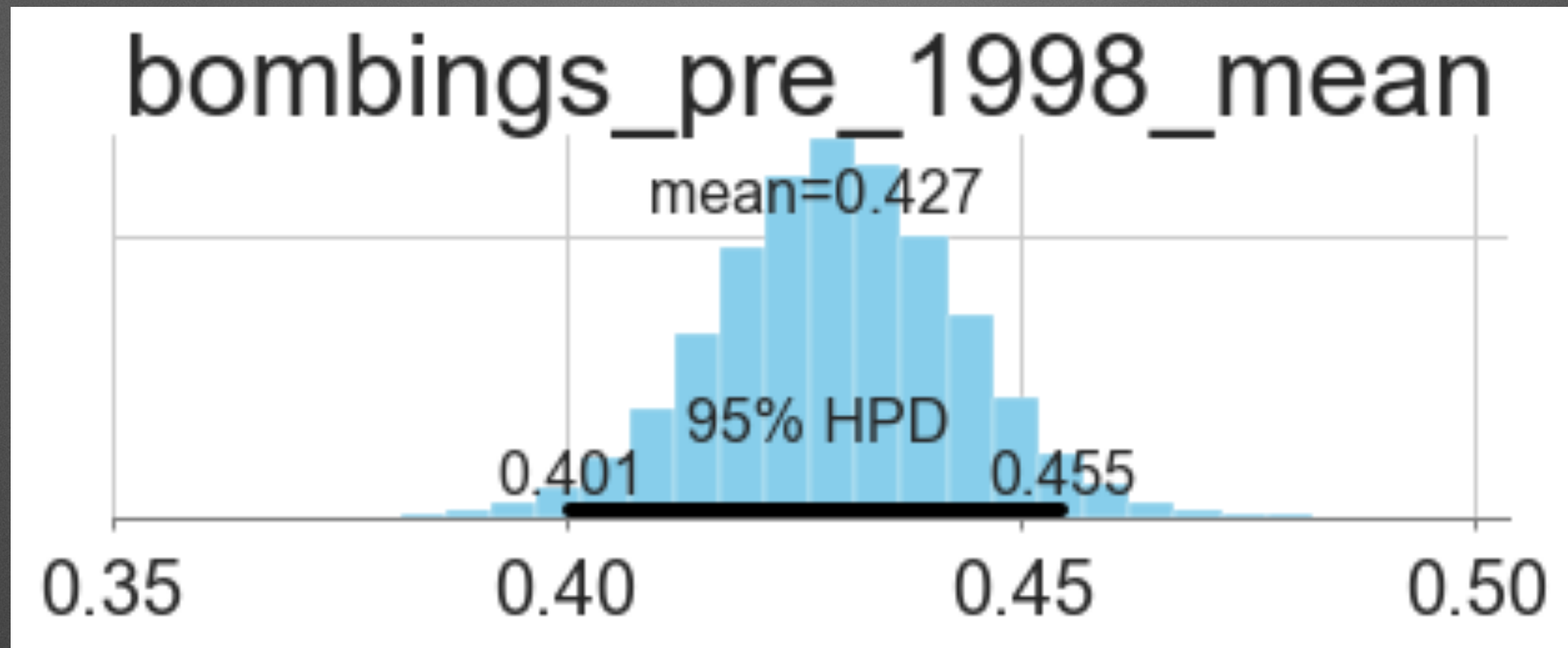
- 15% of actual 1993 data available
- Codebook has 1993 summary of countries
- For 1970 - 1997, one group had database
- Compare proportions of bombings over time, impute



# Annual Attack Percentages: Bombings







Total Incidents for 1993: 4954

Estimate Bombings for 1993: 2115



# Future Directions?

- More preliminary investigation
  - Wanted somewhat blind look at something that sounded interesting
- Explore specific countries
  - Could see these regions were smaller
  - Wanted Bayes practice



**Questions?**