Gov 2001: Extension of Original Paper

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Introduction

We are extending "Redemption through Rebellion: Border Change, Lost Unity, and Nationalist Conflict." (2022), by Lars-Erik Cederman, Seraina Rüegger, and Guy Schvitz. The data and code for this paper are in the Harvard Dataverse.

Results

```
# Set working directory to own project folder
\#setwd("./redemption-through-rebellion-dataverse\_files/")
## Load dataset
#an.df <- read.dta("epr_segment_level_analysis_ext.dta")</pre>
\#an.df.rugged \leftarrow read.csv(here("redemption-through-rebellion-dataverse\_files", "epr\_segment\_level\_analys)
exten.df = read.csv(here("redemption-through-rebellion-dataverse_files",
                          "epr_segment_level_analysis_extensions_rugged_claims.csv"))
## Code "peaceyears" variable: years since last conflict, squared, cubed
exten.df$pys <- exten.df$peaceyears
exten.df$pys2 <- exten.df$peaceyears^2</pre>
exten.df$pys3 <- exten.df$peaceyears^3</pre>
## Subset dataset: only politically relevant groups (EPR definition), exclude
## dominant and monopoly groups and groups without settlement area in GeoEPR,
exten.df.sub.allyears <- exten.df %>%
  filter(isrelevant==1,
         status_monopoly==0,
         status_dominant==0,
         !is.na(seg_area_sqkm),
         !is.na(onset do flag))
```

Table 1

Table 1 with Mean Terrain Ruggedness and AG violence/lost autonomy

The table below replicates Table 1 in Cederman et al. (2022), providing the results of 3 logit models with robust standard errors clustered at the AG level.

```
# define variables for use in all models, including DV
vars_logit <- c("onset_do_flag", "ln_ag_area_sqkm", "ag_incidence_flag_lag",</pre>
                "status_excl", "downgraded2", "rugged_mean",
                "rbal", "warhist", "ln_capdist", "ln_rgdppc_lag",
                "ln_pop_lag", "colonial_past", "ln_state_age",
                "pys", "pys2", "pys3", "mean_action", "lost_autonomy")
# identify AG "treatment" variables to be analyzed separately
treat.vars <- c("split", "tfrac", "tfrac_incr_post1946")</pre>
# for each "treatment" variable, run logit model
for(treat_var in treat.vars){
  full_lhs <- append(treat_var, vars_logit)</pre>
  onset_logit <- glm(onset_do_flag ~ .,</pre>
                     data=exten.df.sub.allyears[,full_lhs], family="binomial")
  assign(paste0("logit_",treat_var), onset_logit)
}
# include clustered standard errors for each generated model
logit_split_coefs <- coeftest(logit_split,</pre>
                               vcov. = vcovCL(logit_split,
                                              cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag id))
logit_tfrac_coefs <- coeftest(logit_tfrac,</pre>
                               vcov. = vcovCL(logit_tfrac,
                                              cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag_id))
logit_tfrac_1946_coefs <- coeftest(logit_tfrac_incr_post1946,</pre>
                                    vcov. = vcovCL(logit_tfrac_incr_post1946,
                                                   cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag_id))
# Display results of logit model
stargazer(logit_split_coefs, logit_tfrac_coefs, logit_tfrac_1946_coefs,
          type="text",
          dep.var.labels.include = FALSE,
          omit = c("pys", "pys2", "pys3"),
          title = "Replication of Table 1",
          dep.var.caption = "Civil Conflict Onset",
          covariate.labels = c("Divided group", "Fractionalization",
                                "Frac. incr. since 1946", "Territory sq.km, log",
                                "Ongoing conflict, lag", "Exclusion", "Downgraded",
                                "Terrain Ruggedness (Mean)", "Relative size", "War history",
                                "Distance to capital, log", "GDP, lag, log",
                                "Population, log", "Colonial history",
                                "State age, log",
                                "Mean AG action", "Lost autonomy"))
```

