

# Bush 631-603: Quantitative Methods

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## What is today's plan?

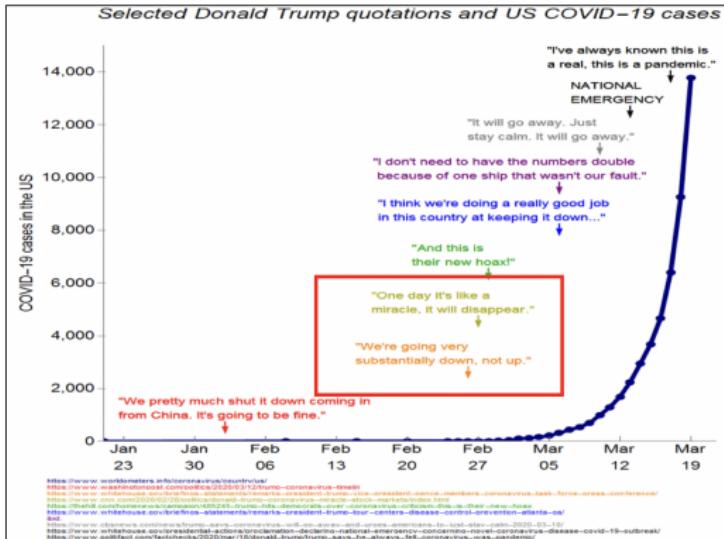
- ▶ Why predictions?
- ▶ Tech basics - loops, conditional statements.
- ▶ Making predictions with data: elections, FP expenses, military aid.
- ▶ Using dates data.
- ▶ R work: loops, if{}, if{}else{}, as.date(), line plots.
- ▶ Task II: Working with R

# Predicting with data

- ▶ Social science research:
  - ▶ Establish causality.
  - ▶ The role of measurement.
- ▶ Predictions:
  - ▶ Support for causal statements.
  - ▶ Generate accurate predictions about potential outcomes.

## Not the best... predictions!

Oh no...



## Some more gems

Daily Mail - December 5, 2000

Daily Mail, Tuesday December 5, 2000

# Internet 'may be just a passing fad as millions give up on it'

By James Chapman  
Science Correspondent

THE Internet may be only a passing fad for many users, according to a report.

Researchers found that millions were turning their backs on the web because they were frustrated by its limitations and unwilling to pay high access charges.

They say that e-mail, far from replacing other forms of communication, is adding to an overload of messages.

Experts from the Virtual Society project, which polled 1,000 people, say growing numbers of the Internet may be re-inventing the way society works have proved wrong.

Many Internet users are using the Internet less now than previously, they conclude, and the future of online shopping is limited. Steve

McLoughlin, director of the society, said: "We are often presented with a picture of burgeoning Internet use, but this research shows a very early sign of drop-off and saturation among users."

"Teenagers' use of the Internet has developed rapidly, but it is recognised by many that you can do on the Net but they have been through all the stages of real life and are now keen to live in the real world and go back to it."

The project, sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council, involved researchers from 15 universities across Europe and the US.

It estimated that in Britain alone there could be more than three million people who regularly used the Internet but had now given up.

And while some already became bored, while others were frustrated to the amount of

Net loss: Two million Britons have logged off the Internet



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EXCLUSIVE  
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NOW THERE'S ANOTHER WAY  
INTELLIGENT FINANCE  
COULD MAKE YOU BETTER OFF.

## Some more gems

Well...

1995

Read  
newspapers  
Online

CLICK  
HERE



“The truth is no online database will replace your daily newspaper...”

Clifford Stoll, Newsweek article entitled  
*The Internet? Bah!*

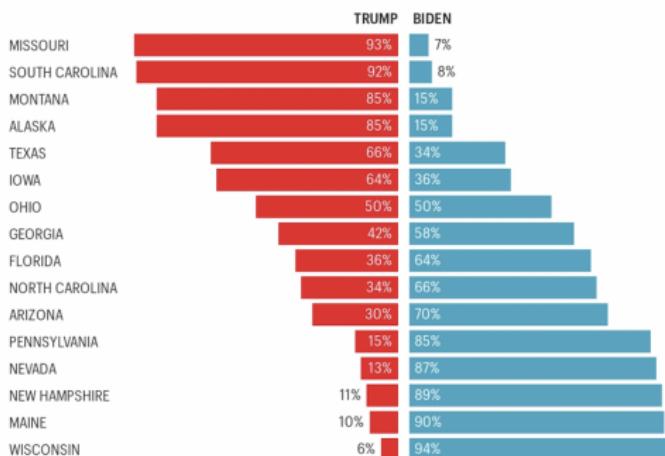
# Some groundwork

## LOOPS

- ▶ Useful to repeat the same operation multiple times.
- ▶ Efficient analysis tool.

### How likely candidates are to win key states

As of Sunday, FiveThirtyEight's 2020 forecasted odds



# Loops in R

- ▶ Run similar code chunk repeatedly.

```
for (i in X) {  
  expression1  
  expression2  
  ...  
  expression3  
}
```

- ▶ Elements of loop:
  - ▶ i: counter (change as you like).
  - ▶ X: Vector of ordered values for the counter.
  - ▶ expression: set of expressions to run repeatedly.
  - ▶ {}: curly braces define the beginning and end of a loop.

# Loops in R

```
weeks <- c(1,2,3,4,5)
n <- length(weeks)
t <- rep(NA,n)

# loop counter
for (i in 1:n){
  t[i] <- weeks[i] * 2
  cat("I completed Swirl HW number", weeks[i], "in",
      t[i], "minutes", "\n")
}

## I completed Swirl HW number 1 in 2 minutes
## I completed Swirl HW number 2 in 4 minutes
## I completed Swirl HW number 3 in 6 minutes
## I completed Swirl HW number 4 in 8 minutes
## I completed Swirl HW number 5 in 10 minutes
```

## Debugging a loop

- ▶ Check code for errors (prevalent in loops).
- ▶ Run loop (code) with simple example.
- ▶ Use Google to identify problem.
- ▶ More information and ideas → Link

## Conditional statements



- ▶ General form - implement code chunks based on logical expressions.

## If statements

Syntax: if(x = a condition){set of commands}

Run command(s) only if value if X is TRUE

```
weather <- "rain"
if (weather == "rain"){
  cat("I should take my umbrella")
}

## I should take my umbrella
```

# Flexible if statements

Using `if(){}` `else {}`

```
weather <- "sunny"
if (weather == "rain"){
  cat("I should take my umbrella")
} else {
  cat("I should wear my Aggie hat")
}

## I should wear my Aggie hat
```

# Complex conditional statements

Join conditional statements into a loop.

```
days <- 1:7
n <- length(days)

for (i in 1:n){
  x <- days[i]
  r <- x %% 2

  if (r == 0){
    cat("Day", x, "is even and I need my umbrella \n")
  } else {
    cat("Day", x, "is odd and I need my Aggie cap \n")
  }
}

## Day 1 is odd and I need my Aggie cap
## Day 2 is even and I need my umbrella
## Day 3 is odd and I need my Aggie cap
## Day 4 is even and I need my umbrella
## Day 5 is odd and I need my Aggie cap
## Day 6 is even and I need my umbrella
## Day 7 is odd and I need my Aggie cap
```

# Conditional statements

Integrate conditional statements within a conditional statement.

```
48     output$tab <- function(){
49
50     ## Season 2016: Tables
51     if(input$year == 2016){
52         data2016 <- mydata %>%
53             filter(season == 2016)
54
55         if (input$data == "QBR") {
56             dat_tab <- data2016 %>%
57                 filter(QBR_rank < 16) %>%
58                 select(First, Last, QBR)
59
60             dat_tab %>%
61                 knitr::kable("html") %>%
62                 kable_styling(font_size = 15, "striped", full_width = F, position = "center") %>%
63                 add_header_above(c("QBR: Top 15" = 3)) %>%
64                 scroll_box(height = "250px", width = "450px")
65         } else
66             if (input$data == "EPA") {
67                 dat_tab <- data2016 %>%
68                     filter(EPA_rank < 16) %>%
69                     select(First, Last, EPA_play) %>%
70                     arrange(-EPA_play)
71     }
72 }
```

## Conditional statements

### **Caution:**

- ▶ if(){ } else{ } are complex.
- ▶ Double check the curly braces for each statement.
- ▶ Use the automatic indentation.
- ▶ 'Space-out' your code.
- ▶ Add comments (using #) to clearly mark each step.

