

Global Terrorism Dataset



Context

Information on more than 180,000 Terrorist Attacks The Global Terrorism Database (GTD) is an open-source database including information on terrorist attacks around the world from 1970 through 2017. The GTD includes systematic data on domestic as well as international terrorist incidents that have occurred during this time period and now includes more than 180,000 attacks. The database is maintained by researchers at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), headquartered at the University of Maryland. For more information - <https://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>

Content

Geography: Worldwide Time period: 1970-2017, except 1993 Unit of analysis: Attack Variables: >100 variables on location, tactics, perpetrators, targets, and outcomes Sources: Unclassified media articles (Note: Please interpret changes over time with caution. Global patterns are driven by diverse trends in particular regions, and data collection is influenced by fluctuations in access to media coverage over both time and place.) Definition of terrorism: "The threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion, or intimidation." See the GTD Codebook, - <https://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/downloads/Codebook.pdf> - for important details on data collection methodology, definitions, and coding schema.

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Imports & creating the data frame

```
[2]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
```

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[3]: pd.set_option('display.max_rows',100)
pd.set_option('display.max_columns',150)
sns.set_style("ticks")
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[4]: df = pd.read_csv('/kaggle/input/gtd/globalterrorismdb_0718dist.csv', encoding = "ISO-8859-1", low_memory=False)
df.shape
```

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[4]: (181691, 135)
```

Resorting the data and renaming the columns

```
[5]: df = df[['iyear', 'country', 'country_txt', 'region', 'region_txt', 'city', 'alternative', 'alternative_txt', 'success', 'suicide', 'at_corp1', 'target1', 'natlty1', 'natlty1_txt', 'gname', 'nperps', 'claimed', 'claimmode', 'claimmode_txt', 'weaptype1', 'weaptype1_t', 'nkill', 'nwound', 'property', 'propextent', 'propextent_txt', 'propvalue', 'propcomment', 'ishostkid', 'nhostkid', 'nhours', 'nday', 'ransom', 'ransomamt', 'ransompaid', 'hostkidoutcome', 'hostkidoutcome_txt', 'nreleased']]
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[6]:

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df.rename(columns = {'iyear':'year',
                    'country':'country_id',
                    'country_txt': 'country_name',
                    'region':'region_id',
                    'region_txt':'region_name',
                    'alternative':'terror_action_id',
                    'alternative_txt':'terror_action',
                    'success':'attack_was_successful',
                    'suicide':'attack_committed_suicide',
                    'attacktype1':'attack_type_id',
                    'attacktype1_txt':'attack_type',
                    'targettype1':'target_type_id',
                    'targettype1_txt':'target_type',
                    'targetsubtype1':'target_sub_type_id',
                    'targetsubtype1_txt':'target_sub_type',
                    'corp1':'corporation_was_attacked',
                    'target1':'attack_target',
                    'natlty1':'attacked_state_id',
                    'natlty1_txt':'attacked_state',
                    'gname':'terror_group',
                    'nperps':'num_of_terrorists',
                    'claimed':'terror_group_claimed_attacks',
                    'claimmode':'claim_id',
                    'claimmode_txt':'claim_method',
                    'weaptype1':'weapon_type_id',
                    'weaptype1_txt':'weapon_type',
                    'weapsubtype1':'weapon_sub_type_id',
                    'weapsubtype1_txt':'weapon_type_specific ',
                    'weapdetail':'weapon',
                    'nkill':'confirmed_fatalities',
                    'nwound':'num_of_woundeds',
                    'property':'damage_to_property',
                    'propextent':'property_damages_id',
                    'propextent_txt':'property_damages',
                    'propvalue':'property_damage_values',
                    'propcomment':'specific_items',
                    'ishostkid':'hostages_kids',
                    'nhostkid':'num_of_kids_hostages',
                    'nhours':'duration_in_hours',
                    'ndays':'duration_in_days',
                    'kidhijcountry':'country_kidnapping_occurred',
                    'ransom':'was_there_ransom',
                    'ransomamt':'ransom_amount',
                    'ransompaid':'ransom_paid',
                    'hostkidoutcome':'kidnap_outcome_id',
                    'hostkidoutcome_txt':'kidnap_outcome',
                    'nreleased':'num_of_kidnapped_released'},
```

inplace = True)

See if column names have changed

```
[32]: df.head()
```

	year	country_id	country_name	region_id	region_name	city	terror_action_id	terror_action	attack_was_successful	attack_committed_suicide	attack_type_id	attack_type
0	1970	58	Dominican Republic	2	Central America & Caribbean	Santo Domingo	Unattainable Information	Unattainable Information	1	0	1	Assassination
1	1970	130	Mexico	1	North America	Mexico city	Unattainable Information	Unattainable Information	1	0	6	Hostage (Kidnap)
2	1970	160	Philippines	5	Southeast Asia	Unknown	Unattainable Information	Unattainable Information	1	0	1	Assassination
3	1970	78	Greece	8	Western Europe	Athens	Unattainable Information	Unattainable Information	1	0	3	Bombing/Explosion
4	1970	101	Japan	4	East Asia	Fukouka	Unattainable Information	Unattainable Information	1	0	7	Facility/Infrastructure

Replacing nulls & NaN

```
[8]: ui = df.fillna('Unattainable Information', inplace=True)
```

See where we have unknown values

```
▶ c =df.columns
cols = df[c]=='Unknown'
cols.sum().index
```

