

Appendix

The Data Integration Procedure

In this section, we provide a more detailed description of the MELTT data integration protocol used in this article. As described in the article, we integrate events from four datasets—ACLED, GTD, SCAD, and UCDP-GED. Following the method used by Donnay et al. (2019), we assume that any two events recorded in two different datasets that occur within 3 kilometers and 1 day of each other could potentially be the same event. We then use the taxonomies outlined in Donnay et al. (2019) to determine whether the two events are a match.

The first taxonomy is an event-type taxonomy. It details how the event types in the four datasets correspond to one another. There are several levels in the taxonomy, going from specific to broad, with the lowest level of the taxonomy consisting of categories like territorial disputes, protests/demonstrations, violent protests/demonstrations, strategic destruction, and atrocity, and the highest level categorizing events as violent or non-violent.

Our second step is creating actor taxonomies, which again move from specific to broad, with the lowest level specifying actors as civilians, religious groups, movement groups, violent groups, and government, and the highest level categorizing actors as violent or nonviolent groups. At this point, we subset the data to only include non-state actors. We do this by dropping primary actors that have any of the following words included in their actor description: military, government, army, navy, air force, United Nations, police, border guards, United States, security, presidential, peace mission, UN, EU, magistrate, judicial, security, soldier, prison. While it is likely that this list does not remove every state or inter-governmental organization, it removes the vast majority of actors who do not qualify as non-state actors of interest.

The replication files included with our published article re-create all the tables and figures in the article. The data files include the data post-integration. We will provide the raw (pre-integration) data and script files for the integration upon request.

Table A1. Correlation Between Main Variables of Interest

	U.S. Military Aid	U.S. Economic Aid	French Colony	HSIGOs
U.S. Military Aid	1.00			
U.S. Economic Aid	0.39	1.00		
French Colony	0.08	-0.23	1.00	
HSIGOs	0.41	0.37	-0.00	1.00

Table A2. Average Values of Selected Control Variables by Above and Below Average Values of the Main Variables of Interest

	Above Average U.S. Military Assistance	Below Average U.S. Military Assistance	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
X Polity	1.65	0.62	-4	7
GDP Per Capita (logged)	7.51	7.35	5.59	10.02
Natural Resource Rents	13.53	12.53	0.01	58.04

	French Colonial History	No French Colonial History	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
X Polity	0.63	1.66	-4	7
GDP Per Capita (logged)	7.40	7.48	5.588	10.015
Natural Resource Rents	12.54	13.6	0.007	58.037

	Above Average HSIGOs	Below Average HSIGOs	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
X Polity	1.61	0.80	-4	7
GDP Per Capita (logged)	7.69	7.17	5.588	10.015
Natural Resource Rents	12.31	14.02	0.007	58.037

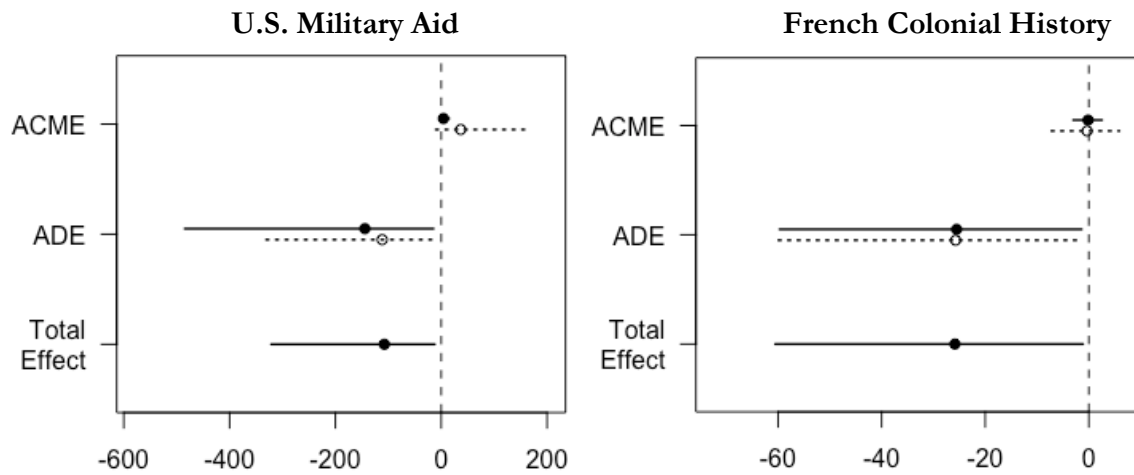
Table A3. Descriptive Statistics of Variables Used in Main Models