# Predictions

- ▶ Awesome research tool... with the right design.
- ▶ Predict: elections, economic trends, behavior, Superbowl winners, etc.

*Elections winner*



The Presidential  
Election of 1984

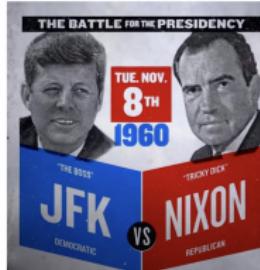


vs.



Ronald Reagan

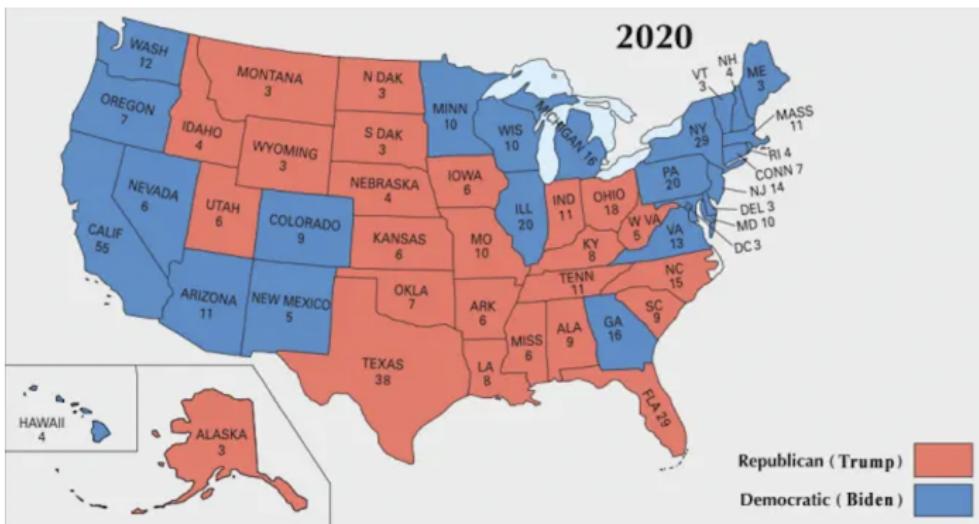
Walter Mondale



# US electoral system

## Electoral college

Plurality of votes in a state: “Winner-take-all”



# Election predictions

Measurement problem:

- ▶ National vote vs. electoral votes.
- ▶ Bush - Gore (2000).
- ▶ Clinton - Trump (2016).

Electoral vote:

- ▶ Number of electors does not align with number of voters per state.
- ▶ Votes are “unaccounted”.

A Prediction problem:

- ▶ Accurate forecast of **each state** winner.

# Polls and election predictions

Data: 2016 elections (polls)

```
head(polls16)
```

	state	middate	daysleft	pollster
## 1	AK	8/11/16	89	Lake Research Partners
## 2	AK	8/20/16	80	SurveyMonkey
## 3	AK	10/20/16	19	YouGov
## 4	AK	10/26/16	13	Google Consumer Surveys
## 5	AK	9/30/16	39	Google Consumer Surveys
## 6	AK	10/12/16	27	Google Consumer Surveys
	clinton	trump	margin	
## 1	30.0	38.0	8.00	
## 2	31.0	38.0	7.00	
## 3	37.4	37.7	0.30	
## 4	38.0	39.0	1.00	
## 5	47.5	36.7	-10.76	
## 6	34.6	30.0	-4.62	

## Poll prediction by states (using R loop)

```
poll.pred <- rep(NA, 51) # place holder

# get list of unique state names to iterate over
st.names <- unique(polls16$state)

# add labels to holder
names(poll.pred) <- st.names

for (i in 1:51) {
  state.data <- subset(polls16, subset = (state == st.names[i]))

  latest <- state.data$daysleft == min(state.data$daysleft)

  poll.pred[i] <- mean(state.data$margin[latest])
}

head(poll.pred)
```

```
##      AK      AL      AR      AZ      CA      CO
##  14.73  29.72  20.02   2.50 -23.00 -7.05
```

## Errors in polling

Prediction error = actual outcome - predicted outcome

```
errors <- pres16$margin - poll.pred  
names(errors) <- st.names  
mean(errors)  
  
## [1] 3.81
```

Root mean-square-error (RMSE): average magnitude of prediction error

```
sqrt(mean(errors^2))  
  
## [1] 9.6
```

## Prediction challenges

Prediction of binary outcome variable → classification problem

Wrong prediction → misclassification:

1. true positive: predict Trump wins when he actually wins.
2. **false positive**: predict Trump wins when he actually loses.
3. true negative: predict Trump loses when he actually loses.
4. **false negative**: predict Trump loses when he actually wins.

2016 elections: misclassification rate was high: 9.8% (5/51 states).

## Predictions in INTA



Military expenditures:

- ▶ Increase arms? The security dilemma.
- ▶ Risky environment (Israel in Middle-east).

## Study military expenses

Research questions:

1. How increase in expenditures drive conflicts?
2. Arms expansion and the probability of war?
3. Arms expenditure and preventive strike?

**Does increase in spending (arms race) leads to conflict?**

# Arms and war??

Early findings (1960 study) → not too promising

## **1. HAVE MOST WARS BEEN PRECEDED BY ARMS RACES? ARE ARMS RACES A RECENT INNOVATION?**

HISTORIANS mention arms races only for 10 out of 84 wars that ended between 1820 and 1929. Those 10 wars are listed in Table 4.

TABLE 4

### Dates of Beginnings and Sites of Wars

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1914, World
1865, La Plata
1892, Armenia
1829, Caucasus; 1845, Punjab; 1859, Italy;
1878, Tekke Turkomans; 1892, Central Africa; 1894, Madagascar; 1926, China

---

# Arms and war??

Improved measurements; study dyads (1979)

war.<sup>5</sup> This polynomial function shall be used to estimate the time rate of change (delta) for each nation for the year prior to the dispute. The existence of an arms race prior to the dispute or war shall be determined by obtaining the product of the national rates of change for each side, with higher values representing “arms-race” dyads. By calculating national



TABLE 2

	<i>Arms Race</i>	<i>No Arms Race</i>
War	23	3
No War	5	68

# Arms and war??

Problems - case selection (remove world wars).