Replication of Table 1

Civil Conflict Onset
-----(1) (2) (3)

```
Divided group 0.745*** (0.207)
Divided group 0.686*** (0.266)
Fractionalization 1.807^{***} (0.574)
Frac. incr. since 1946 3.919*** (0.958)
Territory sq.km, log -0.211*** -0.239*** -0.118* (0.075) (0.065) (0.062)
Ongoing conflict, lag 0.250 0.017 0.231 (0.405) (0.379) (0.445)
Exclusion -0.132 -0.217 -0.127 (0.401) (0.388) (0.375)
Downgraded 1.376***1.488***1.469***(0.449) (0.441) (0.446)
Terrain Ruggedness (Mean) -0.00003 -0.00002 -0.0001 (0.00005) (0.00005) (0.0001)
Relative size 2.570^{***} 2.571^{***} 2.606^{***} (0.935) (0.871) (0.822)
War history 0.300* 0.308* 0.254 (0.170) (0.166) (0.161)
Distance to capital, log -0.035 -0.046 -0.051 (0.141) (0.139) (0.129)
GDP, lag, log 0.089 0.196 0.011 (0.167) (0.175) (0.167)
Population, log -0.442* -0.437* -0.423* (0.247) (0.241) (0.246)
Colonial history 0.370 0.325 0.564* (0.392) (0.378) (0.323)
State age, \log 0.189 \ 0.172 \ 0.335^{**} \ (0.176) \ (0.176) \ (0.165)
AG level of violence 2.448*** 2.444*** 2.494*** (0.222) (0.218) (0.221)
Downgrade of autonomy (5 years) 0.500\ 0.583\ 0.544\ (0.503)\ (0.486)\ (0.488)
Downgrade of inclusion (5 years) 0.606 0.611 0.655 (0.536) (0.540) (0.530)
Constant -3.933** -3.946** -5.016*** (1.657) (1.593) (1.621)
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Note: p < 0.1: p < 0.05: p < 0.01
### Table 1 with Median Terrain Ruggedness
"'r # define variables for use in all models, including DV vars logit <- c("onset do flag",
"ln_ag_area_sqkm", "ag_incidence_flag_lag", "status_excl", "downgraded2",
"rugged_med", "rbal", "warhist", "ln_capdist", "ln_rgdppc_lag", "ln_pop_lag",
"colonial past", "ln state age", "pys", "pys2", "pys2", "pys3") # identify AG "treatment" variables
to be analyzed separately treat.vars <- c("split", "tfrac", "tfrac incr post1946")
# for each "treatment" variable, run logit model for(treat var in treat.vars) { full lhs <-
append(treat_var, vars_logit) onset_logit <- glm(onset_do_flag ~ .,
data=exten.df.sub.allyears[,full lhs], family="binomial") assign(paste0("logit ",treat var),
onset logit) }
# include clustered standard errors for each generated model logit split coefs <-
coeftest(logit split, vcov. = vcovCL(logit split, cluster =
exten.df.sub.allyearsag_id))logit_t frac_c oefs < -coeftest(logit_t frac, vcov. =
vcovCL(logit_t frac, cluster = exten.df.sub.allyearsag id)) logit tfrac 1946 coefs <--
coeftest(logit tfrac incr post1946, vcov. = vcovCL(logit tfrac incr post1946, cluster =
exten.df.sub.allyears$ag id))
# Display results of logit model stargazer(logit split coefs, logit tfrac coefs,
logit_tfrac_1946_coefs, type="text", dep.var.labels.include = FALSE, omit = c("pys",
"pys2", "pys3"), title = "Replication of Table 1", dep.var.caption = "Civil Conflict Onset",
covariate.labels = c("Divided group", "Fractionalization", "Frac. incr. since 1946", "Territory
sq.km, log", "Ongoing conflict, lag", "Exclusion", "Downgraded", "Terrain Ruggedness
(Med)", "Relative size", "War history", "Distance to capital, log", "GDP, lag, log",
"Population, log", "Colonial history", "State age, log")) "'
Replication of Table 1
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Civil Conflict Onset —
                                          (1)(2)(3)
```