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[33]: Index(['year', 'country_id', 'country_name', 'region_id', 'region_name',
        'city', 'terror_action_id', 'terror_action', 'attack_was_successful',
        'attack_committed_suicide', 'attack_type_id', 'attack_type',
        'target_type_id', 'target_type', 'target_sub_type_id',
        'target_sub_type', 'corporation_was_attacked', 'attack_target',
        'attacked_state_id', 'attacked_state', 'terror_group',
        'num_of_terrorists', 'terror_group_claimed_attacks', 'claim_id',
        'claim_method', 'weapon_type_id', 'weapon_type', 'weapon_sub_type_id',
        'weapon_type_specific ', 'weapon', 'confirmed_fatalities',
        'num_of_woundeds', 'damage_to_property', 'property_damages_id',
        'property_damages', 'property_damage_values', 'specific_items',
        'hostages_kids', 'num_of_kids_hostages', 'duration_in_hours',
        'duration_in_days', 'country_kidnapping_occurred', 'was_there_ransom',
        'ransom_amount', 'ransom_paid', 'kidnap_outcome_id', 'kidnap_outcome',
        'num_of_kidnapped_released', 'num_of_attacks'],
        dtype='object')
```

Top 10 unknown attacks

- Instead of having an unknown reason for the attacks

```
[10]: unknown_attacks = df[['attacked_state','attack_type']]
unknown_attacks = unknown_attacks.loc[unknown_attacks['attack_type']=='Unknown']
top_10_unknown_attacks=unknown_attacks[['attacked_state','attack_type']].groupby(
    ['attacked_state']).count().sort_values(by='attack_type', ascending=False).head(10)
top_10_unknown_attacks=top_10_unknown_attacks.sort_values(by='attack_type', ascending=False)
top_10_unknown_attacks
```

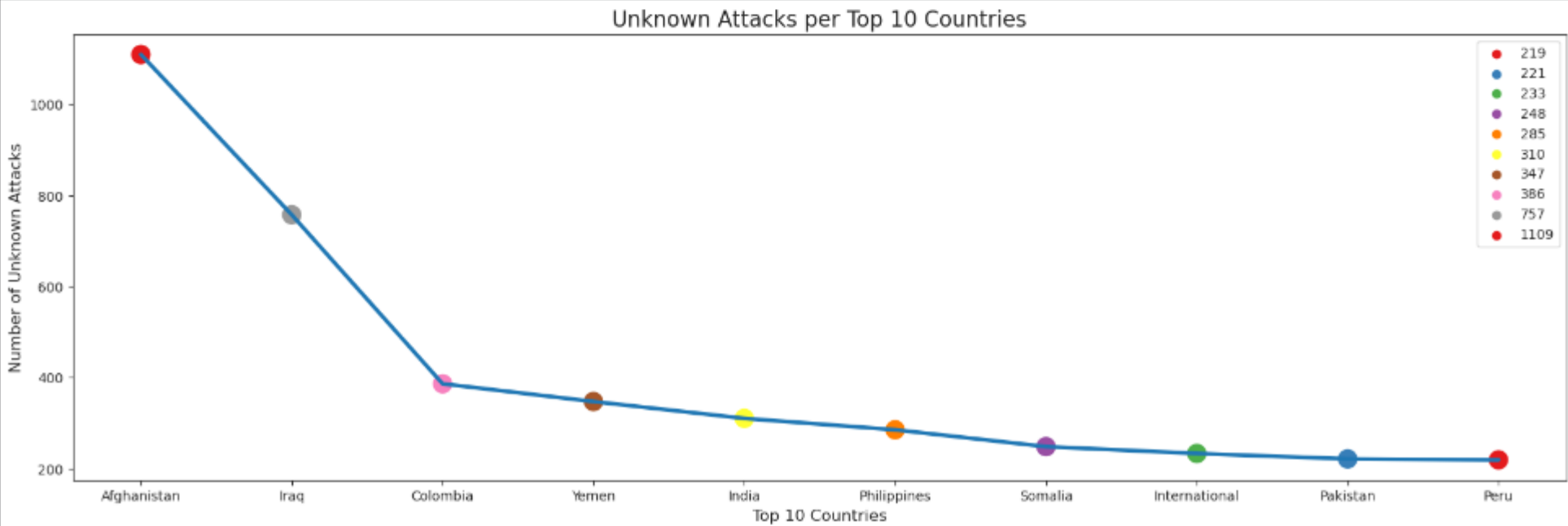
[10]:

	attack_type
attacked_state	
Afghanistan	1109
Iraq	757
Colombia	386
Yemen	347
India	310
Philippines	285
Somalia	248
International	233
Pakistan	221
Peru	219

Graph

```
[11]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(20, 6))
sns.scatterplot(top_10_unknown_attacks, x='attacked_state', y='attack_type', s=250, hue='attack_type', palette="Set1")
sns.lineplot(top_10_unknown_attacks, x='attacked_state', y='attack_type', linewidth=3)
plt.xlabel('Top 10 Countries', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Number of Unknown Attacks', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Unknown Attacks per Top 10 Countries', fontsize=16)
```

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[11]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Unknown Attacks per Top 10 Countries')
```



Counting terrorist attacks in the top 15 country

- Counting the states the attack occurred



```
countries_attacked=df[['attacked_state','terror_group','attack_type']]
top_15_attacked_country = countries_attacked['attacked_state'].groupby(countries_attacked['attacked_state'])\
.count().sort_values(ascending=False).head(15)
countries_attacked[['attacked_state','terror_group']].groupby(['attacked_state']).count()\
.sort_values(by='terror_group', ascending=False).head(15)
```