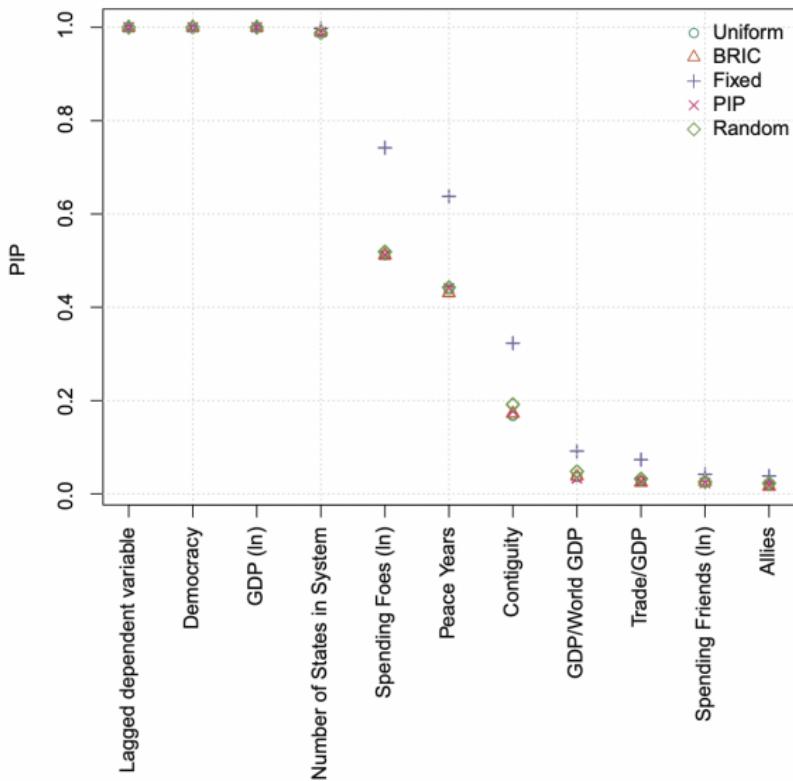
Improved methods and data (Sample 1998):

Probabilities of Escalation to War, 1816-1993,  
Based on the Estimated Coefficients in Table 2

	P
Baseline; all independent variables at 0	.08
Mutual military buildup; all other independent variables at 0	.21
High defense burden; all other independent variables at 0	.18
Military buildup and defense burden; all other independent variables at 0	.40
Dispute over issue of territory; all other independent variables at 0	.16
Military buildup, defense burden, and territorial dispute; all other independent variables at 0	.59
Military buildup, defense burden, territorial dispute, parity, transition, and rapid approach; nuclear at zero	.69
Nuclear; all other independent variables at 0	.02
Military buildup and nuclear; all other independent variables at 0	.05
All variables at 1	.25

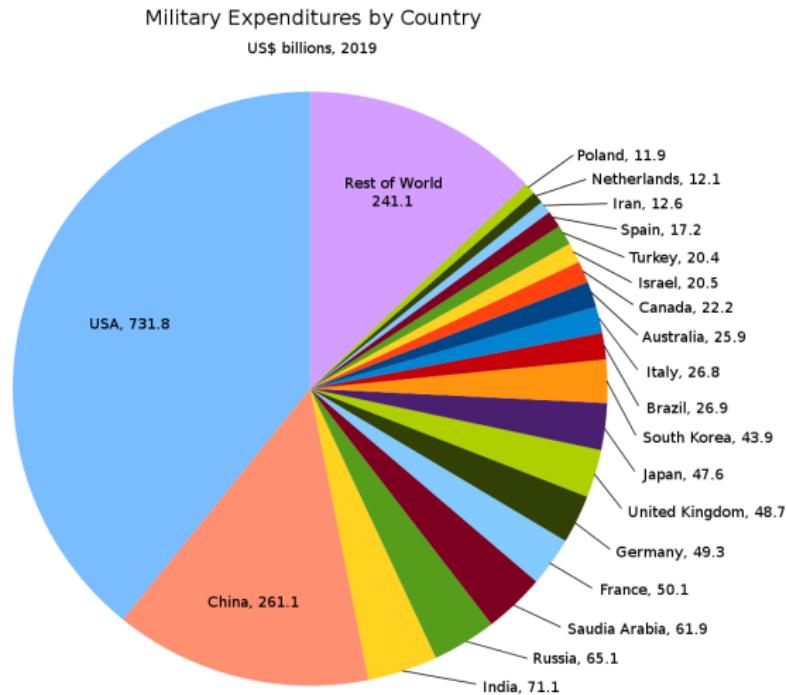
## Related research question

What drives the decision to increase military expenditures?



# Arms race

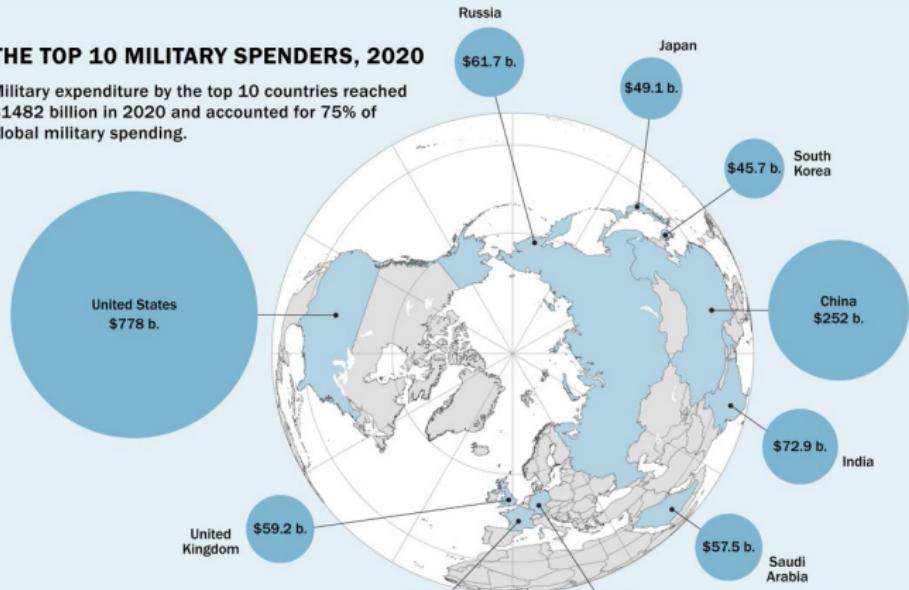
Measure → military expenditures



# Military spending across the globe

## THE TOP 10 MILITARY SPENDERS, 2020

Military expenditure by the top 10 countries reached \$1482 billion in 2020 and accounted for 75% of global military spending.



Notes: Spending figures are in current 2020 US\$ billion.  
The boundaries used in this map do not imply any  
endorsement or acceptance by SIPRI.

Source: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, Apr. 2021.

# Predicting military spending

Our data:

- ▶ 157 Countries
- ▶ Time frame: 1999-2019
- ▶ Measure: military spending as proportion of total gov't spending.

Why this measure?

- ▶ Reflect state's preferences.
- ▶ Trade-off: *Guns vs. Butter.*

Our predictions:

- ▶ Using 1999-2019 data to predict 2020 levels.
- ▶ Test predictions with actual data.

