The IMPACT (Implementation of Pacts) Dataset Codebook
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This dataset contains information on the implementation of political, military and territorial pacts found in peace agreements. The dataset covers all full and partial peace agreements in the period 1989–2004 and information on their implementation. The IMPACT dataset is based on data from the UCDP (Uppsala Conflict Data Program) and TOPAD v1.1 (Terms of Peace Agreements Data), and expands on the data contained in these two sources. This codebook first describes the coding of the pacts and implementation in detail, and then contains a separate list of the variables in the dataset. The dataset uses the peace agreement as the unit of analysis. The dataset is available in Stata- and Excel-format (please note that the Excel-version includes comments on the coding, whereas the Stata-version does not).

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[1] This is an updated version of the codebook from 2007. Only minor revisions have been made, and with no changes to the coding.

DEFINITIONS

This dataset consists of all peace agreements (83) signed between warring parties in an internal armed conflict in the post-Cold War era (1989-2004). The dataset is constructed based on information about armed conflicts in the Uppsala Conflict Database as of September 2006.

A peace agreement is defined as an agreement that "should address the problem of the incompatibility, either by settling all or part of it, or by clearly outlining a process for how the warring parties plan to regulate the incompatibility. All peace agreements, which concern, manage or regulate, the stated incompatibility are brought into the list of peace agreements" (UCDP, 2006). The list does not contain peace process agreements, and also excludes those agreements that are part of a comprehensive agreement, but where the final agreement is yet to be signed.

An internal armed conflict is defined as a contested incompatibility over either government or territory between the government and at least one rebel group, where the use of armed force has resulted in 25 battle-related deaths or more, in at least one year (UCDP, 2006).

KEY VARIABLES (from TOPAD v1.1)

A short overview of the key variables of political pacts, military pacts and territorial pacts is necessary to understand the implementation coding. The coding of the variables is from TOPAD v1.1 (Nilsson, Svensson & Sundberg, 2006), which are in turn based on definitions by Walter (2002a; 2002b), with some modifications.

Political pact

A political pact is defined as: A stipulated guarantee that offers the combatants seats in a new government at the cabinet level or above, or a specific quota of political power in at least one of the main branches of government. Coded 1 if this was so, otherwise coded 0.

Military pact

A military pact is defined as: A stipulated guarantee that offers the combatants guaranteed integration into the national armed forces and/or command structures, or a provision that allows the rebels to retain their own separate armed forces. Coded 1 if this was so, otherwise coded 0.

Territorial pact

A territorial pact is defined as: A stipulated guarantee that offers "…a provision for some form of regional autonomy (…) if one or both sides was allowed to continue to administer areas under their control, (…) or if specific self-governing zones were established…" (Walter, 2002b). Coded 1 if this was so, otherwise coded 0.

IMPLEMENTATION VARIABLES

The implementation of each pact is divided into three categories, and the degree of implementation is assessed for each category.

POLPACT: (three categories, each denoting degree of implementation, time frame for implementation 5 years)

1) *Did the rebels and the government claim the seats provided in the P-S deal? (1= Yes, 0= No)*
(Coded as 1 if both the rebels and the government officially declare that they are attending in the roles subscribed to them. Coded as 0 if one of the parties did not declare themselves to be in office.)

2) *Was the stipulated P-S government/assembly inaugurated? (1= Yes, 0= No)*
(Coded as 1 if the agreed upon government or assembly – or both – are officially inaugurated. Coded as 0 if the government or assembly – or both – were not officially inaugurated.)

3) *Did the stipulated new institutions begin to function? (1= Yes, 0= No)*
(Coded as 1 if the new government or assembly – or both – began to hold meetings, pass legislation or implement executive decisions. Coded as 0 if this did not happen.)

Implementation: Full= All categories are coded as 1, Partial= One or two categories are coded as 1, None= No categories coded as 1.

Date: Month and year of full implementation. If a pact was only partially implemented the date shown is for when such partial implementation began.

IMP DUR: The time it took to implement a pact fully, measured in months. Count begins at 1 from the month after signing and ends with the counting of the month when the pact was

fulfilled. If a pact was only partially implemented the IMP DUR date specifies how long it took for this partial implementation to begin.

Data: Variable denoting if there was precise data available for the coding. 1= Data is conclusive on implementation, 0= Data is not conclusive on implementation. See comments for a data summary.

MILPACT: (three categories, each denoting degree of implementation, time frame 5 years)

1) *Did the parties retain separate forces? (1=Yes, 0=No)*
(Coded as 1 if the parties were allowed to, and did, retain separate forces during the studied time frame.)