[12_

terror_group	
attacked_state	
Iraq	24113
Pakistan	13900
India	12098
Afghanistan	10931
Colombia	7922
Philippines	6685
Peru	5840
El Salvador	5212
United States	5065
Turkey	4636
Israel	4097
Thailand	3804
Nigeria	3759
Northern Ireland	3367
Somalia	3160

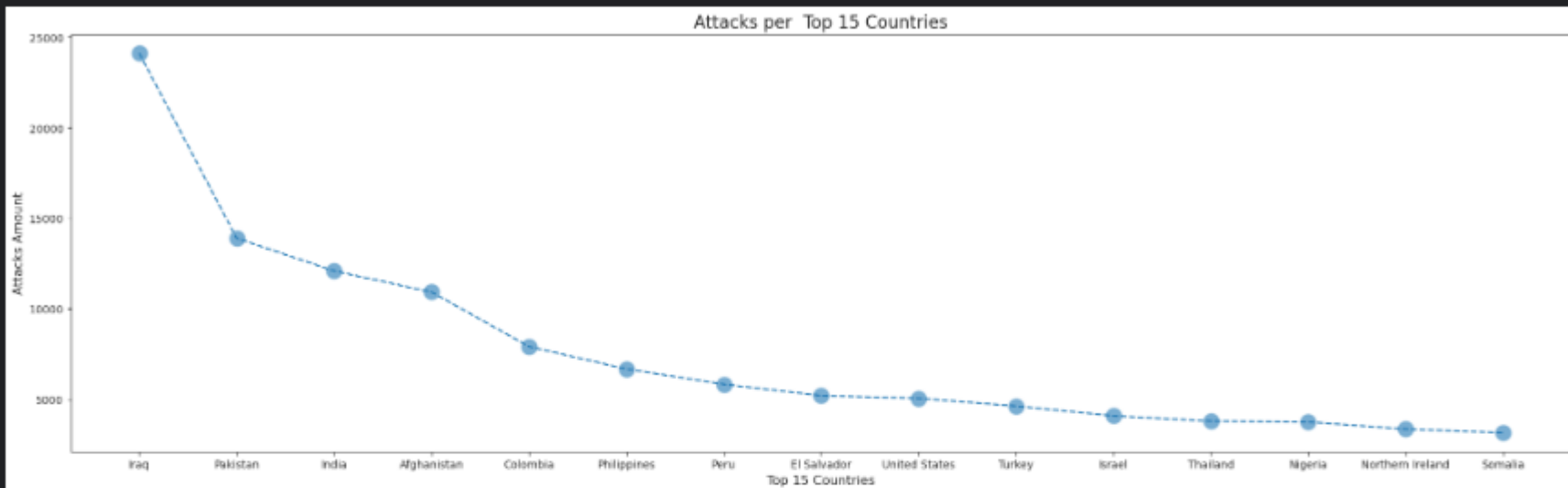
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Graph

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[13]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(25, 7))
sns.lineplot(top_15_attacked_country, linewidth = 1.5, linestyle='dashed')
sns.scatterplot(top_15_attacked_country, legend=False, alpha=0.6, s=250)
x = plt.xlabel('Top 15 Countries', fontsize=12)
y = plt.ylabel('Attacks Amount', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Attacks per Top 15 Countries', fontsize=16)
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[13_ Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Attacks per Top 15 Countries')
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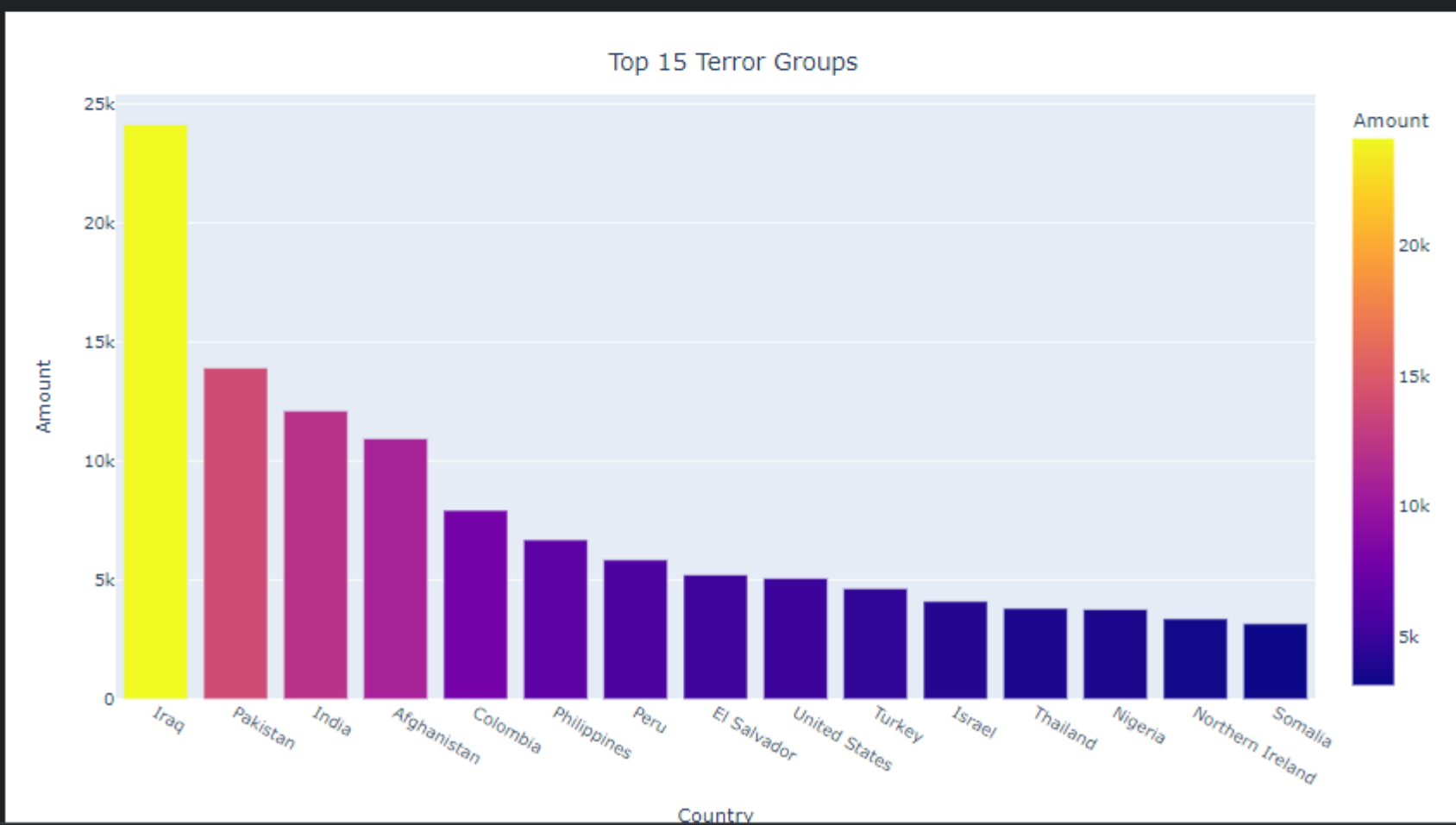
Graph



```
a = px.bar(top_15_attacked_country,color=top_15_attacked_country,
           labels={'index':'Country','value':'Amount', 'color':"Amount"},height=600)

a.update_layout(
    title={'text': "Top 15 Terror Groups", 'y':0.95, 'x':0.5, 'xanchor': 'center', 'yanchor': 'top'})

a.show()
```



