

The Dangers of a Growing Anarchical Society (Revisited)

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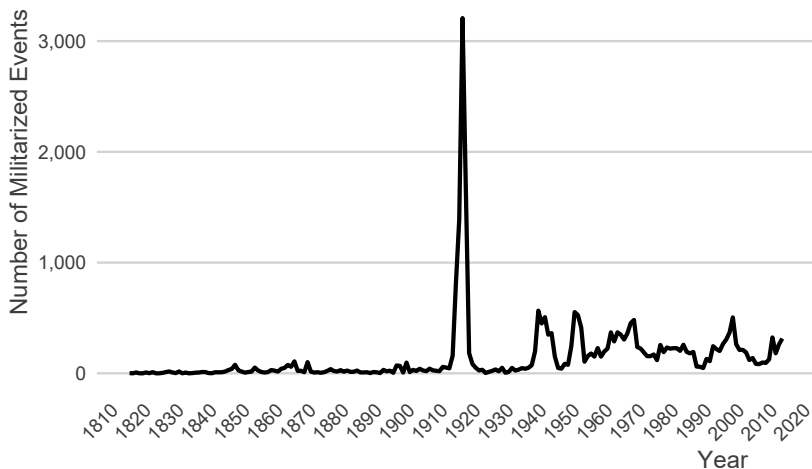
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Why revisit the growing pains hypothesis?

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

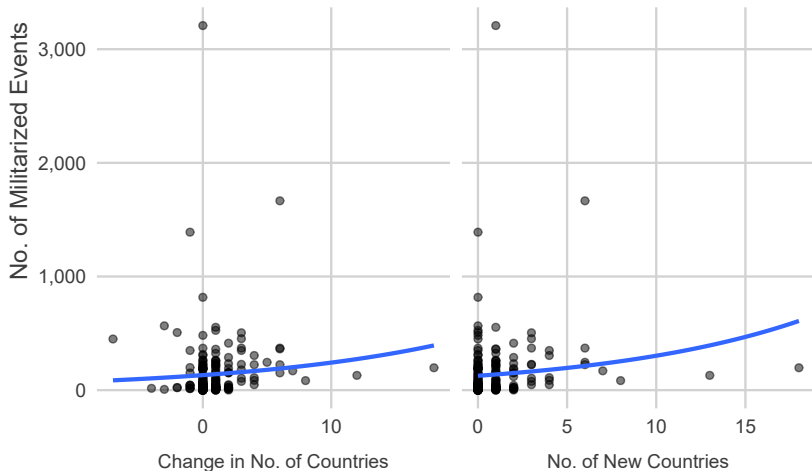
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Militarized Interstate Disputes, 1816-2014



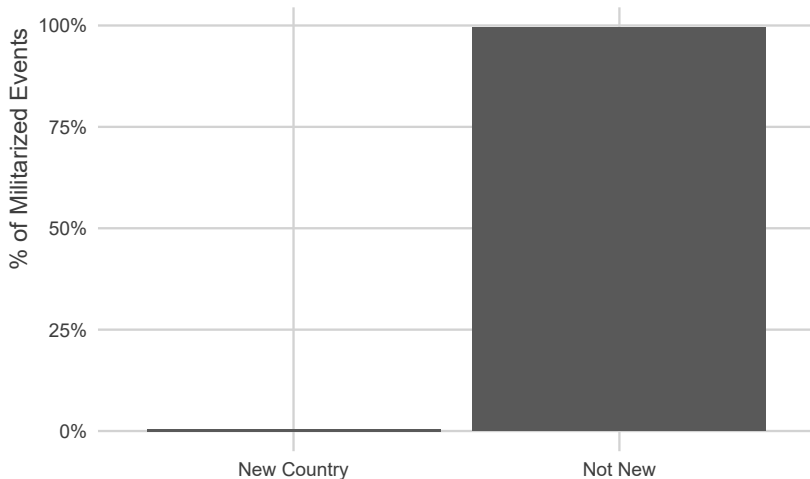
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MIEs per Changes in the No. of Countries, 1816-2