Divided group 0.603^{***} (0.182)

```
Fractionalization 1.565***
(0.360)
Frac. incr. since 1946 \ 3.391^{***} \ (0.854)
Territory sq.km, log -0.066 -0.076 0.010
(0.052) (0.048) (0.045)
Ongoing conflict, lag 0.181 0.026 0.240
(0.419) (0.377) (0.438)
Exclusion 0.870*** 0.840*** 0.899*** (0.291) (0.274) (0.291)
Downgraded 1.253*** 1.298*** 1.317*** (0.271) (0.265) (0.270)
Terrain Ruggedness (Med) -0.0001* -0.0001* -0.0002*** (0.0001) (0.00005) (0.0001)
Relative size 1.078** 0.924** 0.970**
(0.459) (0.447) (0.410)
War history 0.655*** 0.654*** 0.640*** (0.117) (0.115) (0.103)
Distance to capital, \log 0.125 0.128 0.120
(0.088) (0.094) (0.088)
GDP, lag, log 0.295** 0.322*** 0.255**
(0.119) (0.118) (0.119)
Population, log -0.715*** -0.719*** -0.712*** (0.189) (0.180) (0.183)
Colonial history 0.527 0.466 0.613**
(0.333) (0.320) (0.282)
State age, log 0.083 0.058 0.144
(0.133) (0.130) (0.118)
Constant -3.392^{***} -3.258^{***} -4.042^{***} (1.104) (1.040) (1.046)
```

Note: p < 0.1; p < 0.05; p < 0.01

Table 1 with Range (Max - Min) Terrain Ruggedness

```
assign(paste0("logit_",treat_var), onset_logit)
}
# include clustered standard errors for each generated model
logit_split_coefs <- coeftest(logit_split,</pre>
                               vcov. = vcovCL(logit split,
                                              cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag_id))
logit tfrac coefs <- coeftest(logit tfrac,</pre>
                               vcov. = vcovCL(logit_tfrac,
                                              cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag id))
logit_tfrac_1946_coefs <- coeftest(logit_tfrac_incr_post1946,</pre>
                                    vcov. = vcovCL(logit_tfrac_incr_post1946,
                                                    cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag_id))
# Display results of logit model
stargazer(logit_split_coefs, logit_tfrac_coefs, logit_tfrac_1946_coefs,
          type="text",
          dep.var.labels.include = FALSE,
          omit = c("pys", "pys2", "pys3"),
          title = "Replication of Table 1",
          dep.var.caption = "Civil Conflict Onset",
          covariate.labels = c("Divided group", "Fractionalization",
                                "Frac. incr. since 1946", "Territory sq.km, log",
                                "Ongoing conflict, lag", "Exclusion", "Downgraded",
                                "Terrain Ruggedness (Range)", "Relative size", "War history",
                                "Distance to capital, log", "GDP, lag, log",
                                "Population, log", "Colonial history",
                                "State age, log"))
```