Variable	Observations	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Violence (3 Months Prior)	166	21.36	48.96	0	446
Nonviolence (3 Months Prior)	166	7.45	16.28	0	115
Violence (1 Month Post)	166	9.20	23.94	0	206
Nonviolence (1 Month Post)	166	3.91	13.01	0	142
Violence (3 Months Post)	166	23.72	52.92	0	394
Nonviolence (3 Months Post)	166	10.51	31.72	0	261
US Economic Aid	166	17.23	2.18	9.64	20.94
US Military Aid	166	12.65	4.48	0	21.36
French Colony	166	0.43	0.50	0	1
HSIGOs	165	16.64	1.90	12	20
Serious Fraud	166	26.92	114.74	0	845
Violence Against Civilians	166	17.37	17.54	0	66
News Coverage	165	0.14	0.35	0	1
Last Conflict	166	7.44	0.91	5.59	10.02
Opposition Prevented	166	9.14	1.33	6.32	12
GDP	166	0.07	0.81	-2.59	1.48
Population	161	1.21	3.70	-5	7
Repression	166	0.54	0.50	0	1
Polity 2 Score	161	13.12	11.24	0.01	58.04
International Observers	166	21.36	48.96	0	446
Concerns of Fraud	166	7.45	16.28	0	115
Natural Resource Rents	166	9.20	23.94	0	206

Mediation Analysis

We first compare the direct effect of U.S. military aid and French colonial history on violence with the effect of each mediated by electoral fraud.

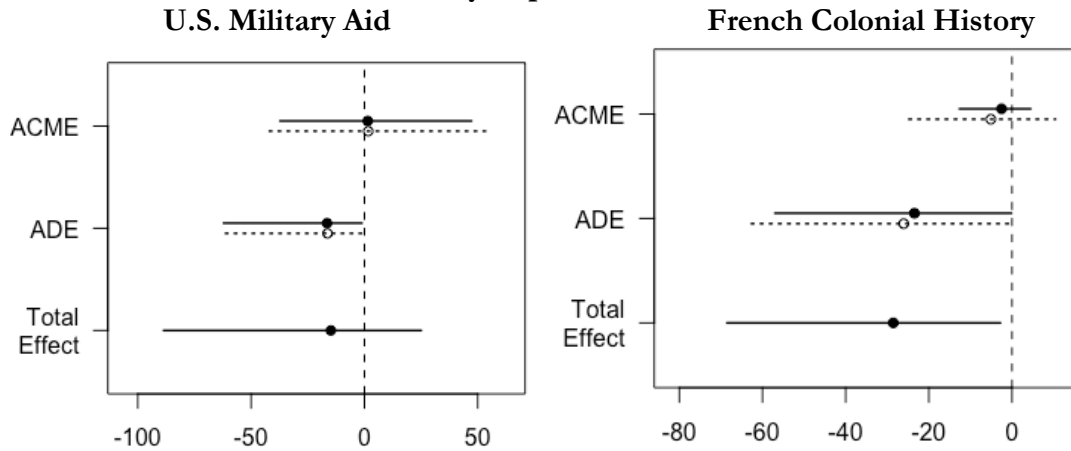
Figure A1. Average Causal Mediation Effects (ACME) & Average Direct Mediation Effects (ADE) for the Effect of U.S. Military Aid & French Colonial History on Violence, Mediated by Fraud



The plots presented in Figure 7 depict the effects and 95% confidence intervals for the average causal mediation (ACME), the average direct effect (ADE), and the total effect. The solid points and lines represent ACME and ADE for the treatment group, and the dotted lines and empty points represent estimates for the control group. The fact that the treatment and control groups for the ADE appear almost identical indicates that the presence of fraud plays no role in mediating the effect of U.S. Military Aid or French colonial history on post-election violence.