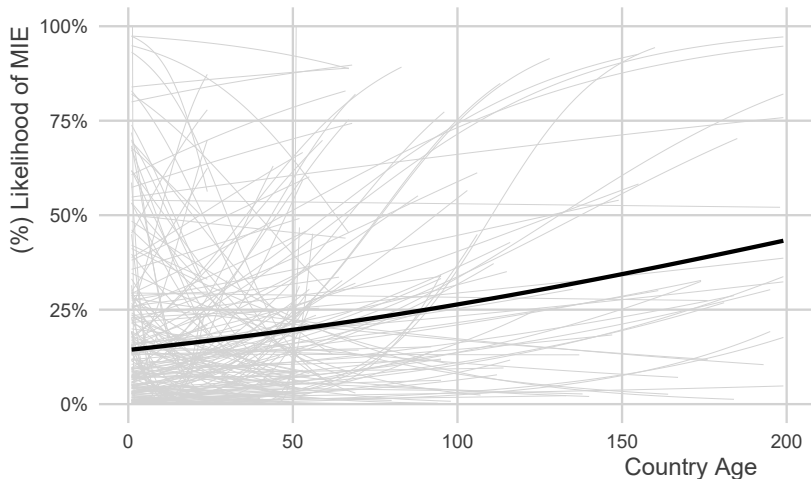
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Are new countries involved in MIEs?



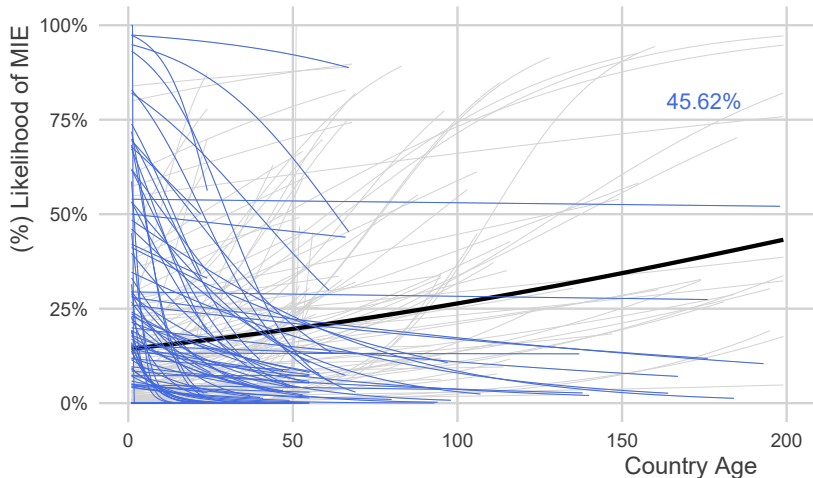
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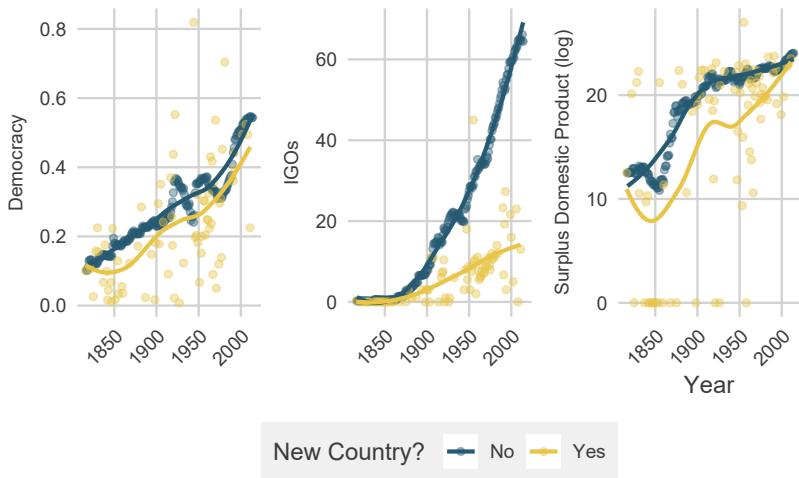
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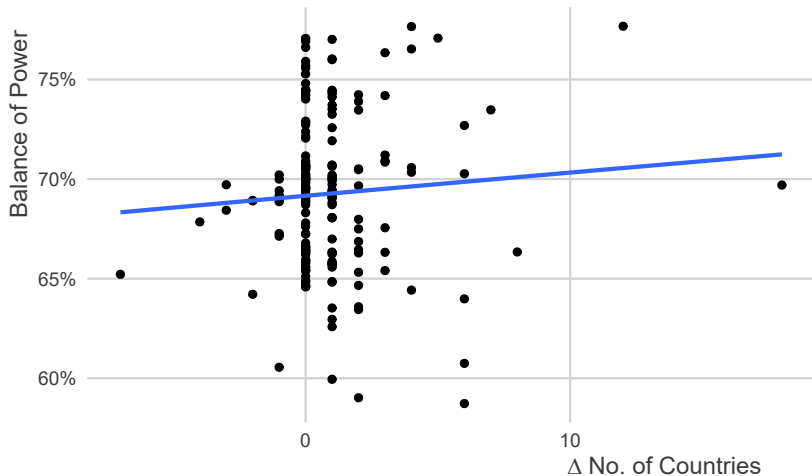
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What makes new countries unique?