Replication of Table 1

Civil Conflict Onset
-----(1) (2) (3)

```
Divided group 0.577*** (0.181)

Fractionalization incr. since 1886 1.460*** (0.387)

Frac. incr. before 1946 0.945** 0.838** (0.385) (0.401)

Frac. incr. since 1946 3.346*** (0.812)

Territory sq.km, log -0.017 -0.003 0.0005 (0.049) (0.047) (0.045)

Ongoing conflict, lag 0.157 0.152 0.207 (0.438) (0.449) (0.440)

Exclusion 0.880*** 0.896*** 0.851*** (0.300) (0.294) (0.296)

Downgraded 1.263*** 1.302*** 1.259*** (0.268) (0.269) (0.269)

Terrain Ruggedness -0.0001* -0.0001** -0.0001 (0.00004) (0.00004) (0.00004)

Relative size 0.901** 0.892** 0.931* (0.443) (0.398) (0.476)

War history 0.649*** 0.625*** 0.671*** (0.112) (0.104) (0.122)

Distance to capital, log 0.085 0.102 0.088 (0.094) (0.094) (0.092)

GDP, lag, log 0.291** 0.295** 0.256** (0.122) (0.122) (0.122)

Population, log -0.703*** -0.684*** -0.720*** (0.176) (0.176) (0.184)

Colonial history 0.427 0.583** 0.396 (0.316) (0.282) (0.343)
```

```
Note: p < 0.1; p < 0.05; p < 0.01 \# \# Table 3
### Table 3 with Mean Terrain Ruggedness
The table below replicates Table 3 in Cederman et al. (2022), which displays the results of two
fixed effects models to account for potential AG omitted effects and, they argue, provide a better
test of their hypothesis that stronger fractionalization should lead to greater chance of conflict.
"'r # define variables for use in all models, including DV vars logit <- c("onset do flag",
"ln_ag_area_sqkm", "ag_incidence_flag_lag", "status_excl", "downgraded2",
"rugged mean", "rbal", "warhist", "ln capdist", "ln rgdppc lag", "ln pop lag",
"colonial_past", "ln_state_age", "pys", "pys2", "pys3")
# identify "treatment" variables treat.vars.3 <- c("tfrac", "tfrac_incr_post1946")
# run fixed effects models for both treatment variables # felm is very picky with equation
inputs, so had to manually # paste each equation into each regression for (treat var in
treat.vars.3) { full lhs <- append(treat var, vars logit) full lhs <- append(full lhs, "ag id")
# use to create formula again if need to, copy and paste #felm formula <-
c("onset_do_flag", "ag_id")], # collapse="+")))
d <- exten.df.sub.allyears[,full lhs] if(treat var == "tfrac"){ # regression for tfrac variable
onset tfrac fe reg <- felm(onset do flag \sim tfrac + ln ag area sqkm +
ag_incidence_flag_lag + status_excl + downgraded2 + rugged_mean + rbal + warhist +
ln_capdist + ln_rgdppc_lag + ln_pop_lag + colonial_past + ln_state_age + pys + pys2 +
pys3 | ag_id | 0 | ag_id, data = d) } else{ # regression for tfrac_incr_post1946 variable
onset_tfrac_post1946_fe_reg <- felm(onset_do_flag ~ tfrac_incr_post1946 +
ln ag area sqkm + ag incidence flag lag + status excl + downgraded2 + rugged mean +
rbal + warhist + ln capdist + ln rgdppc lag + ln pop lag + colonial past + ln state age
+ pys + pys2 + pys3 \mid ag id \mid 0 \mid ag id, data = d) \} 
# display results stargazer(onset_tfrac_fe_reg, onset_tfrac_post1946_fe_reg, type="text",
dep.var.labels.include = FALSE, omit = c("pys", "pys2", "pys3"), title = "Replication of Table
3", dep.var.caption = "Linear Probability Models: Civil Conflict Onset", covariate.labels =
c("Fractionalization", "Frac. incr. since 1946", "Territory sq.km, log", "Ongoing conflict, lag",
"Exclusion", "Downgraded", "Terrain Ruggedness (Mean)", "Relative size", "War history",
"Distance to capital, log", "GDP, lag, log", "Population, log", "Colonial history", "State age,
log")) ""
Replication of Table 3
Linear Probability Models: Civil Conflict Onset -
                                                                                  (1)(2)
```

```
Fractionalization 0.046^{**} (0.021)

Frac. incr. since 1946\ 0.055^{**} (0.024)

Territory sq.km, \log -0.014 -0.013 (0.011) (0.011)

Ongoing conflict, \log -0.015^{**} -0.015^{**} (0.006) (0.006)

Exclusion 0.004^*\ 0.004 (0.003) (0.003)
```

Divided group 0.577*** (0.181)

State age, log 0.089 0.142 0.073 (0.128) (0.117) (0.136)

Constant -3.673*** -4.175*** -3.511*** (1.040) (1.034) (1.096)

```
Downgraded 0.020*** 0.020***
(0.007)(0.007)
```