Counting attack types

- Attack types and their amount

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[16]: df['num_of_attacks'] = df['attack_type']
attacks = df[['attack_type', 'num_of_attacks']]
attacks = attacks[['num_of_attacks']].groupby(attacks['attack_type']).count()
attacks = attacks.drop('Unknown')
```

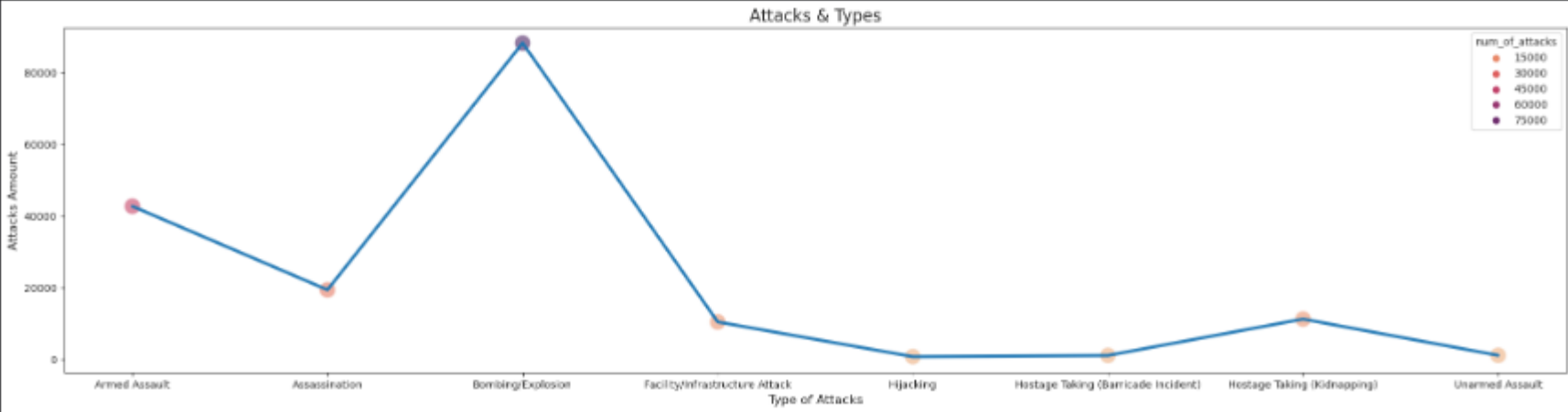
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[17]: attacks.sort_values('num_of_attacks', ascending=False)
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	num_of_attacks
attack_type	
Bombing/Explosion	88255
Armed Assault	42669
Assassination	19312
Hostage Taking (Kidnapping)	11158
Facility/Infrastructure Attack	10356
Unarmed Assault	1015
Hostage Taking (Barricade Incident)	991
Hijacking	659

Graph

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[18]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(26, 6))
sns.lineplot(attacks, legend=False, linewidth=3)
sns.scatterplot(attacks, x='attack_type', y='num_of_attacks', legend=True, hue='num_of_attacks', palette='flare', alpha=0.6,
plt.xlabel('Type of Attacks', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Attacks Amount', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Attacks & Types', fontsize=16)
```

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[18_ Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Attacks & Types')
```



Terrorist attacks success rate in %