# Military spending data

```
dim(mil_exp)

## [1] 157 25

head(mil_exp, n=8)

## # A tibble: 8 x 25
##   Country      Group1 Subgroup1 `1999` `2000` `2001` `2002` `2003` `2004` `2005` `2006` `2007` `2008` `2009` `2010` `2011` `2012` `2013` `2014` `2015` `2016` `2017` `2018` `2019` `2020`
##   <chr>        <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 Algeria     Africa North Af~ 0.118  0.120  0.122  0.108  0.101  0.107  0.103  0.105  0.108  0.110  0.112  0.114  0.116  0.118  0.120  0.122  0.124  0.126  0.128  0.130  0.132  0.134
## 2 Libya       Africa North Af~ 0.115  0.103  0.0630 0.0524 0.0484 0.0490 0.0496 0.0502 0.0508 0.0514 0.0520 0.0526 0.0532 0.0538 0.0544 0.0550 0.0556 0.0562 0.0568 0.0574 0.0580 0.0586 0.0592
## 3 Morocco     Africa North Af~ 0.145  0.0898 0.145  0.125  0.134  0.123  0.112  0.101  0.090  0.089  0.088  0.087  0.086  0.085  0.084  0.083  0.082  0.081  0.080  0.079  0.078  0.077
## 4 Tunisia     Africa North Af~ 0.0618 0.0614 0.0605 0.0590 0.0603 0.0591 0.0580 0.0570 0.0560 0.0550 0.0540 0.0530 0.0520 0.0510 0.0500 0.0490 0.0480 0.0470 0.0460 0.0450 0.0440 0.0430 0.0420
## 5 Angola      Africa Sub-Saha~ 0.274  0.129  0.108  0.0919 0.109  0.116  0.105  0.094  0.083  0.072  0.061  0.050  0.039  0.028  0.017  0.006  0.005  0.004  0.003  0.002  0.001  0.000
## 6 Benin       Africa Sub-Saha~ 0.0452 0.0264 0.0232 0.0407 0.0473 0.0506 0.0530 0.0560 0.0590 0.0620 0.0650 0.0680 0.0710 0.0740 0.0770 0.0800 0.0830 0.0860 0.0890 0.0920 0.0950 0.0980 0.1010
## 7 Botswana    Africa Sub-Saha~ 0.0759 0.0817 0.0899 0.0900 0.0915 0.0848 0.0740 0.0630 0.0520 0.0410 0.0300 0.0190 0.0080 0.0070 0.0060 0.0050 0.0040 0.0030 0.0020 0.0010 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000
## 8 Burkina Faso Africa Sub-Saha~ 0.0576 0.0624 0.0588 0.0605 0.0610 0.0596 0.0440 0.0330 0.0220 0.0110 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000
## # ... with 15 more variables: 2006 <dbl>, 2007 <dbl>, 2008 <dbl>, 2009 <dbl>,
## #   2010 <dbl>, 2011 <dbl>, 2012 <dbl>, 2013 <dbl>, 2014 <dbl>, 2015 <dbl>,
## #   2016 <dbl>, 2017 <dbl>, 2018 <dbl>, 2019 <dbl>, 2020 <dbl>
```

# Reshaping the data

- ▶ Use the `gather()` function
- ▶ Increase the data size.
- ▶ Each case (country for us) has multiple observations (rows).

The diagram illustrates the process of reshaping data from a wide format to a long format using the `gather()` function. It features two tables: a wide table on the left and a long table on the right, connected by a double-headed vertical arrow labeled "Long". A green box labeled "TO" is positioned above the long table, indicating the target format. A purple box labeled "wide" is positioned below the wide table, indicating the original format.

**Wide Format (Left):**

countries	population_in_million	gdp_percapita
A	100	2000
B	200	7000
C	120	15000

**Long Format (Right):**

countries	time	value
A	population_in_million	100
B	population_in_million	200
C	population_in_million	120
A	gdp_percapita	2000
B	gdp_percapita	7000
C	gdp_percapita	15000

## Reshaping the data

gather() function: long-form data.

```
spend_long <- mil_exp2 %>%
  gather(year, exp, '1999':'2019', -Country, -Group1, -Subgroup1) %>%
  arrange(Country)

head(spend_long, n=9)

## # A tibble: 9 x 5
##   Country     Group1      Subgroup1 year     exp
##   <chr>       <chr>       <chr>     <chr>   <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 1999    NA
## 2 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2000    NA
## 3 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2001    NA
## 4 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2002    NA
## 5 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2003    NA
## 6 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2004    0.161
## 7 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2005    0.127
## 8 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2006    0.104
## 9 Afghanistan Asia & Oceania South Asia 2007    0.119
```

# Predicting spending

Predict 2020 → mean of spending (1999-2019)

Use loop to calculate means for all countries

```
## loop
pred.mean <- rep(NA, 157)
c.names <- unique(spend_long$Country)
names(pred.mean) <- as.character(c.names)

for (i in 1:157){
  c.dat <- subset(spend_long, subset = (Country == c.names[i]))
  pred.mean[i] <- mean(c.dat$exp, na.rm = T)
}
```

# Predicting spending for 2020

pred.mean	Afghanistan	Albania	Algeria	Angola	Argentina	Armenia
7.693784e-02	4.803755e-02	1.167886e-01	1.142081e-01	2.865062e-02	1.572688e-01	
Australia	Austria	Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Bangladesh	Belarus	
5.117444e-02	1.621721e-02	1.159260e-01	1.365441e-01	1.024893e-01	3.055717e-01	
Belgium	Belize	Benin	Bolivia	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Botswana	
2.104063e-02	3.481603e-02	4.312747e-02	5.311684e-02	3.023730e-02	7.708387e-02	
Brazil	Brunei	Bulgaria	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cambodia	
3.954679e-02	8.537055e-02	5.727167e-02	6.086991e-02	1.238733e-01	9.068995e-02	
Cameroon	Canada	Cape Verde	Central African Rep.	Chad	Chile	
7.432152e-02	2.898024e-02	1.845547e-02	1.090412e-01	1.641743e-01	1.010081e-01	
China	Colombia	Congo, Dem. Rep.	Congo, Republic of	Costa Rica	Côte d'Ivoire	
8.147621e-02	1.133810e-01	9.082535e-02	8.326183e-02	0.000000e+00	7.179591e-02	
Croatia	Cyprus	Czechia	Denmark	Djibouti	Dominican Rep.	
4.203798e-02	4.971926e-02	3.230034e-02	2.517054e-02	1.513522e-01	4.516247e-02	
Ecuador	Egypt	El Salvador	Equatorial Guinea	Estonia	eSwatini	
7.900969e-02	6.539493e-02	4.407673e-02	5.624585e-02	4.613709e-02	6.040772e-02	
Ethiopia	Fiji	Finland	France	Gabon	Gambia	
1.032980e-01	5.669500e-02	2.704904e-02	3.599000e-02	7.089440e-02	3.735918e-02	
Georgia	Germany	Ghana	Greece	Guatemala	Guinea	
1.093521e-01	2.686035e-02	2.040455e-02	5.686649e-02	3.739819e-02	1.172825e-01	
Guinea-Bissau	Guyana	Haiti	Honduras	Hungary	Iceland	
9.553127e-02	4.376836e-02	6.134272e-06	4.366182e-02	2.511546e-02	0.000000e+00	
India	Indonesia	Iran	Iraq	Ireland	Israel	
9.692641e-02	4.121770e-02	1.431855e-01	6.366464e-02	1.471538e-02	1.420280e-01	
Italy	Jamaica	Japan	Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kenya	
3.099443e-02	2.671973e-02	2.559871e-02	1.535606e-01	4.722987e-02	6.172174e-02	
Korea, South	Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan	Laos	Latvia	Lebanon	
1.276501e-01	1.222232e-01	4.838694e-02	2.179216e-02	3.728258e-02	1.416378e-01	
Lesotho	Liberia	Libya	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Madagascar	
4.794950e-02	2.041134e-02	6.558880e-02	3.439832e-02	1.313624e-02	5.316299e-02	
Malawi	Malaysia	Mali	Malta	Mauritania	Mauritius	
2.908423e-02	6.375313e-02	8.162525e-02	1.457119e-02	1.070985e-01	7.006463e-03	

