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The agreement was challenged by a spoiler group, who surrendered the next year in October 1990. Finally, emerging research on civil war recurrence also shifts focus toward rebel groups and how their composition and integration affect post-conflict peace. We argue that a critically important dynamic in long-term conflict reduction is relational-learning by rebel groups, particularly with respect to other rebel groups in the same system.

One Dyadic Peace Leads to Another? Conflict Systems, Terminations, and Net Reduction in Fighting Groups

If one's adversary follows through on its negotiated commitments with a proxy, the reluctant actor can predict with a much higher degree of confidence that it too will not be exploited.

Conduct and Consequences of War

He argued theoretically that war continues until both adversaries believe they can be made better off through settlement.

Mathematics, peace and ethics

Along these lines, Goemans argued that the postwar fate of leaders influences their choice between terminating and continuing a war. Leeds, Long, and Mitchell also find that the specific content of alliance obligations is critical to understanding when states choose to intervene, and that states uphold the terms of their alliance commitments nearly 75% of the time. Some of what we gain by not confining the empirical landscape to one level of analysis at the exclusion of others, and abstracting away from binary measures of conflict recurrence, entails a loss of detail regarding the groups.

Conduct and Consequences of War

Second, theoretical models are generally much more developed and sophisticated than the data used to test them. A recent study by of 647 ethnic groups from 1989 to 2004 also found no evidence that granting concessions to one group has any effect on the inclination of other groups to

pursue separatism. An important area of research that has fostered significant debate among scholars focuses on explaining the historical pattern of high rates of victory by democracies in interstate wars.

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These divergent findings should not be seen as competing perspectives in our view or as resulting from errors in measurement.

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Thus, coalitions may face higher probabilities of war against weaker targets than stronger ones, coalitions are more likely against weak than strong targets, and partners can increase or decrease the probability of war.

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