```
[19]: successful_attacks = df.loc[df['attack_was_successful']==1].count()
total_attacks = df.loc[df['attack_was_successful']].count()

success_rate = successful_attacks/total_attacks*100
success_rate = success_rate['attack_was_successful'].round()
print(f'Terrorist attacks were successful',success_rate,'%')
```

Terrorist attacks were successful 89.0 %

Terrorist attacks failed rate in %

```
[20]: failed_attacks = df.loc[df['attack_was_successful']==0].count()

failed_rate = failed_attacks/total_attacks*100
failed_rate = failed_rate['attack_was_successful'].round()
print(f'Terrorist attacks were failed',failed_rate,'%')
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Terrorist attacks were failed 11.0 %

Counting target type

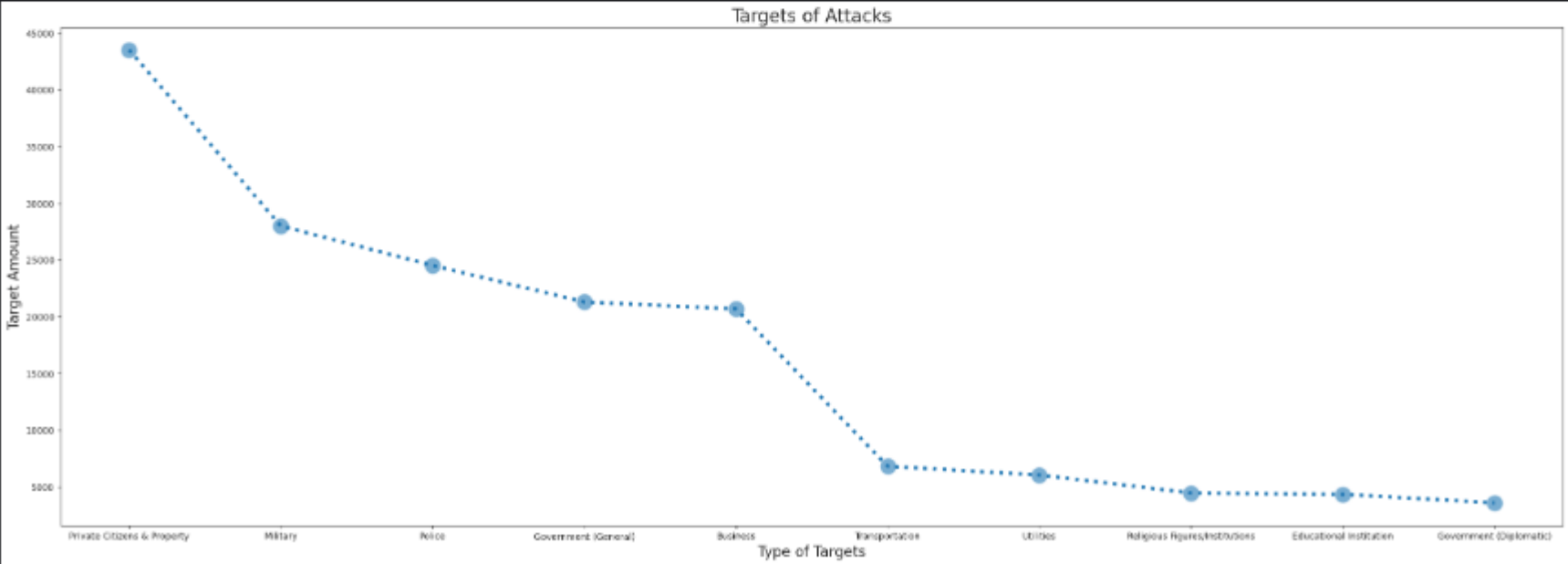
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[21]: targets = df['target_type'].groupby(df['target_type']).count().sort_values(ascending=False)
top_10_targets = targets.drop(['Unknown', 'Other']).head(10)
top_10_targets
```

```
[21] target_type
Private Citizens & Property    43511
Military                     27984
Police                       24506
Government (General)         21283
Business                     20669
Transportation                6799
Utilities                     6023
Religious Figures/Institutions 4440
Educational Institution      4322
Government (Diplomatic)      3573
Name: target_type, dtype: int64
```

Graph

```
[22]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(30, 10))
sns.lineplot(top_10_targets,linewidth = 4,linestyle='dotted')
sns.scatterplot(top_10_targets, alpha=0.6, s=350)
x = plt.xlabel('Type of Targets', fontsize=16)
y = plt.ylabel('Target Amount', fontsize=16)
plt.title('Targets of Attacks', fontsize=20)
```

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[22] Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Targets of Attacks')
```