Terrain Ruggedness (Mean) -0.00000 -0.00000* (0.00000) (0.00000)

Relative size $0.011 \ 0.012$ (0.007)(0.007)

War history 0.011 0.011 (0.007) (0.007)

Distance to capital, log 0.001 0.001 (0.001) (0.001)

GDP, lag, log 0.001 0.001 (0.002) (0.002)

Population, log -0.008*** -0.008*** (0.003) (0.003)

Colonial history 0.008 0.008 (0.005) (0.005)

State age, $\log 0.002 \ 0.003$ (0.002) (0.002)

Observations 27,105 27,105 R2 $0.052 \ 0.052 \ 0.052$ Adjusted R2 $0.037 \ 0.037$ Residual Std. Error (df = 26676) 0.087

Note: p < 0.1; p < 0.05; p < 0.01

Fractionalization 0.045^{**} (0.021)

Frac. incr. since 1946 0.055** (0.024)

Territory sq.km, log -0.009 -0.008 (0.009) (0.009)

Ongoing conflict, lag -0.015^{**} -0.015^{**} (0.006) (0.006)

Exclusion 0.004* 0.004 (0.003) (0.003)

Downgraded 0.020^{***} 0.020^{***} (0.007) (0.007)

Terrain Ruggedness (Med) 0.00000 0.00000 (0.00002) (0.00002)

Relative size 0.012 0.012 (0.007) (0.007)

War history 0.011 0.011 (0.007) (0.007)

Distance to capital, log 0.001 0.001 (0.001) (0.001)

GDP, lag, log 0.001 0.001 (0.002) (0.002)

Population, log -0.008*** -0.008*** (0.003) (0.003)

Colonial history 0.008 0.008 (0.005) (0.005)

State age, log 0.002 0.003 (0.002) (0.002)

Observations 27,105 27,105

 $R2\ 0.052\ 0.052$

Adjusted R2 0.037 0.037

Residual Std. Error (df = 26676) 0.087 0.087

Note: p < 0.1; p < 0.05; p < 0.01

Table 3 with Range Terrain Ruggedness

```
# define variables for use in all models, including DV
vars_logit <- c("onset_do_flag", "ln_ag_area_sqkm", "ag_incidence_flag_lag",</pre>
                "status_excl", "downgraded2", "rugged_range",
                "rbal", "warhist", "ln_capdist", "ln_rgdppc_lag",
                "ln_pop_lag", "colonial_past", "ln_state_age",
                "pys", "pys2", "pys3")
# identify "treatment" variables
treat.vars.3 <- c("tfrac", "tfrac_incr_post1946")</pre>
# run fixed effects models for both treatment variables
# felm is very picky with equation inputs, so had to manually
# paste each equation into each regression
for(treat_var in treat.vars.3){
  full_lhs <- append(treat_var, vars_logit)</pre>
 full_lhs <- append(full_lhs, "ag_id")</pre>
  # use to create formula again if need to, copy and paste
  #felm_formula <- as.formula(paste("onset_do_flag ~ ",</pre>
                              paste(full_lhs[!full_lhs %in% c("onset_do_flag", "ag_id")],
  #
                               collapse="+")))
  d <- exten.df.sub.allyears[,full_lhs]</pre>
  if(treat_var == "tfrac"){
    # regression for `tfrac` variable
    onset_tfrac_fe_reg <- felm(onset_do_flag ~ tfrac + ln_ag_area_sqkm + ag_incidence_flag_lag +</pre>
                                  status_excl + downgraded2 + rugged_range + rbal + warhist + ln_capdist
                                  ln_rgdppc_lag + ln_pop_lag + colonial_past + ln_state_age +
                                  pys + pys2 + pys3 | ag_id | 0 | ag_id, data = d)
  }
  else{
    # regression for `tfrac_incr_post1946` variable
    onset_tfrac_post1946_fe_reg <- felm(onset_do_flag ~ tfrac_incr_post1946 + ln_ag_area_sqkm +
                                           ag_incidence_flag_lag + status_excl + downgraded2 +
                                           rugged_range + rbal + warhist + ln_capdist + ln_rgdppc_lag +
                                           ln_pop_lag + colonial_past + ln_state_age +
                                           pys + pys2 + pys3 | ag_id | 0 | ag_id, data = d)
 }
}
# display results
stargazer(onset_tfrac_fe_reg, onset_tfrac_post1946_fe_reg,
          type="text",
          dep.var.labels.include = FALSE,
          omit = c("pys", "pys2", "pys3"),
          title = "Replication of Table 3",
          dep.var.caption = "Linear Probability Models: Civil Conflict Onset",
          covariate.labels = c("Fractionalization",
                                "Frac. incr. since 1946",
                                "Territory sq.km, log",
                                "Ongoing conflict, lag", "Exclusion",
                                "Downgraded", "Terrain Ruggedness (Range)",
```

```
"Relative size", "War history",
"Distance to capital, log", "GDP, lag, log",
"Population, log", "Colonial history",
"State age, log"))
```

