**Codebook**

**Territorial Change as defined by the Correlates of War (COW) project**

Political Scientist David Singer founded the COW in 1963 in an attempt to decipher systemic scientific knowledge regarding war.

The territorial change dataset is the result of the effort to identify and code all territorial changes involving at least one nation-state (as defined by the COW project) for the period of 1816 to 2008.

This is a codebook for one datasets: Territorial Change Data

1. Brief overview of datasets

**The compilation of the dataset**

This data set was compiled by modifying the Territorial Change dataset made available by the COW project.

**Dataset: Territorial Change, as excel file**

File format: Excel 2010 file: .xls

File name: TerritorialChange2008\_modified.xls

Data structure: 17 x 834 matrix

17 columns (variables)

834 rows (relevant data for each category\_

1. List of variables

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| **Variable name** | **Type** | **Min** | **Max** |
| V1\_year | Numerical | 1 | 276 |
| V2\_month | Categorical | 1 | 3 |
| V3\_gainer | Categorical | 1 | 986 |
| V4\_procedur | Categorical | 1 | 6 |
| V5\_entity | Categorical | 1 | 4 |
| V6\_contgain | Binary | 0 | 1 |
| V7\_area | Numerical | 1 | 2717300 |
| V8\_pop | Numerical | 0 | 52000000 |
| V9\_portion | Binary | 0 | 1 |
| V10\_loser | Categorical | 1 | 850 |
| V11\_losetype | Continuous | 1 | 6 |
| V12\_contlose | Continuous | 0 | 1 |
| V13\_entry | binary | 0 | 1 |
| V14\_exit | binary | 0 | 1 |
| V15\_number | Categorical | 3 | 887 |
| V16\_indep | Binary | 0 | 1 |
| V17\_conflict | binary | 0 | 1 |

1. Long descriptions for attribute variables
2. Year

V1\_year

This is a numerical variable that mentions the year in which the conflict took place.

1. Month

V2\_month

This is a categorical variable that mentions the month in which the conflict took place.

1. Gaining side

V3\_gainer

This is a categorical variable identifying the country code of the entity that gained territory at the expense of the other.

1. Procedure

V4\_procedure

This is a categorical variable that indicates the manner in which the gaining state gained territory. The values correspond to the following:

1-Conquest

2-Annexation

3-Cession

4-Secession

5-Unification

6-Mandated territory

-9 is used to indicate non-applicable instances of state gaining, most frequently in the case of independence

1. Entity Exchanged

V5\_entity

This is a numerical variable identifying the territory exchanged.

1. Contiguity of unit exchanged to gaining state

V6\_contgain

This is a binary variable indicating whether or not territory exchanged in a conflict is contiguous (common land or water boundary) to both parties involved, with 1 being ‘contiguous’ and 0 being ‘non-contiguous’.

1. Area of unit exchanged in square kilometers

V7\_area

This is a numerical variable indicating the amount of area exchanged between two entities in a conflict in square kilometers.

1. Population of unit exchanged

V8\_pop

This is a categorical variable indicating the amount of area exchanged between two entities in a conflict.

1. Portion of unit exchanged

V9\_portion

This is a binary variable indicating whether all or part of a territorial unit was exchanged in a conflict, with 1 indicating that the entire unit was exchanged and 0 indicating that part of the territorial unit was exchanged

1. Losing side

V10\_loser

This is a categorical variable identifying the entity that has lost territory I the process of territorial change

1. Type of change for losing state

V11\_losetype

This is a binary variable indicating whether the territory lost was a dependent or homeland territory, with 0 indicating ‘dependent territory’ and 0 indicating ‘homeland territory’

1. Contiguity of unit exchanged to losing state

V12\_contlose

This is a binary variable indicating whether or not territory lost in a conflict was contiguous (common land or water boundary) to both parties involved, with 1 being ‘contiguous’ and 0 being ‘non-contiguous’

1. System entry

V13\_entry

This is a binary variable indicating whether states became independent without territorial change, with 1 indicating that they became independent without territorial change and -9 indicating otherwise.

1. System exit

V14\_exit

This is a binary variable indicating whether states became independent with territorial change involved, with 1 indicating that they became independent with territorial change and -9 indicating otherwise.

1. Territorial change number

V15\_number

This is a categorical variable allowing a territorial change to be identified unambiguously.

1. Independence

V16\_indep

This is a binary variable denoting the termination of colonial rule over a dependency, with 1 representing independence and 0 representing all other cases.

1. Military Conflict

V17\_conflict

This is a binary variable that indicates if there was military conflict between organized forces on both sides of the conflict, with 1 being ‘military conflict’ and 0 being ‘no military conflict’.

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