Terrorist Groups

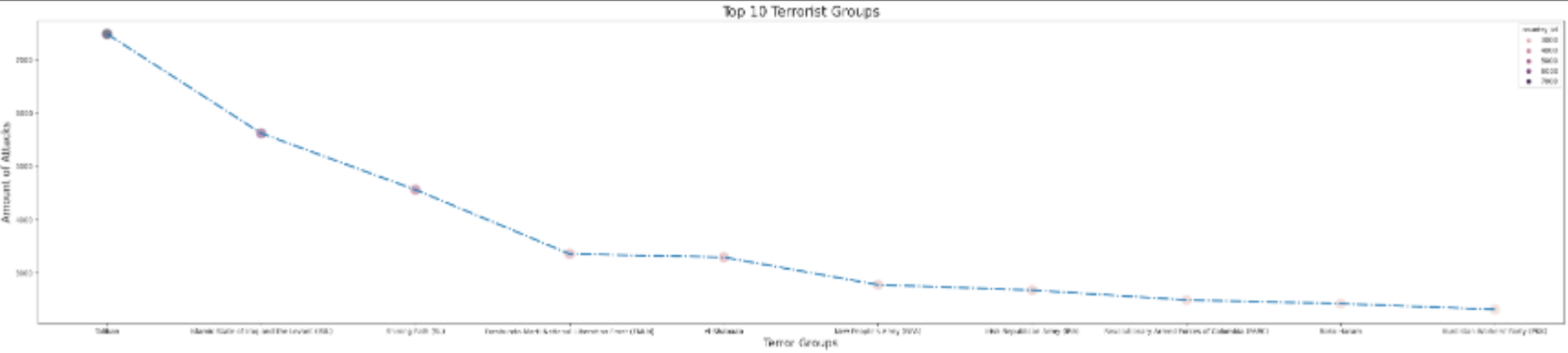
```
[23]: groups = df[['country_id','terror_group']]
top_10_groups = groups.groupby(groups['terror_group']).count().sort_values(by='country_id',ascending=False).drop('Unknown').h
top_10_groups
```

[23_

terror_group	country_id
Taliban	7478
Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)	5613
Shining Path (SL)	4555
Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)	3351
Al-Shabaab	3288
New People's Army (NPA)	2772
Irish Republican Army (IRA)	2671
Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)	2487
Boko Haram	2418
Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)	2310

```
[24]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(40, 8))
sns.lineplot(top_10_groups, x='terror_group', y='country_id',linewidth=2.5, linestyle='dashdot')
sns.scatterplot(top_10_groups,x='terror_group', y='country_id',s=250, alpha=0.6, hue='country_id')
plt.ylabel("Amount of Attacks", fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel("Terror Groups", fontsize=16)
plt.title('Top 10 Terrorist Groups', fontsize=20)
```

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[24_ Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Top 10 Terrorist Groups')
```



Weapons used at the attacks

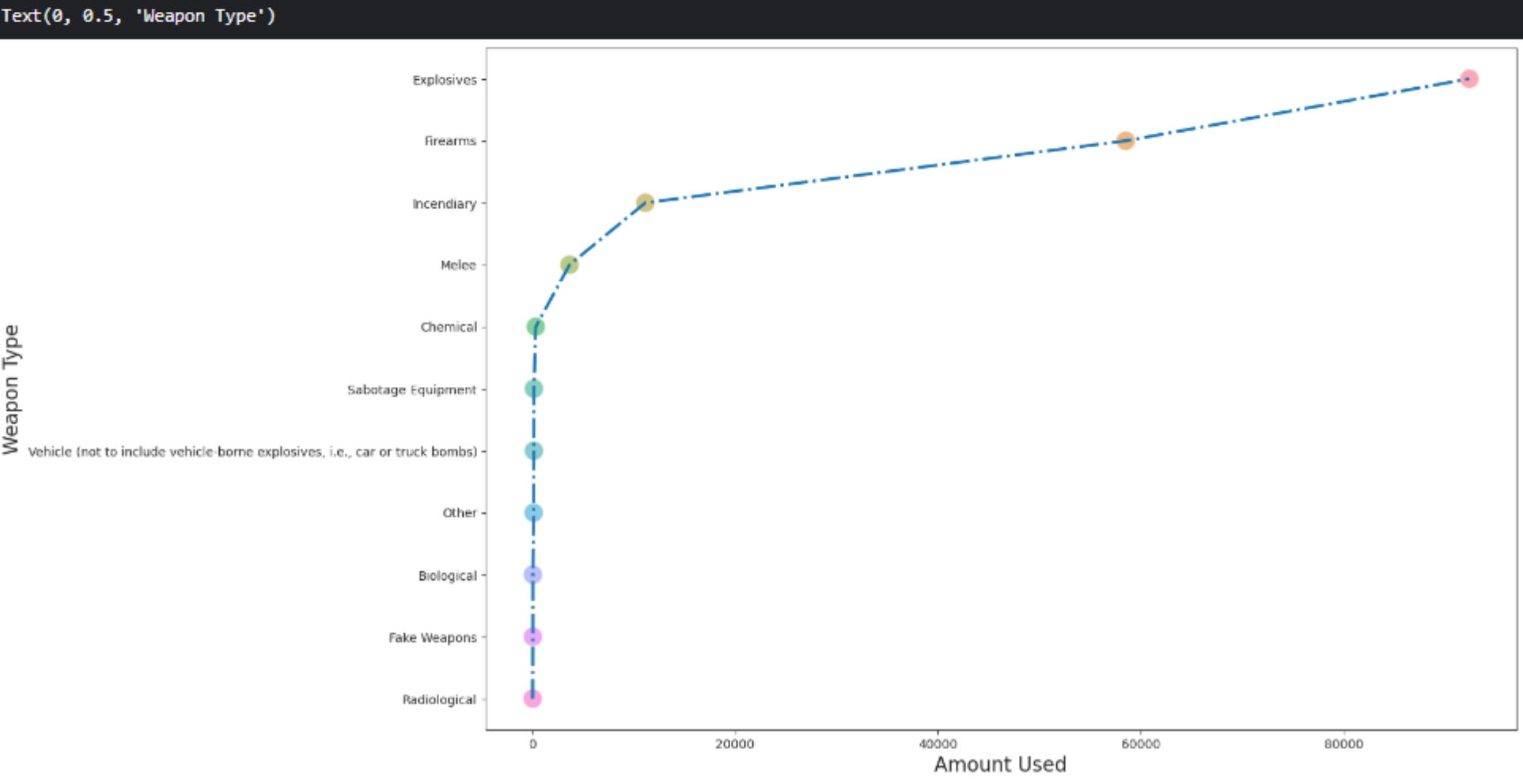
```
[35]: a = df[['weapon_type', 'weapon']]

weapons = a['weapon'].groupby(a['weapon_type']).count().drop('Unknown').sort_values(ascending=False)
weapons
```