Second, we run the same test with repression as the mediator. The comparison between the ADE and the ACME illustrated in Figure 8 mirrors the findings above—the direct effect is stronger than the mediated effect. Further, a comparison between the treated ADE and the control ADE reveals that countries with attachments to France who use high levels of repression witness slightly more violent contention than those with the same attachments who use low levels of repression.

Figure A2. Average Causal Mediation Effects (ACME) & Average Direct Mediation Effects (ADE) for the Effect of U.S. Military Aid & French Colonial History on Violence, Mediated by Repression



These mediation models suggest that the depressive effect of United States military aid and French colonial history on dissident-led violent contention before and after elections occurs because dissidents see the environment as less conducive to violent mobilization, not because these powerful democratic states put pressure on governments to behave better.¹ This effect is consistent with that identified in Cunningham (2016), who found a more general pattern where weaker states with close ties to the United States had a lower risk of civil war.

¹ The figure is a bit difficult to interpret, but the direct effect for both treated and control groups is significant at the $p=0.048$ level.

Disaggregated Analysis

Table A4. GTD Only

	3 Months Pre- Election	1 Month Post- Election	3 Month Post- Election
Variables	Model A1 Violent Contention	Model A2 Violent Contention	Model A3 Violent Contention
US Economic Aid	-0.29** (0.14)	-0.52*** (0.14)	-0.43*** (0.15)
US Military Aid	-0.04 (0.06)	-0.06 (0.05)	-0.09** (0.04)
French Colony	-0.07 (0.57)	-0.44 (0.47)	0.15 (0.42)
HSIGOs	0.29* (0.16)	0.19 (0.13)	0.10 (0.13)
GDP	0.44 (0.46)	0.51 (0.41)	0.43 (0.41)
X Polity Score	0.25*** (0.08)	0.02 (0.06)	0.02 (0.05)
Natural Resources	0.01 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.02)
Opposition Prevented	-0.40 (0.43)	-0.12 (0.54)	-0.10 (0.36)
Observers Present		0.93 (0.81)	0.63 (0.55)
Serious Fraud		0.20 (0.45)	0.39 (0.42)
Concerns of Fraud	1.88*** (0.61)		
Violence Against Civilians		1.54*** (0.48)	1.69*** (0.39)
General Repression	-0.94*** (0.32)	0.01 (0.37)	-0.19 (0.34)
Population	0.62** (0.28)	0.46 (0.32)	0.64** (0.26)
News Coverage	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.08*** (0.02)	-0.17*** (0.04)	-0.12*** (0.04)
Constant	-9.83** (4.08)	-2.68 (3.16)	-3.39 (3.41)
Observations	156	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A5. GED Only

	3 Months Pre- Election	1 Month Post- Election	3 Month Post- Election
Variables	Model A4 Violent Contention	Model A5 Violent Contention	Model A6 Violent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.17 (0.14)	0.12 (0.31)	-0.40* (0.22)
US Military Aid	-0.15*** (0.04)	-0.10 (0.06)	-0.01 (0.07)
French Colony	2.12*** (0.56)	2.80** (1.25)	0.86 (0.78)
HSIGOs	0.77*** (0.23)	0.91*** (0.32)	0.58* (0.33)
GDP	-0.39 (0.48)	-1.04 (0.70)	-0.64* (0.38)
X Polity Score	-0.15** (0.08)	-0.14*** (0.05)	-0.10 (0.09)
Natural Resources	0.04** (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)
Opposition Prevented	1.50*** (0.25)	1.44*** (0.22)	1.60*** (0.27)
Observers Present		1.01** (0.47)	1.33* (0.80)
Serious Fraud		-0.74*** (0.28)	-1.17** (0.46)
Concerns of Fraud	-0.24 (0.49)		
Violence Against Civilians		0.16 (0.47)	0.04 (0.75)
General Repression	-1.24*** (0.33)	-1.64*** (0.34)	-1.66*** (0.54)
Population	0.21 (0.28)	0.30 (0.25)	0.36 (0.27)
News Coverage	0.00 (0.00)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
Last Conflict	-0.82*** (0.29)	-1.71* (0.88)	-1.54*** (0.38)
Constant	-14.56*** (4.20)	-14.83* (7.60)	-2.48 (4.38)
Observations	156	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A6. ACLED Only