# Good prediction?

Checking for errors:

```
# Calculate errors & assign country names
errors <- mil_exp$`2020` - pred.mean
names(errors) <- c.names
```

```
# Average error
mean(errors, na.rm = T)
```

```
## [1] -0.01210775
```

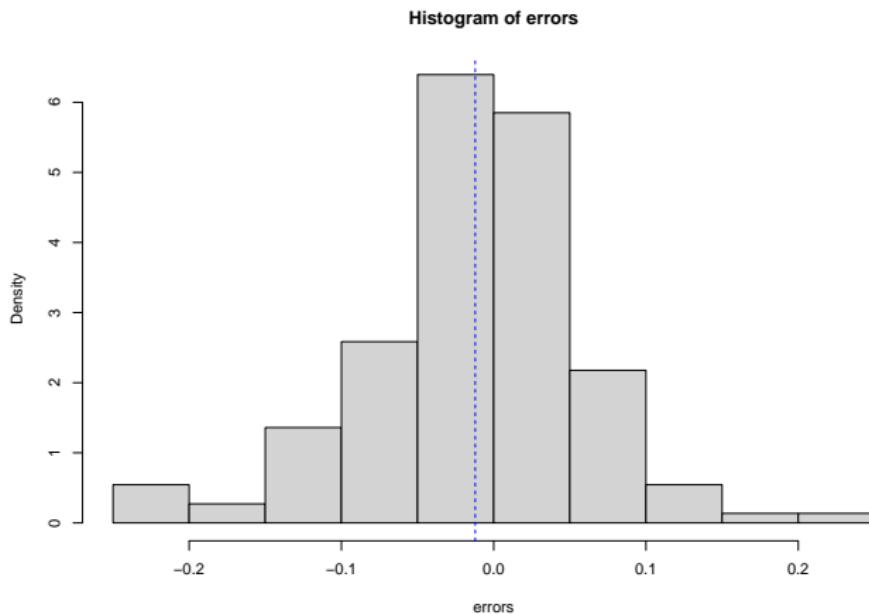
```
# RMSE
sqrt(mean(errors^2, na.rm = T))
```

```
## [1] 0.07380063
```

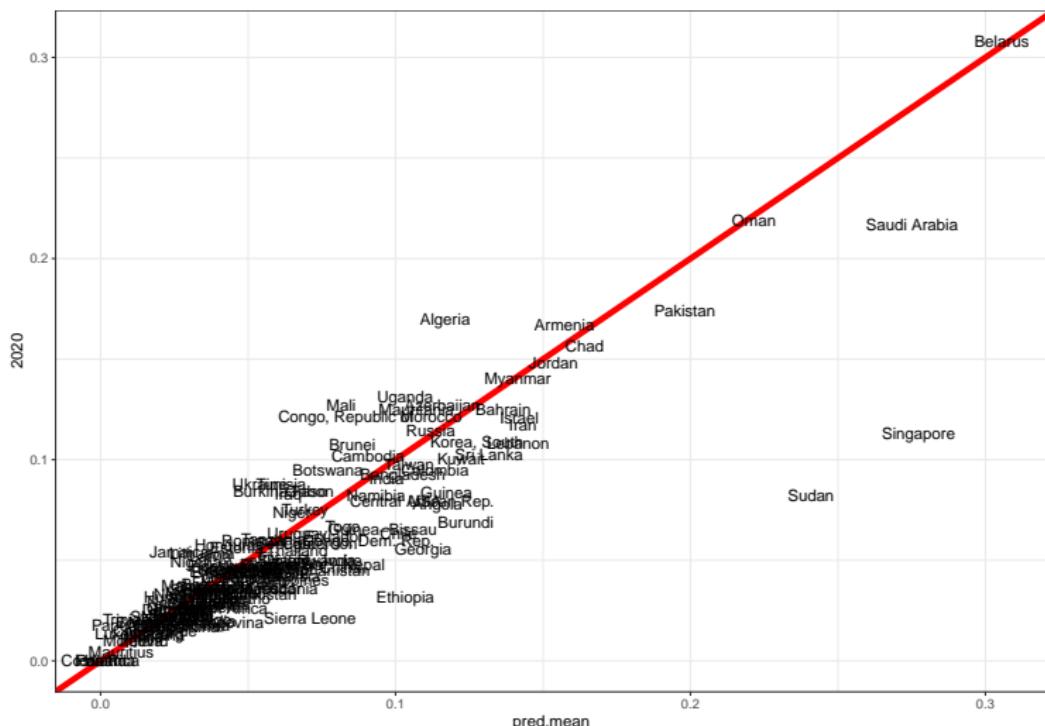
# Prediction errors

How far off are we?

```
hist(errors, freq = FALSE)
abline(v = mean(errors, na.rm = T), lty = "dashed", col = "blue")
```



# Accuracy of predictions



# Find outlier predictions

Identify where we were off...

```
# Errors distribution
summary(n.dat$error)

##      Min.   1st Qu.    Median     Mean   3rd Qu.    Max.   NA's
## -0.164364 -0.017092 -0.004715 -0.008734  0.000374  0.053107      10

# Create variable for large outliers
n.dat$large.inc <- NA
n.dat$large.inc[n.dat$error > 0.01] <- "Much More"
n.dat$large.inc[n.dat$error < -0.01] <- "Much Less"

# Create subset of outliers: less than average
n.dat2 <- n.dat %>%
  filter(large.inc == "Much Less") %>%
  mutate(error = error * 100) %>%
  select(1, error) %>% arrange(desc(error))

tail(n.dat2, n=9)
```

```
##           Group1      error
## Chile          Americas -3.785553
## Nepal         Asia & Oceania -4.102959
## Sierra Leone        Africa -4.945523
## Georgia          Europe -5.375066
## Burundi          Africa -5.521676
## Saudi Arabia     Middle East -5.806989
## Ethiopia          Africa -7.119952
## Sudan            Africa -15.832405
## Singapore        Asia & Oceania -16.436356
```

# Time series and predicted value

Focus on big-5 spenders

Format data to long-form

```
dat3 <- n.dat %>%
  filter(Country == "Russia" | Country == "USA" |
         Country == "China" | Country == "Iran" | Country == "Israel") %>%
  select(-Subgroup1, -error, -large.inc)

dat3.1 <- dat3 %>%
  gather(year, exp, '1999':'2020', -Country, -Group1, -pred.mean) %>%
  arrange(Country) %>%
  mutate(exp = round(exp*100,2))
```

# Working with dates

Working with dates:

