Effects of Wagner Group on civilian violence in Central African Republic.

Current literature on Wagner Group is lacking. Marten, Kimberly. “Russia’s Use of Semi-State Security Forces: The Case of the Wagner Group.” Post-Soviet affairs 35, no. 3 (2019): 181–204.

- Use Wagner Group as treatment variable for violence in priogrid areas.

- Provide justification through description

- Use data to show how Wagner Group effects violence in area – 200+ observations (not all violence)

- The puzzle is what happens to levels of violence in particularly conflict prone state when Wagner group is hired out. Does the violence toward civilians increase or decrease?

What sort of assumptions can we make on results?

What are some of the potential issues?

- Largely, endogeneity issues can be cut down by use of priogrid data

- Questions over number of occurrences

Treatment variables:

- Wagner Group

Control variables:

- Peacekeepers from GEOPKO

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