	3 Months Pre- Election	1 Month Post- Election	3 Month Post- Election
Variables	Model A7 Violent Contention	Model A8 Violent Contention	Model A9 Violent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.18 (0.13)	-0.09 (0.10)	0.10 (0.07)
US Military Aid	-0.05 (0.06)	-0.09 (0.05)	-0.12*** (0.03)
French Colony	-1.54*** (0.47)	-1.25*** (0.34)	-0.87*** (0.30)
HSIGOs	0.38*** (0.11)	0.52*** (0.11)	0.49*** (0.11)
GDP	0.29 (0.22)	-0.32 (0.22)	-0.20 (0.17)
X Polity Score	0.02 (0.06)	-0.01 (0.05)	0.03 (0.05)
Natural Resources	-0.03* (0.02)	0.00 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.38 (0.50)	0.47 (0.43)	0.42 (0.33)
Observers Present		1.14** (0.57)	0.34 (0.35)
Serious Fraud		0.68** (0.31)	0.34 (0.32)
Concerns of Fraud	0.95*** (0.30)		
Violence Against Civilians		1.27*** (0.39)	1.03** (0.41)
General Repression	-1.00*** (0.29)	-0.68** (0.32)	-0.91*** (0.28)
Population	0.01 (0.22)	0.11 (0.24)	0.14 (0.19)
News Coverage	-0.00** (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)
Constant	-8.61*** (3.03)	-5.30** (2.35)	-7.23*** (1.85)
Observations	156	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A7. Full Models with Outliers Dropped

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model A10	Model A11	Model A12	Model A13	Model A14	Model A15
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
U.S. Economic Aid	0.03 (0.12)	0.03 (0.12)	-0.12 (0.09)	0.01 (0.16)	-0.05 (0.07)	0.09 (0.141)
U.S. Military Aid	-0.04 (0.05)	0.03 (0.03)	-0.08* (0.04)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.07* (0.04)	-0.0 (0.04)
French Colony	-1.13*** (0.34)	-0.57 (0.35)	-0.92*** (0.28)	-0.14 (0.37)	-0.73*** (0.25)	-0.02 (0.33)
HSIGOs	0.39*** (0.09)	0.16* (0.09)	0.45*** (0.09)	0.19 (0.13)	0.43*** (0.08)	0.25** (0.11)
GDP	0.21 (0.20)	0.10 (0.17)	-0.25 (0.15)	-0.28 (0.27)	-0.19* (0.11)	-0.20 (0.23)
X Polity Score	0.06 (0.05)	0.01 (0.04)	0.05 (0.04)	0.04 (0.07)	0.05 (0.04)	0.04 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.46 (0.33)	0.32 (0.40)	0.46 (0.33)	-0.03 (0.39)	0.57** (0.24)	-0.27 (0.44)
Observers Present			0.62* (0.37)	0.06 (0.64)	0.14 (0.32)	-0.34 (0.60)
Serious Fraud			0.62* (0.36)	0.58* (0.31)	0.29 (0.30)	0.79** (0.34)
Concerns of Fraud	0.74*** (0.25)	0.05 (0.29)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.29*** (0.31)	0.94** (0.38)	0.99*** (0.27)	0.48 (0.40)
General Repression	-1.11*** (0.22)	-0.55** (0.24)	-0.52* (0.28)	-0.01 (0.35)	-0.73*** (0.21)	0.22 (0.28)
Population s	0.15 (0.20)	0.11 (0.18)	0.37* (0.22)	0.40 (0.29)	0.38** (0.17)	0.60** (0.26)
News Coverage	-0.0** (0.001)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.03*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.02** (0.01)
Constant	-6.57*** (2.37)	-3.38 (2.29)	-5.53*** (1.86)	-5.43* (2.94)	-5.73*** (1.37)	-8.53*** (2.47)
Observations	155	154	152	151	152	151