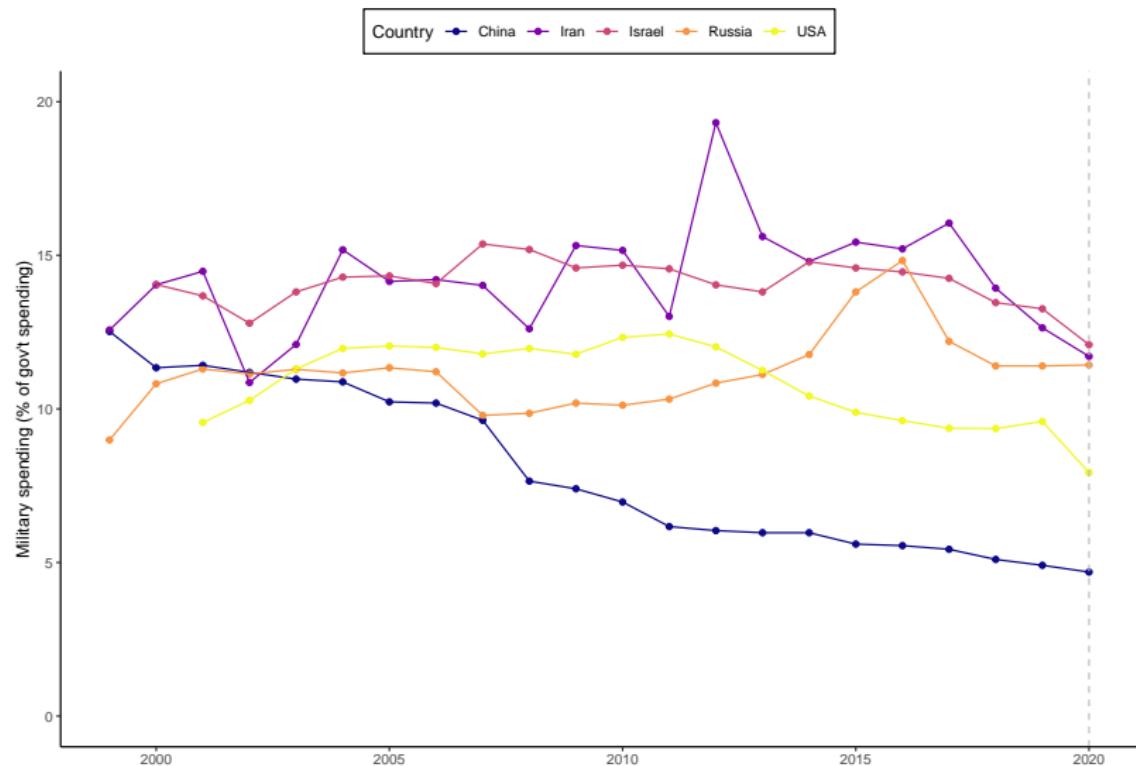
- ▶ Package → library(lubridate)
- ▶ Define variables as dates and choose format
- ▶ We can calculate number of days between date variables

```
# Working with dates
arrive <- as.Date("2015-07-01")
today <- as.Date("2022-02-22")

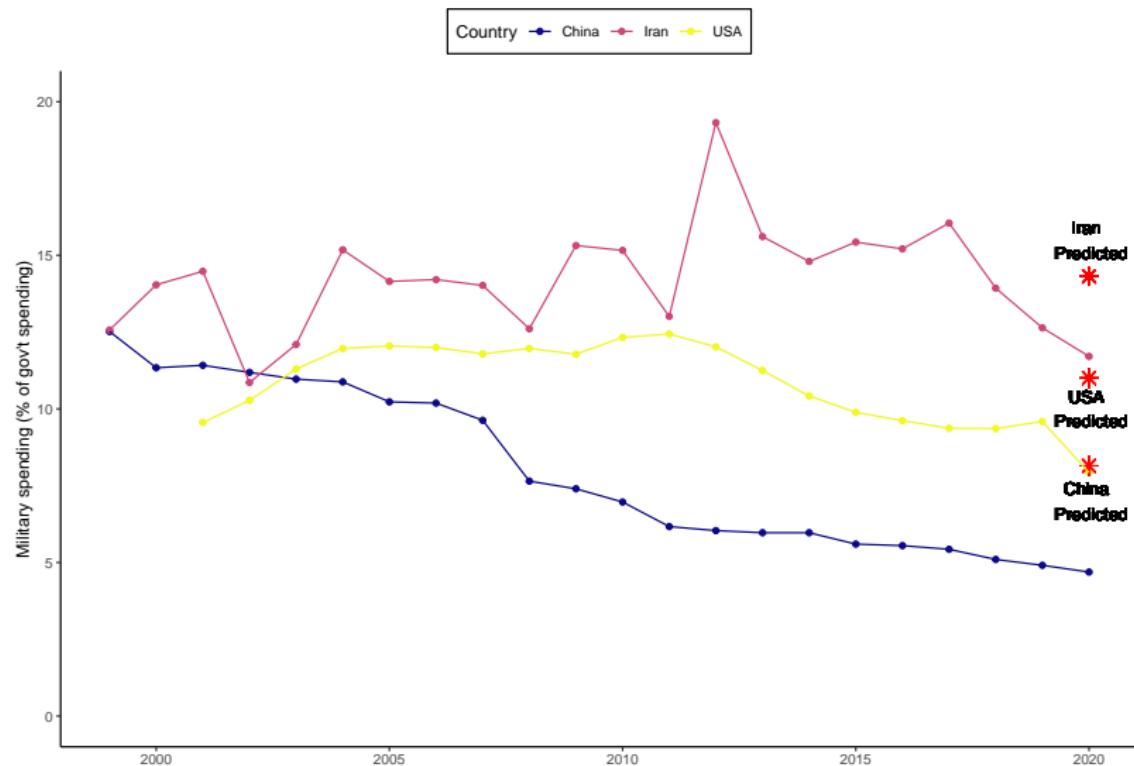
# How long have I been in the US?
today - arrive

## Time difference of 2428 days
# Define dates in our expenditures data
dat3.1$year.f <- as.Date(dat3.1$year, format = "%Y")
dat3.1$year.f2 <- year(dat3.1$year.f)
```

# Spending over time



# Spending over time (and predicted 2020 - the 'big 3')



## US Military Aid

- ▶ Approximately \$11-12 Billion per year.
- ▶ FP tool with various goals:
  - ▶ *quid-pro-quo* compliance with target government.
  - ▶ Augment US national security.
  - ▶ Require aid target cooperation.
- ▶ Outcomes? Not too promising...
  - ▶ Reduce cooperation (2011).
  - ▶ Reduce terrorism under certain conditions (2014).
  - ▶ Limited in lowering civil conflict (2018).
- ▶ Great data resource: *ForeignAssistance.gov* (Link)

# Aid data

## ► US Aid (1990-2006)

```
# Explore Military aid data  
dim(mil_aid2)
```

```
## [1] 2643    34  
summary(mil_aid2$militaryaid)
```

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
##	0.00	0.00	0.20	34.49	1.30	3365.70	3

# Predicting US Military Aid

- ▶ Predict 2006 levels → mean of aid (1990-2005)
- ▶ Use loop to calculate means for all countries

```
## Loop procedure
pred.aid <- rep(NA,168)
c.names <- unique(mil_aid2$country)
names(pred.aid) <- as.character(c.names)

for (i in 1:168){
  c.dat <- subset(mil_aid2, subset = (country == c.names[i]))
  pred.aid[i] <- mean(c.dat$militaryaid, na.rm = T)
}

pred.aid[pred.aid > 80]

##      Greece      Turkey       Iraq       Egypt      Jordan      Israel
## 196.29375 309.69375 179.95625 1595.04999 154.68125 2516.30624
## Afghanistan      Pakistan
## 115.82500   81.24375
```