Replication of Table 3

```
Linear Probability Models: Civil Conflict Onset
-----(1) (2)
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```
Fractionalization 0.046^{**} (0.021)
Frac. incr. since 1946\ 0.055^{**} (0.024)
Territory sq.km, \log -0.014 -0.013 (0.012) (0.012)
Ongoing conflict, \log -0.015** -0.015** (0.006) (0.006)
Exclusion 0.004^* 0.004 (0.003) (0.003)
Downgraded 0.020^{***} 0.020*** (0.007) (0.007)
Terrain Ruggedness (Range) -0.00000 -0.00000 (0.00000) (0.00000)
Relative size 0.012\ 0.012\ (0.007)\ (0.007)
War history 0.011\ 0.011\ (0.007)\ (0.007)
Distance to capital, \log\ 0.001\ 0.001\ (0.002)\ (0.002)
Population, \log\ -0.008^{***} -0.008*** (0.003) (0.003)
Colonial history 0.008\ 0.008\ (0.005)\ (0.005)
State age, \log\ 0.002\ 0.003\ (0.002)\ (0.002)
```

Observations 27,105 27,105 R2 0.052 0.052 Adjusted R2 0.037 0.037 Residual Std. Error (df = 26676) 0.087 0.087

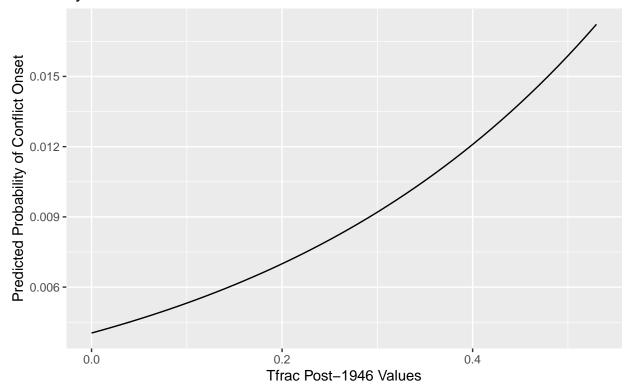
Note: p < 0.1; p < 0.05; p < 0.01

Figure 7

The figure below replicates Figure 7 in Cederman et al. (2022), which provides predicted probabilities of conflict onset as the post-1946 fractionalization increases from 0 to its maximum value, according to the original logit model developed for use in Table 1. The authors use it to indicate that their results are substantively important, demonstrating the magnitude of the predicted increase in conflict onset with increasing territorial fractionalization. The results of our R code match closely with the figure generated by the authors in Stata. Given the difficulties with making precise estimates from empirical conflict models, we are treating this figure as fairly supplemental, rather than central, to our extension - it provides a visual that is more easily interpretable, but the actual predicted values should be taken with caution, as there are wide confidence intervals around these predictions.

```
predprob_logit_tfrac_post1946_coefs <- coeftest(pred_prob_post1946_onset_logit,</pre>
                                 vcov. = vcovCL(pred_prob_post1946_onset_logit,
                                                 cluster = exten.df.sub.allyears$ag_id))
# holding everything except tfrac_incr_post1946 at their means
mean_var_vals <- c(1, map(exten.df.sub.allyears[,pred_prob_lhs[3:17]], function(x) mean(x, na.rm=TRUE))</pre>
names(mean_var_vals)[1] <- c("(Intercept)")</pre>
mean var vals <- unlist(mean var vals)</pre>
# get max val of tfrac_incr_post1946 to properly specify range:
max_tfrac_post1946 <- max(exten.df.sub.allyears$tfrac_incr_post1946, na.rm=TRUE)</pre>
# specify range of tfrac_incr_post1946 over which to predict
tfrac_post1946_range <- seq(0,max_tfrac_post1946, 0.01)</pre>
pred_prob_onset <- function(dyn_coef){</pre>
  full_coefs <- as.list(c(mean_var_vals[1], tfrac_incr_post1946=dyn_coef, mean_var_vals[2:16]))
  return(predict(pred_prob_post1946_onset_logit, full_coefs, type = "response"))
}
pred_probs_onset_tfrac_post1946 <- lapply(tfrac_post1946_range, pred_prob_onset)</pre>
pred_probs_onset_tfrac_post1946_df <- data.frame(pred_probs=unlist(pred_probs_onset_tfrac_post1946))</pre>
pred_probs_onset_tfrac_post1946_df$tfrac_incr_post1946 <- tfrac_post1946_range</pre>