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

**A8. Full Models with Single Time Frame,
3 Months Pre-Election Through 3 Months Post-Election**

Variables	Model A16 Violent Contention	Model A17 Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.02 (0.07)	0.07 (0.11)
US Military Aid	-0.07*** (0.03)	0.00 (0.03)
French Colony	-0.76*** (0.25)	-0.17 (0.30)
HSIGOs	0.39*** (0.07)	0.19** (0.08)
GDP	-0.04 (0.13)	-0.07 (0.16)
X Polity Score	0.06 (0.04)	0.03 (0.05)
Natural Resources	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.36 (0.25)	0.01 (0.33)
Observers Present	0.45* (0.26)	-0.01 (0.49)
Serious Fraud	0.47* (0.26)	0.62** (0.27)
Concerns of Fraud	0.29 (0.20)	-0.57** (0.26)
Violence Against Civilians	1.09*** (0.26)	0.73** (0.30)
General Repression	-0.66*** (0.20)	-0.11 (0.27)
Population	0.30* (0.18)	0.31 (0.19)
Last Conflict	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00** (0.00)
News Coverage	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Constant	-6.11*** (1.35)	-4.82** (2.09)
Observations	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

A9. Full Models with Demonstrations with at Least One Death Reclassified as Violent²

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election	3 Month Post-Election		
	Model A18	Model A19	Model A20	Model A21	Model A22	Model A23
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
U.S. Economic Aid	0.03 (0.11)	0.03 (0.12)	-0.14* (0.08)	0.10 (0.17)	-0.03 (0.07)	0.16 (0.16)
U.S. Military Aid	-0.03 (0.05)	0.03 (0.04)	-0.08** (0.04)	0.00 (0.05)	-0.09*** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.04)
French Colony	-1.07*** (0.35)	-0.56 (0.35)	-0.85*** (0.28)	0.01 (0.43)	-0.66*** (0.25)	0.06 (0.35)
HSIGOs	0.39*** (0.09)	0.15* (0.08)	0.44*** (0.08)	0.24** (0.11)	0.44*** (0.08)	0.27*** (0.10)
GDP	0.20 (0.19)	0.16 (0.17)	-0.25* (0.15)	-0.27 (0.30)	-0.17 (0.11)	-0.19 (0.24)
X Polity	0.06 (0.05)	0.02 (0.04)	0.06 (0.04)	0.06 (0.07)	0.06 (0.04)	0.05 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.52 (0.33)	0.22 (0.36)	0.44 (0.31)	0.28 (0.44)	0.48* (0.25)	-0.07 (0.47)
Opposition Prevented			0.58 (0.37)	0.35 (0.72)	0.14 (0.33)	-0.18 (0.57)
Serious Fraud			0.71** (0.36)	0.56* (0.30)	0.40 (0.31)	0.75** (0.34)
Concerns of Fraud	0.74*** (0.24)	-0.01 (0.28)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.28*** (0.28)	1.04*** (0.39)	1.04*** (0.28)	0.57 (0.41)
General Repression	-1.14*** (0.22)	-0.57** (0.25)	-0.53** (0.26)	-0.11 (0.39)	-0.72*** (0.20)	0.16 (0.30)
Population	0.10 (0.21)	0.13 (0.17)	0.37* (0.22)	0.30 (0.31)	0.38** (0.17)	0.55* (0.28)
News Coverage	-0.00** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.01* (0.01)
Constant	-6.30*** (2.22)	-3.82* (2.27)	-5.12*** (1.66)	-7.55** (2.95)	-6.22*** (1.32)	-9.97*** (2.51)
Observations	156	156	153	153	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

² In our original classification of the data, events from SCAD classified as “Organized Demonstration” or “Spontaneous Demonstration” were classified as non-violent events in the taxonomy because they are described by the SCAD codebook as “largely peaceful action”. However, for this table, we reclassified demonstrations that included at least one death as violent.

