Indiscriminate Violence in Civil Wars

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Indiscriminate Violence

- Selective vs. indiscriminate violence
- Efficacy
- Why use indiscriminate violence?
  - Strategy
  - Importance of civilian support
    - Resources
    - Information
  - Cost
Theory

Theory: Insurgent use of indiscriminate violence will be successful if it is used in a territorial conflict.

H1: One-sided violence committed by non-state actors will be associated with an increased success rate in territorial wars.
H2: One-sided violence committed by non-state actors will be associated with a decreased success rate in non-territorial wars.
Data & Methods

- Uppsala Conflict Data Program, Peace Research Institute Oslo
- Quantitative analysis of all civil wars from 1989 - present
- Generalized Linear Model

**Dependent Variable**
- “Success”
  - Insurgent win, successful ceasefire agreement, or successful peace agreement

**Independent Variables**
- Conflict Type
- Duration
- Democracy
- GDP per capita
## Analysis

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Conclusion

- Improving model
- Improve data
  - Disaggregate at year level
  - Add more controls
References


