

# The Dangers of a Growing Anarchical Society (Revisited)

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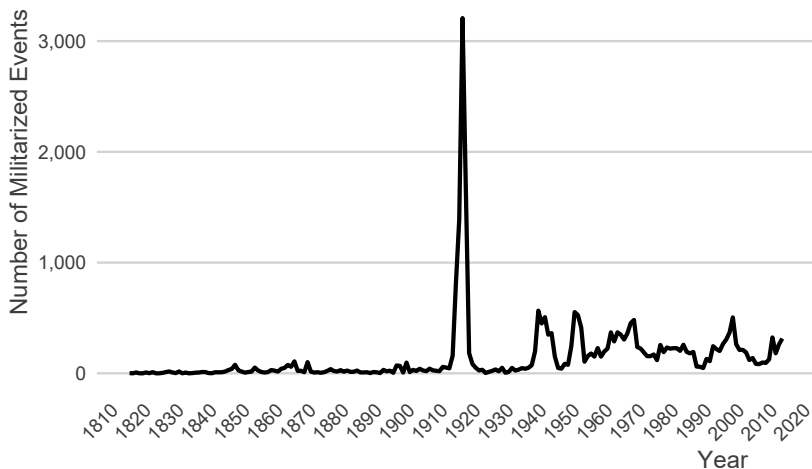
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# Why revisit the growing pains hypothesis?

- Confounding factors.
- Are these new countries even directly responsible for the spike in conflicts?
- Are there other mechanisms?

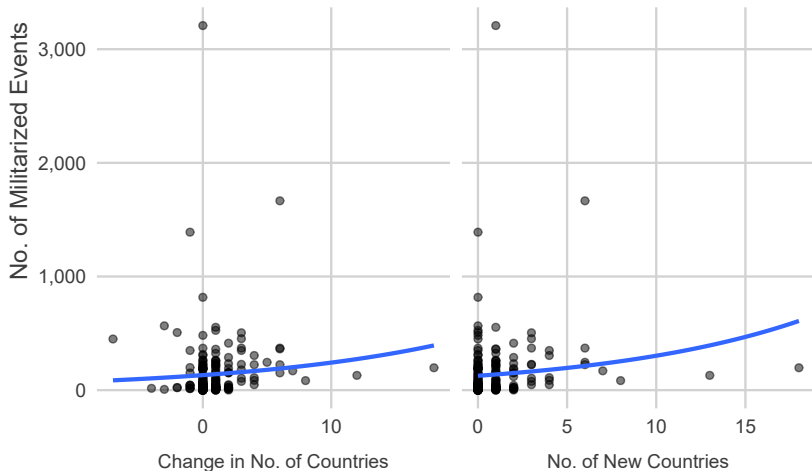
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## Militarized Interstate Events, 1816-2014



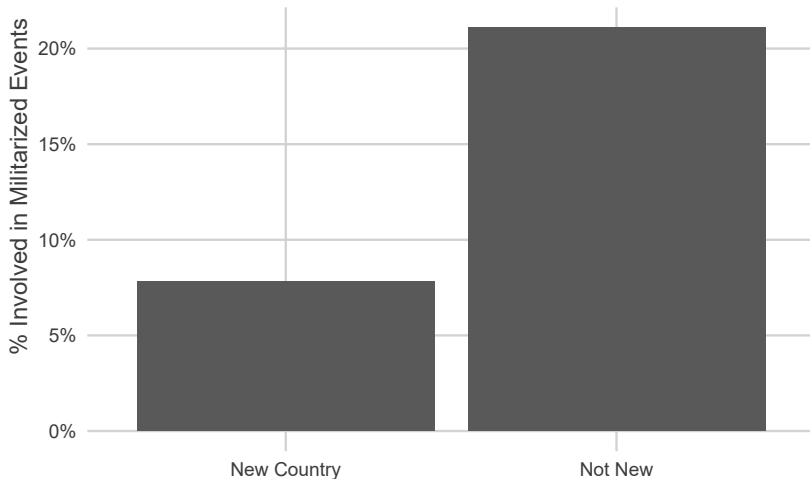
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## MIEs per Changes in the No. of Countries, 1816-2