Table A10. Full Models Using Zero Inflated Negative Binomial³

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model A24	Model A25	Model A26	Model A27	Model A28	Model A29
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.02 (0.11)	0.04 (0.12)	-0.13 (0.08)	0.04 (0.16)	-0.02 (0.06)	0.11 (0.15)
US Military Aid	-0.04 (0.05)	0.02 (0.03)	-0.08* (0.04)	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.09*** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.04)
French Colony	-1.13*** (0.35)	-0.56 (0.35)	-0.93*** (0.28)	-0.07 (0.42)	-0.70*** (0.24)	0.06 (0.34)
HSIGOs	0.39*** (0.09)	0.15* (0.09)	0.44*** (0.09)	0.23** (0.11)	0.44*** (0.08)	0.28*** (0.10)
GDP	0.20 (0.19)	0.13 (0.17)	-0.25 (0.15)	-0.30 (0.28)	-0.17 (0.12)	-0.20 (0.23)
X Polity Score	0.06 (0.05)	0.022 (0.04)	0.05 (0.04)	0.07 (0.06)	0.05 (0.04)	0.06 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.47 (0.320)	0.32 (0.40)	0.47 (0.31)	0.38 (0.36)	0.50** (0.26)	-0.05 (0.44)
Observers Present			0.62* (0.37)	0.59 (0.67)	0.13 (0.32)	-0.12 (0.56)
Serious Fraud			0.61* (0.35)	0.49 (0.37)	0.34 (0.30)	0.78** (0.36)
Concerns of Fraud	0.73*** (0.24)	-0.01 (0.32)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.28*** (0.29)	1.01*** (0.35)	1.05*** (0.27)	0.56 (0.40)
General Repression	-1.11*** (0.22)	-0.55** (0.27)	-0.52* (0.28)	0.07 (0.35)	-0.71*** (0.21)	0.17 (0.30)
Population	0.15 (0.20)	0.12 (0.18)	0.37* (0.22)	0.41 (0.28)	0.38** (0.18)	0.55** (0.27)
News Coverage	-0.00** (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.03** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)
Constant	-6.49*** (2.24)	-3.63 (2.30)	-5.42*** (1.71)	-6.84*** (2.54)	-6.38*** (1.36)	-9.22*** (2.35)
Observation	156	156	153	153	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

³ Serious Fraud (Concerns of Fraud for Pre-Election time frame), and Time Since Civil War used to predict zeroes. In Model XX, only Time since Civil War used to predict zeroes because model would not converge while using both Time since Civil War and Concerns of Fraud to predict zeroes.