```
[35]: weapon_type
Explosives          92426
Firearms            58524
Incendiary          11135
Melee               3655
Chemical            321
Sabotage Equipment  141
Vehicle (not to include vehicle-borne explosives, i.e., car or truck bombs) 136
Other              114
Biological          35
Fake Weapons        33
Radiological        14
Name: weapon, dtype: int64
```

Graph

```
[26]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,10))
sns.lineplot(weapons,x=weapons, y='weapon_type',linewidth=2.5, linestyle='dashdot')
sns.scatterplot(weapons, x=weapons, y='weapon_type',s=250, alpha=0.6, hue='weapon_type', legend=False)
plt.xlabel('Amount Used', fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel('Weapon Type', fontsize=16)
```



Weapons used at the attacks

```
[35]: a = df[['weapon_type', 'weapon']]

weapons = a['weapon'].groupby(a['weapon_type']).count().drop('Unknown').sort_values(ascending=False)
weapons
```

[35_

weapon_type	
Explosives	92426
Firearms	58524
Incendiary	11135
Melee	3655
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Fake Weapons	33
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Graph

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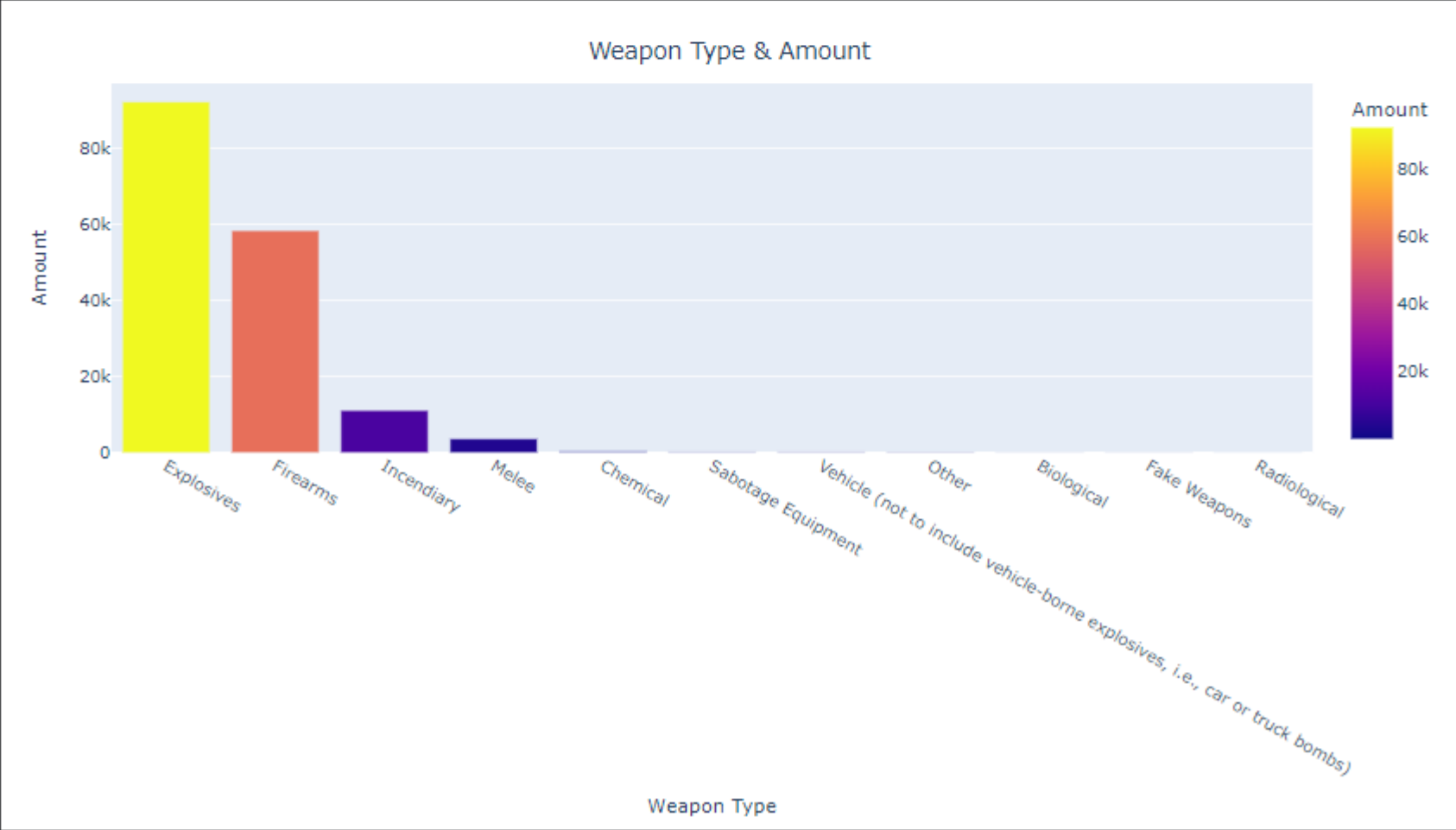
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[27]: c = px.bar(weapons, color=weapons, height=600,
              labels={'weapon_type': 'Weapon Type', 'value': 'Amount', 'color': 'Amount'})

c.update_layout(
    title={'text': "Weapon Type & Amount", 'y':0.95, 'x':0.5, 'xanchor': 'center', 'yanchor': 'top'})

c.show()
```