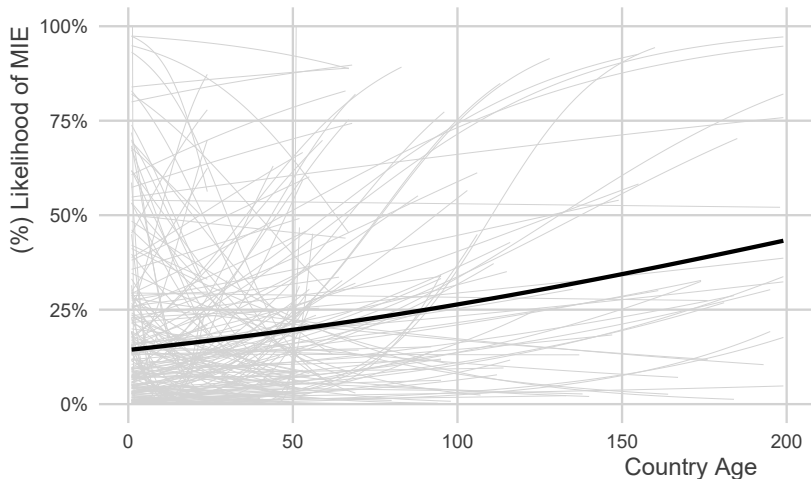
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## Are new countries involved in MIEs?