2) *Was there a creation of a joint command? (1=Yes, 0=No, 2=Partially) (applicable only if this was stipulated in the agreement)*
(Coded as 1 if there was a complete integration of command structures (high-ranking military officials, joint commands etc). Coded as 2 if such integration began but was not completed within the time frame. Coded as 0 if there was no such integration within the time frame.)

3) Was the stipulated integration into the armed forces completed according to the agreement? (1=Yes, 0=No, 2=Partially)
(Coded as 1 if the stipulated integration is fully completed according to the stipulated quota. Coded as 2 if such integration began but was not completed within the time frame. Coded as 0 if such integration did not begin at all within the time frame.)

Implementation: Full if category one=1. Full if category two and three=1, and if only category 2 or 3 was stipulated, then =1 if the stipulated was fully implemented. Partial= If category two and three=2, or if only one of categories two and three =1 when both were stipulated.

TERRPACT: (three categories, each denoting degree of implementation, time frame 5 years)

1) Did the rebels retain control of their own territory? (1=Yes, 0=No)

(Coded as 1 if the agreement stipulated, and the rebels have, continued control of a specific piece of territory from the signing of the agreement and for the entire time frame. Coded as 0 if this is not the case.)

2) Were efforts made to implement territorial decentralization? (1=Yes, 0=No)

(Coded as 1 if efforts (the drafting of legislation or bills, setting up of institutions etc.) are made to implement the stipulated territorial decentralization within the time frame. Coded as 0 if this was not the case.)

3) Did decentralization come into force? (Yes=1, 0=No)

(Coded as 1 if decentralization laws were officially passed and made into law, and/or if institutions of territorial decentralization (such as local or autonomous assemblies or executives) were created within the time frame. Coded as 0 if this was not the case.)

Implementation: Full if category one=1. Full if category two and three=1. Partial if one of category one or two=1

SOURCES

The utilized sources for coding the implementation of pacts vary greatly. When possible such data is taken from Keesing's Record of World Events, Factiva searches using applicable keywords, International Crisis Group (ICG) reports, Amnesty reports, State Department Country Reports, Accord case studies and chronologies, Minorities at Risk (MAR) qualitative data and the Uppsala Conflict Database (UCDB). When implementation data was not available in any of these sources specific case studies were used drawing on a variety of scholarly, NGO and IGO sources.

LIST OF VARIABLES IN THE DATASET

Please note that for all variables, missing data= -99

ID: Unique ID per conflict

Unique ID: Unique ID per agreement

Region: Variable denoting the region of the studied country. 1=Africa, 2=Asia, 3=Europe, 4=Americas, 5=Middle East

Country: ID per country

Country name: Conflict location. Name in parenthesis denotes disputed territory

Incompatibility: Government or Territory

Sign A: Name of Side A (government)

Sign B: Name of warring party signatories other than government

PA name: Name of peace agreement

PA year: Year of signing of peace agreement

PA date: Date of signing of peace agreement

POLPACT end: Date when political pact ceases to exist due to elections or end to transitional period.

Transitional: 1= Political pact is transitional, 0= Political pact is not transitional (only applicable to agreements containing a political pact)

POLPACT: 1= PA has a political pact, 0= PA does not have a political pact

MILPACT: 1= PA has a military pact, 0= PA does not have a military pact

TERRPACT: 1= PA has a territorial pact, 0= PA does not have a territorial pact

POLPACT 1-3: Each column denotes the success of the three categories of implementation. 1= Aspect is completed, 0= Aspect is not completed.

MILPACT 1-3: Each column denotes the success of the three categories of implementation. 1= Aspect is completed, 2= Aspect is partially completed, 0= Aspect is not completed.

TERRPACT 1-3: Each column denotes the success of the three categories of implementation. 1= Aspect is completed, 2= Aspect is partially completed, 0= Aspect is not completed.

(POL, MIL or TERR)FULL: Variable denoting full implementation of a pact; 1= Yes, 0= No

(POL, MIL or TERR)DATE: Month and year of full implementation. If a pact was only partially implemented the date shown is for when such partial implementation began.

(POL, MIL or TERR)IMPDUR: The time it took to implement a pact fully, measured in months. Count begins at 1 from the month after signing and ends with the counting of the month when the pact was fulfilled. If a pact was only partially implemented the IMP DUR date specifies how long it took for this partial implementation to begin.

(POL, MIL or TERR)DATA: Variable denoting if there was precise data available for the coding. 1= Data is conclusive on implementation, 0= Data is not conclusive on implementation. See comments for a data summary.

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