# Predicting Aid

- ▶ Check our predictions

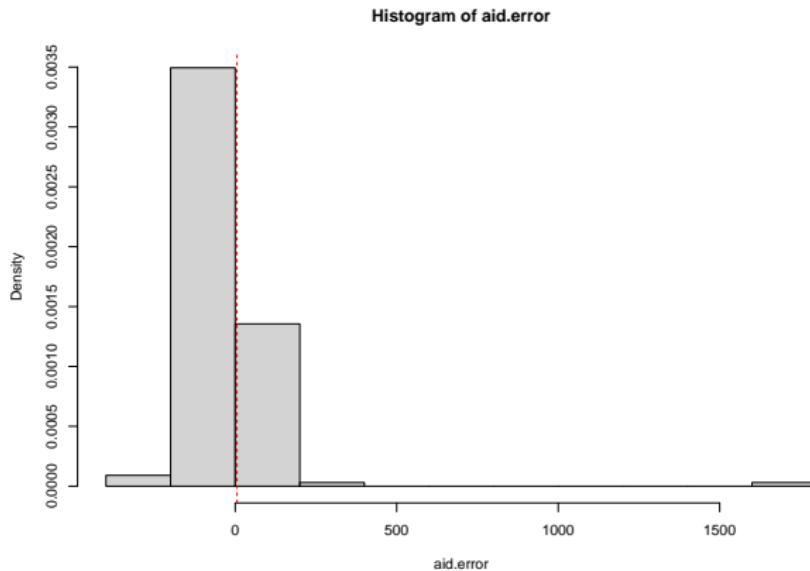
```
# Error vectors and plot
aid.error <- mil_aid3$militaryaid - pred.aid
names(aid.error) <- c.names
mean(aid.error, na.rm = T)
```

```
## [1] 5.719636
sqrt(mean(aid.error^2, na.rm = T))
```

```
## [1] 139.2933
```

## Plot errors (outliers?)

```
hist(aid.error, freq = FALSE)
abline(v = mean(aid.error, na.rm = T), lty = "dashed", col = "red")
```



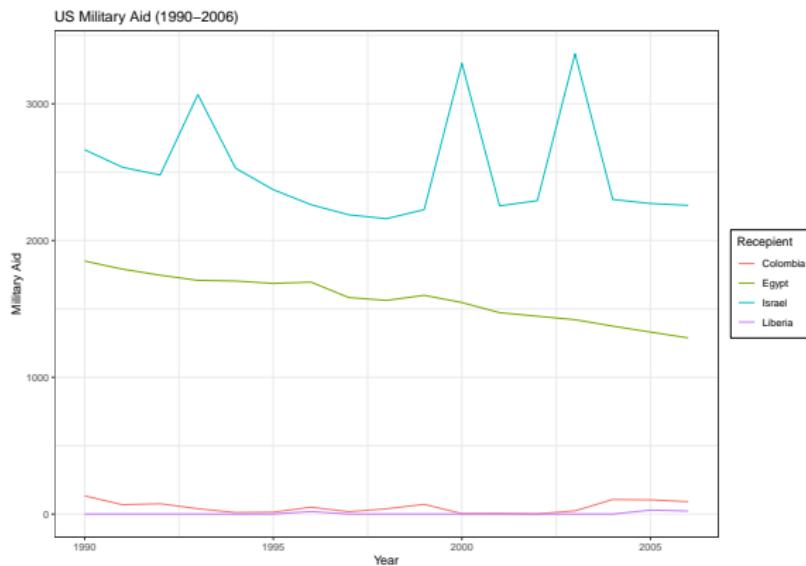
```
aid.error[aid.error > 1000]
```

```
##      <NA>      <NA> Afghanistan
##      NA          NA    1691.175
```

# US Military aid: Time trends

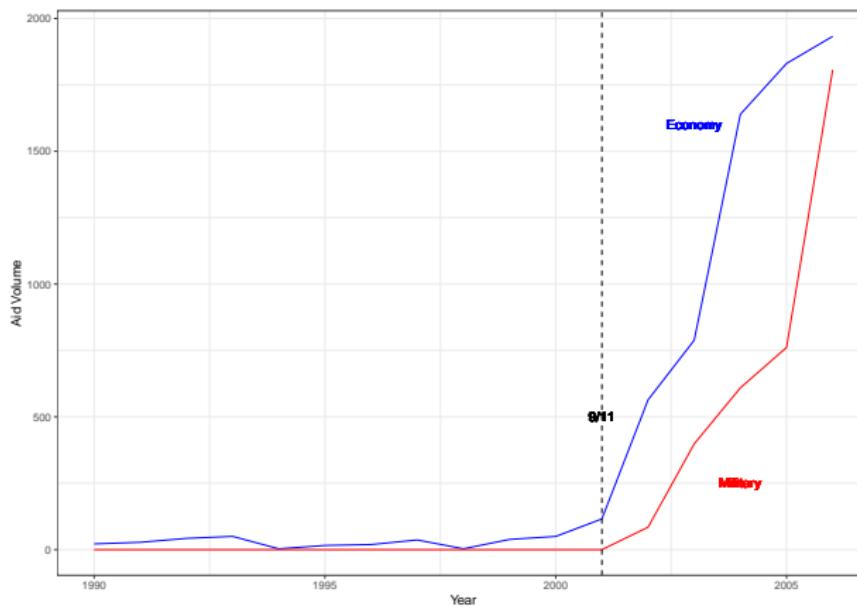
```
mil_aid4 <- mil_aid %>%
  filter(country == "Colombia" | country == "Egypt" | country == "Israel" | country == "Liberia")

ggplot(mil_aid4, aes(x = year, y = militaryaid)) +
  geom_line(aes(color = country)) +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Recipient") +
  theme_bw() + xlab("Year") + ylab("Military Aid") + ggtitle("US Military Aid (1990–2006)") +
  theme(legend.position = "right",
        legend.background = element_rect(size = 0.5, linetype = "solid", colour = "black"))
```