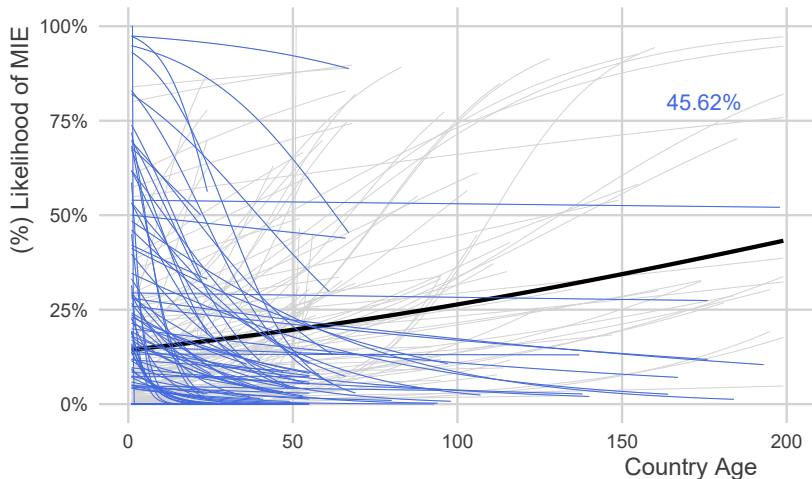
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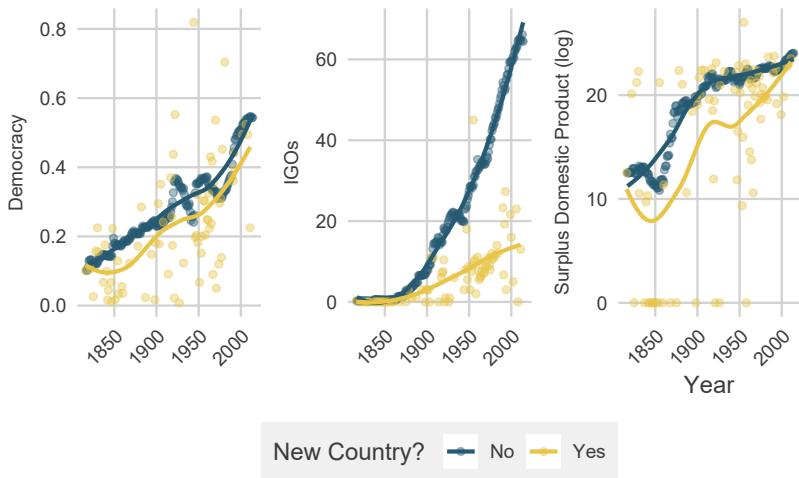
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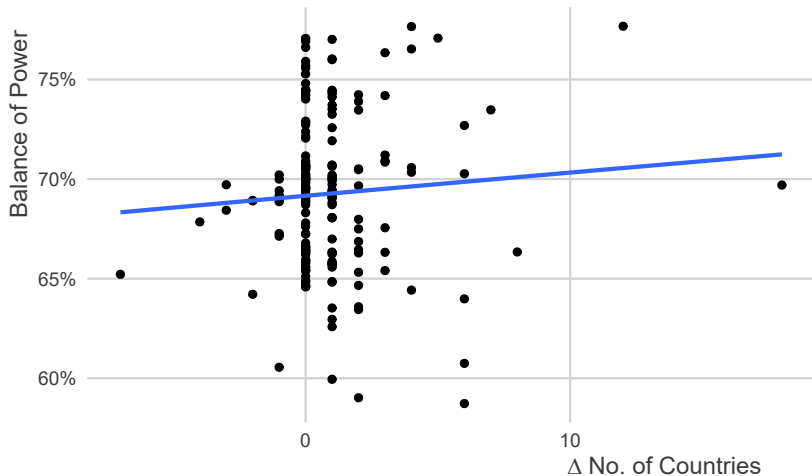
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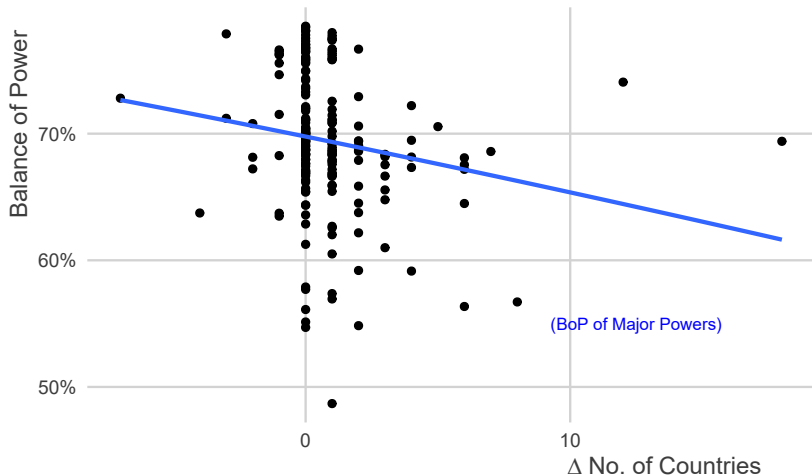
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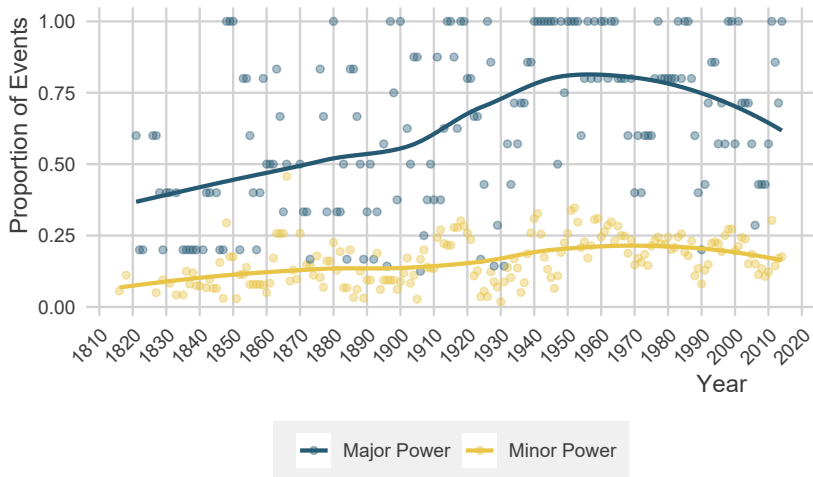
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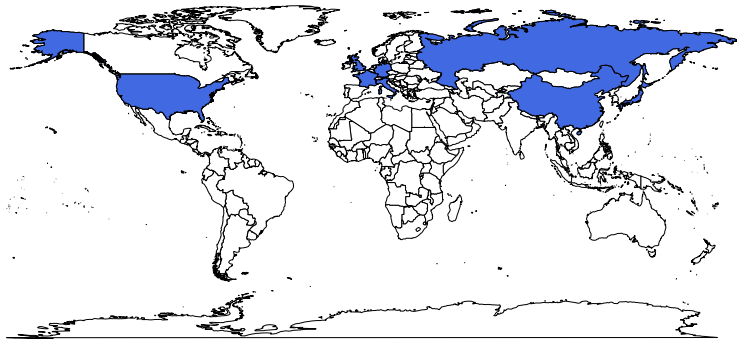
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## Who drives militarized events?



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**Who are the major powers?**



# Conclusions

*What do you all think?*

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- Maybe it's the change in the balance of power?
- As major powers try to manage the “Anarchical Society” new countries upset the balance.
- This drives conflict, not involving the new countries that enter the world, but ***among major powers*** themselves.

# Conclusions

*Maybe. Maybe not.*

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- David Lake, “Escape from the State of Nature”

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