# without Confidence Intervals
ggplot(data = pred_probs_onset_tfrac_post1946_df,
       aes(x = tfrac_post1946_range, y=pred_probs)) +
  geom_line() +
  xlab("Tfrac Post-1946 Values") +
  ylab("Predicted Probability of Conflict Onset") +
  labs(title = "Predicted Probability of Conflict Onset from Logit Model \nby Post-1946 Fractionalizati
```

Predicted Probability of Conflict Onset from Logit Model by Post–1946 Fractionalization



Status of Extension Analysis

Instigator

The inclusion of an instigator field is not possible using the UCDP conflict data which Cederman et al. employ in their analysis. Therefore, we plan on joining the UCDP data with the Correlates of War Intra-State wars dataset (and potentially other datasets with instigator values, using xSub) to add this instigator field. We expect to lose a number of data points by performing this join, both because some data points won't be in the COW dataset and because some will be unable to join with confidence, but we expect there to be no systemic bias in the 2nd cause, and we expect any systemic bias from the first cause to have minimal to no impact on the mechanism of fractionalization's impact on conflict onset which we will be trying to test.

We plan on re-running the data creation with this updated dataset and re-running the same models above with an indicator variable for which side began the conflict and separating the dataset into two based on which side instigated. We expect the dataset creation to be the most time-intensive component of this part of the extension, given the code to run the models is already created, but we don't expect this to be unfeasible.

Topographic Features

We hope to use two datasets to test the impact of terrain features in our analysis. The first is the measure of terrain ruggedness published in "Terrain ruggedness and land cover: Improved data for most research designs" by Andrew Shaver, David B. Carter, and Tsering Wangyal Shawa (2019). This data is available at the 1 x 1 km level, so we can join it into our existing data with spatial joins to include in our analysis. While this measure is relatively new, it has already made an extensive impact on the literature, including with use

in other conflict research (eg, Carter, Shaver, and Wright, 2019), so it will allow us to compare and validate our results. We've downloaded the ruggedness data from the Harvard dataverse.

We'll also use the PRIO-GRID data to include the average mountainous terrain in our analysis, which we've downloaded from the PRIO-GRID site. We expect this to be less precise and informative than the ruggedness measure above, but given the extensive historical use of 'mountainous terrain' as a variable in conflict research, we feel it will provide for interesting comparison with historical analyses (eg, Fearon and Laitin, 2003).

Extrastate Conflict Inclusion

We'll be able to use the original UCDP dataset with revised filtering to test this mechanism, so there isn't new data to gather, only slight modifications to the filters used in generating the dataset.

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