Attack through the years

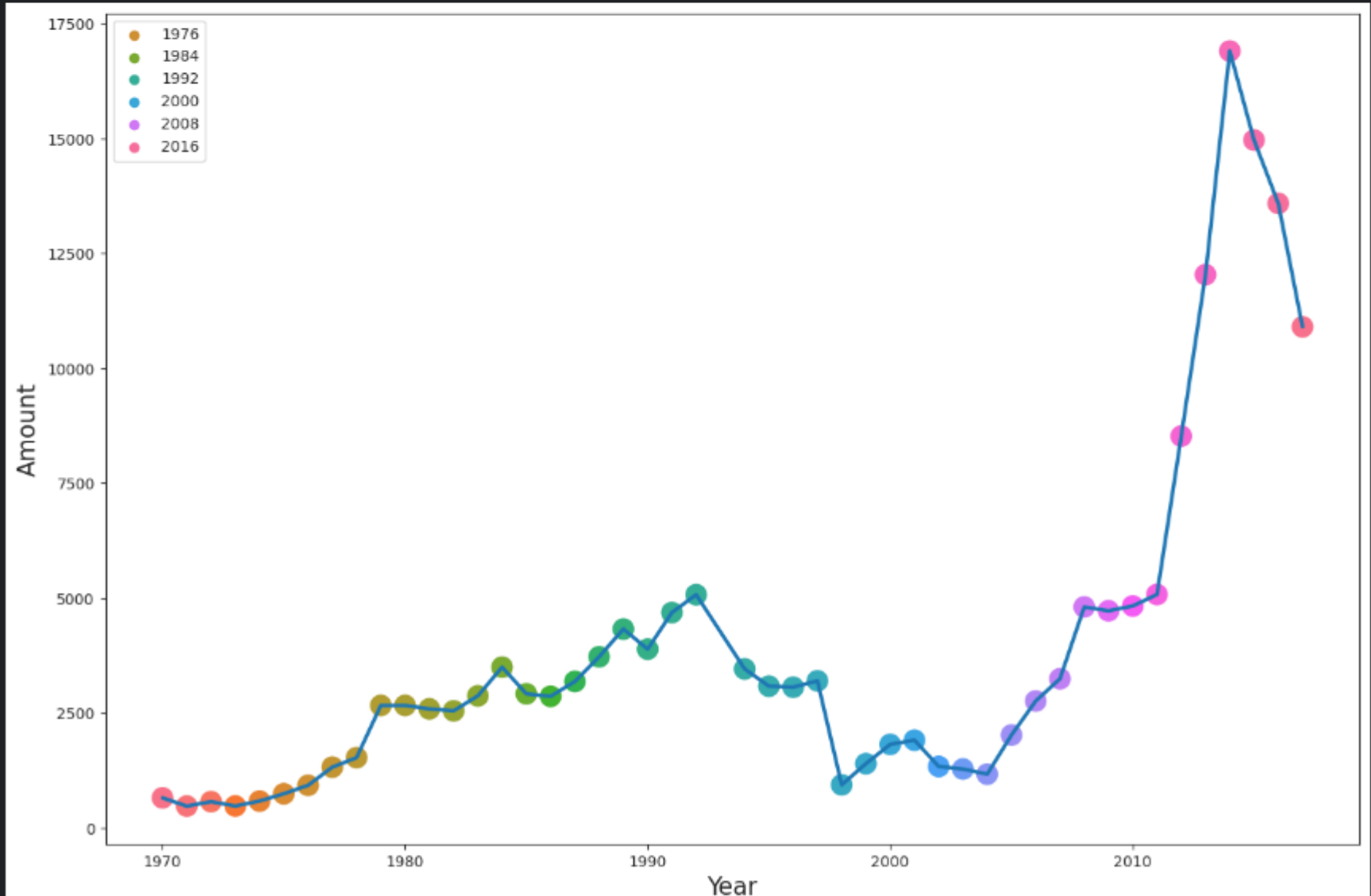
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[31]: yt=df[['year', 'attack_type']]
yt=yt[['year', 'attack_type']].groupby('year').count().sort_values(by='year', ascending=True)
yt.index
```

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[31_ Int64Index([1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980,
1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991,
1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014,
2015, 2016, 2017],
dtype='int64', name='year')
```

Graph

```
[60]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,10))
sns.scatterplot(yt, y='attack_type', x='year', s=250, hue='year', palette="husl")
sns.lineplot(yt, y='attack_type', x='year', linewidth=2.5)
plt.ylabel('Amount', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=16)
```

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[60_ Text(0.5, 0, 'Year')
```



Attack throught the years

```
[31]: yt=df[['year', 'attack_type']]
yt=yt[['year', 'attack_type']].groupby('year').count().sort_values(by='year', ascending=True)
yt.index
```

[31]: Int64Index([1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017], dtype='int64', name='year')

Graph

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[29]: d=px.bar(yt, x='attack_type', height=600,color='attack_type',
labels={'attack_type': 'Amount', 'year': 'Year','value': 'Amount'})
d.show()
```