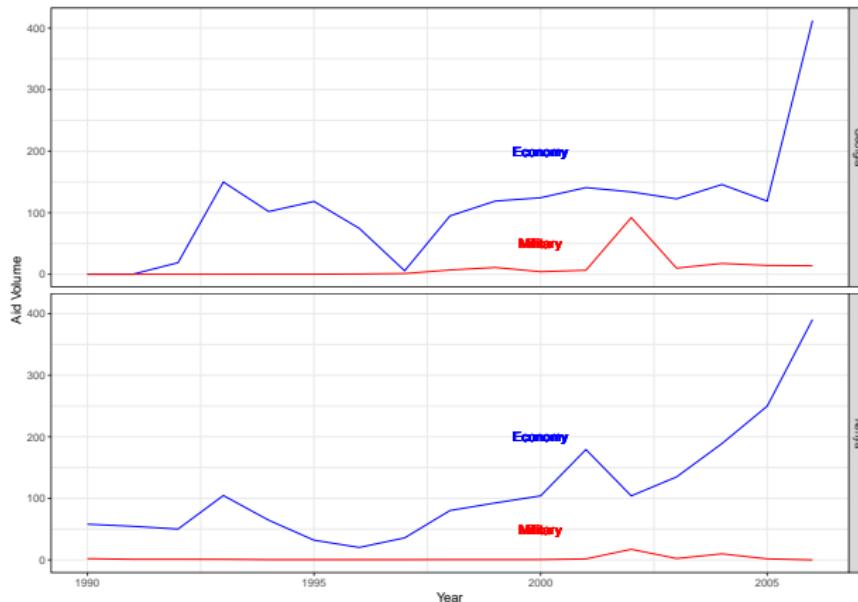
# Military and Economic aid: Afghanistan (1990-2006)

```
mil_aid %>%
  filter(country == "Afghanistan") %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_line(aes(year,economicaid), color = "blue") + xlab("Year") +
  geom_line(aes(year,militaryaid), color = "red") + ylab("Aid Volume") +
  geom_text(aes(x = 2003, y = 1600, label = "Economy"), color = "blue") +
  geom_text(aes(x = 2004, y = 250, label = "Military"), color = "red") +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = 2001), linetype = "dashed", color = "black") +
  geom_text(aes(x = 2001, y = 500, label = "9/11"), color = "black") + theme_bw()
```



# Military and Econ aid: Always tracking??

```
mil_aid %>%  
  filter(country == "Georgia" | country == "Kenya") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(group = country)) +  
  geom_line(aes(year,economicaid), color = "blue") + xlab("Year") +  
  geom_line(aes(year,militaryaid), color = "red") + ylab("Aid Volume") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = 2000, y = 200, label = "Economy"), color = "blue") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = 2000, y = 50, label = "Military"), color = "red") +  
  facet_grid(country~.) + theme_bw()
```



# Military and Economic aid (1990-2006)

- ▶ Checking for correlations

```
# Build data frame for means of aid types
type <- c("Military", "Economic")
value <- c(mean(mil_aid$militaryaid, na.rm = T),
           mean(mil_aid$economicaid, na.rm = T))
aid_types <- data.frame(type, value)
aid_types

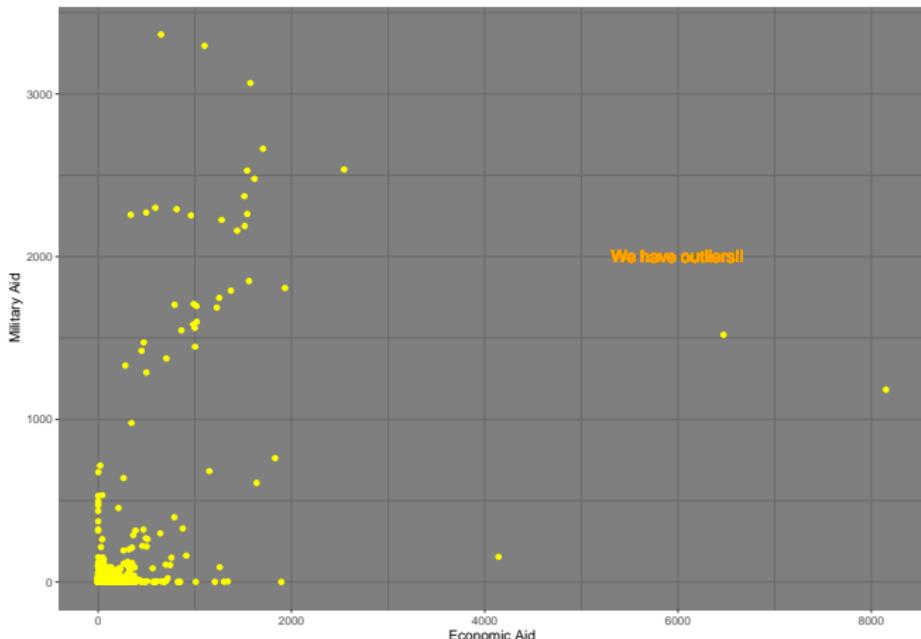
##      type     value
## 1 Military 33.08976
## 2 Economic 66.11048

# Correlation
cor(mil_aid$militaryaid, mil_aid$economicaid, use = "complete.obs")

## [1] 0.5559843
```

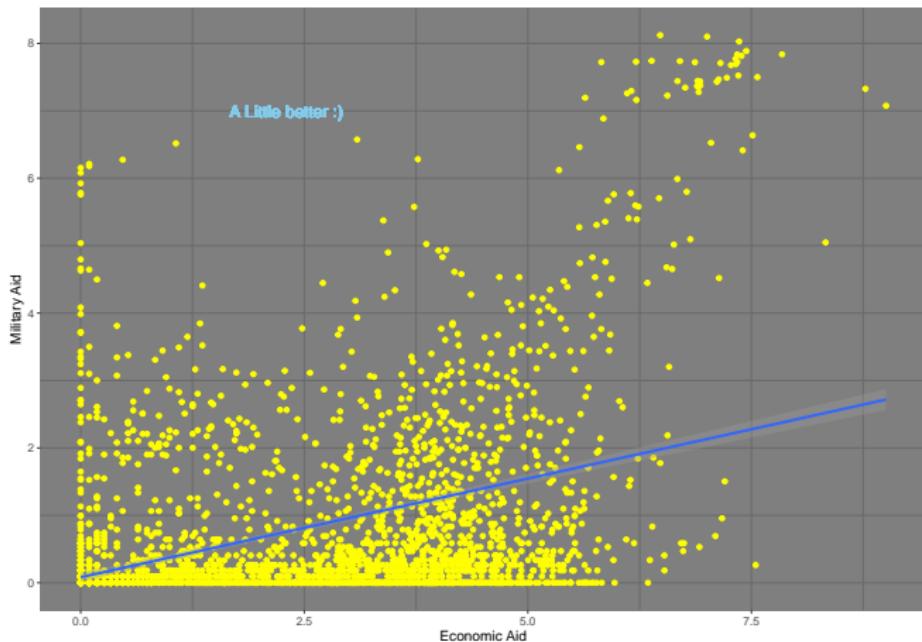
# Plotting correlation

```
ggplot(mil_aid, aes(x=economicaid, y=militaryaid)) +  
  geom_point(color = "yellow") +  
  xlab("Economic Aid") + ylab("Military Aid") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = 6000, y = 2000, label = "We have outliers!!"), color = "orange", size = 4.5) +  
  theme_dark()
```



# Plotting correlations: “Remove” outliers

```
ggplot(mil_aid, aes(x=logeconomicaid, y=logmilitaryaid)) +  
  geom_point(color = "yellow") +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +  
  xlab("Economic Aid") + ylab("Military Aid") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = 2.3, y = 7, label = "A Little better :")), color = "skyblue", size = 4.5) +  
  theme_dark()
```



# Wrapping up week 6

Summary:

- ▶ Predictions . . .
- ▶ Using data to ‘best-guess’ some quantity.
- ▶ Repeated computations? Use Loops.
- ▶ Always check for prediction errors.
- ▶ Classification errors: false positive and false negative.
- ▶ Data over time
- ▶ US military aid data: predictions, errors and some insights

Almost done ↓

## Task 2: R

- ▶ Explore INTA data.
- ▶ Answer all questions with R Markdown.
- ▶ Use revised template:
  - ▶ Be organized.
  - ▶ Add comments to your work (using #).
  - ▶ Add spaces using \vspace{1em}
  - ▶ When plotting - remember your reader!