Are Western nations the ones that export the most weapons of all?

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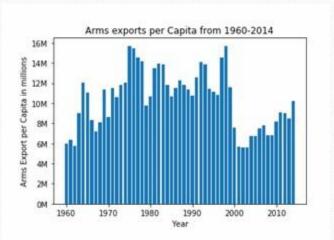
Motivation

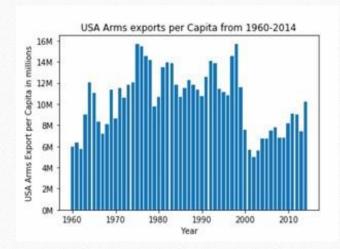
Do the USA export more weapons than other nations? Nations have a history of selling or giving weapons to opposing factions in conflict with one another. Is America the lone nation or the primary cause of the widespread proliferation of weapons, though?

Research Question(s)

- Are Western nations the ones that export the most weapons of all?
- Is there a belief that exports of weapon and death rates are related?

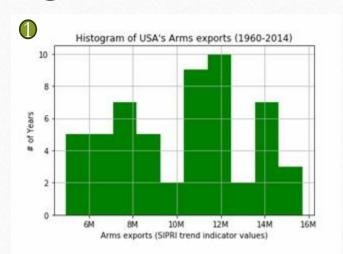
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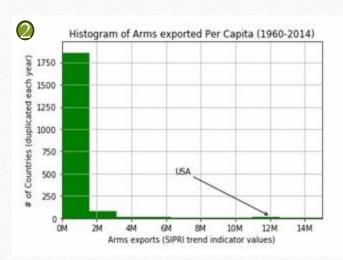




We can observe from these two bar charts that there were more arms exported globally than within the United States between 2002 and 2013. Thus, while the USA did not lead the world in arms exports in 2002 or 2013, from 1960 to 2001, 2003 to 2012, and 2014, the country's per capita exports of weapons were nearly equal to those of the rest of the world.

Findings





The first histogram shows the total amount of weapons shipped by the United States between 1960 and 2014. The data illustrates that for majority of those years, the United States exported 11–13 million weapons. With the USA indicated above the 12 million level, the second histogram uses this data to show the total amount of weaponry exported per person worldwide between 1960 and 2014. While the USA and a few other nations contribute on a bigger scale, the majority of countries export between 0 and 1 million weapons.

Findings

From this data it seems that the USA is a top contributor to arms exports globally from 1960-2014, except in 2002 and 2013.



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References

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