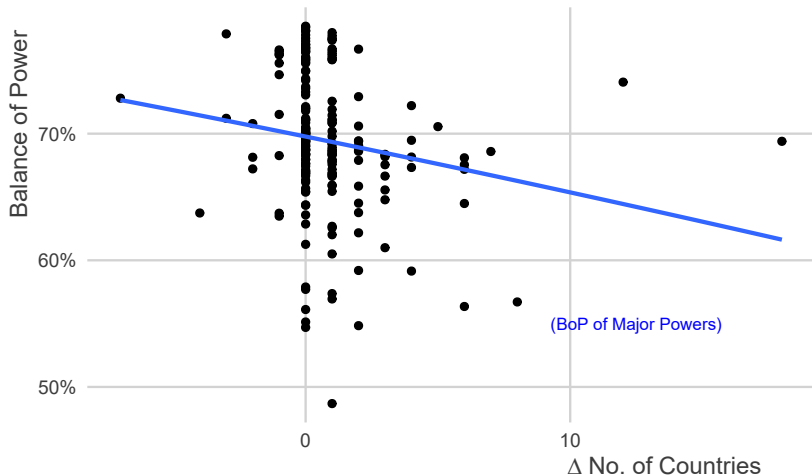
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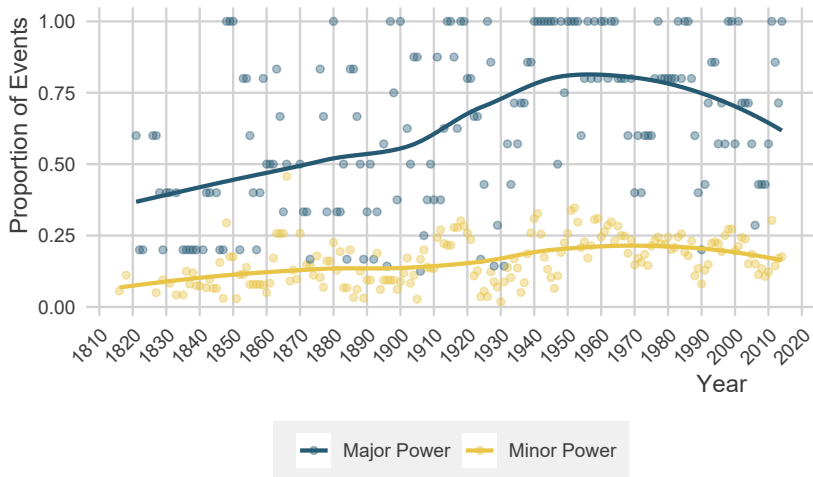
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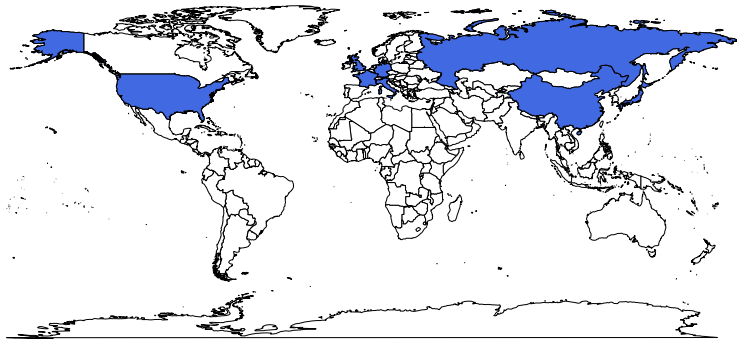
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Who drives militarized events?



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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.

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Maybe. Maybe not.

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