Table A11. Full Models With Civil War Observations Dropped

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model A30	Model A31	Model A32	Model A33	Model A34	Model A35
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.21*	0.11	-0.09	-0.06	-0.03	0.04
	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.10)	(0.17)	(0.06)	(0.16)
US Military Aid	-0.08	-0.00	-0.13**	-0.03	-0.15***	-0.05
	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.05)
French Colony	-1.62***	-0.47	-1.24***	0.21	-1.02***	0.21
	(0.42)	(0.45)	(0.33)	(0.54)	(0.28)	(0.41)
HSIGOs	0.46***	0.24**	0.41***	0.07	0.49***	0.16
	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.20)	(0.12)	(0.16)
GDP	0.06	0.17	-0.41**	-0.14	-0.31**	-0.16
	(0.20)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.13)	(0.23)
X Polity Score	0.05	0.03	0.10**	0.08	0.09**	0.07
	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.04)	(0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.04**	-0.03**	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Opposition Prevented	0.35	0.42	0.45	-0.37	0.11	-0.51
	(0.55)	(0.55)	(0.59)	(0.55)	(0.49)	(0.61)
Observers Present			0.87	-0.10	-0.21	-0.25
			(0.79)	(0.63)	(0.49)	(0.61)
Serious Fraud			1.39***	0.14	0.79**	0.39
			(0.48)	(0.26)	(0.35)	(0.31)
Concerns of Fraud	0.86***	-0.12				
	(0.32)	(0.34)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.74***	1.29***	1.32***	0.92*
			(0.35)	(0.47)	(0.31)	(0.50)
General Repression	-1.16***	-0.83*	-0.35	-0.74	-0.58*	-0.41
	(0.39)	(0.43)	(0.48)	(0.66)	(0.32)	(0.61)
Population	-0.19	-0.08	0.38	0.47	0.36*	0.69*
	(0.30)	(0.26)	(0.32)	(0.45)	(0.19)	(0.40)
News Coverage	-0.00	0.00	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00***
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03***	-0.01	-0.02**	0.03**	-0.02***	0.01
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Constant	-5.82*	-4.10	-4.73*	-3.61	-4.97***	-7.20**
	(3.11)	(2.53)	(2.67)	(3.50)	(1.75)	(2.89)
Observations	117	117	115	115	115	115

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

A12. Full Models with Control for Whether Last Election was Violent

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election	3 Month Post-Election		
	Model A36	Model A37	Model A38	Model A39	Model A40	Model A41
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
U.S. Economic Aid	0.13*	0.03	-0.09	-0.02	-0.04	0.12*
	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.09)	(0.04)	(0.07)
U.S. Military Aid	-0.04	0.02	-0.06	-0.02	-0.10***	-0.04
	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.04)
French Colony	-1.06***	-0.58*	-0.91***	-0.17	-0.81***	-0.02
	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.43)	(0.24)	(0.34)
HSIGOs	0.36***	0.15*	0.42***	0.26**	0.45***	0.27***
	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.10)
GDP	0.21	0.14	-0.17	-0.22	-0.17	-0.15
	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.22)	(0.11)	(0.18)
X Polity Score	0.05	0.02	0.07**	0.05	0.06*	0.03
	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.05)
Natural Resources	-0.01	-0.02**	0.00	-0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Previous Election Violent	0.30	-0.10	0.15	-1.30***	-0.03	-1.15***
	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.39)	(0.50)	(0.35)	(0.38)
Opposition Prevented	0.41	0.44	0.54	0.48	0.59**	0.16
	(0.30)	(0.37)	(0.36)	(0.41)	(0.30)	(0.43)
Observers Present			0.27	0.13	-0.14	-0.29
			(0.40)	(0.69)	(0.36)	(0.52)
Serious Fraud			0.60*	0.47*	0.28	0.59**
			(0.34)	(0.27)	(0.30)	(0.29)
Concerns of Fraud	0.60**	0.09				
	(0.24)	(0.27)				
General Repression	-1.19***	-0.56**	-0.84***	-0.35	-0.99***	-0.11
	(0.21)	(0.26)	(0.25)	(0.34)	(0.188)	(0.26)
Violence Against Civilians			1.11***	1.46***	0.95***	0.89**
			(0.23)	(0.42)	(0.29)	(0.39)
Population	-0.03	0.15	0.14	0.40*	0.28**	0.55***
	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.13)	(0.18)
Last Conflict	-0.03***	-0.00	-0.02***	0.02***	-0.02***	0.01**
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
News Coverage	-0.00**	0.00	-0.00*	0.00*	-0.00	0.00***
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Constant	-6.32***	-3.98*	-3.96**	-6.22***	-4.77***	-9.17***
	(2.07)	(2.19)	(1.59)	(2.36)	(1.26)	(1.87)
Observations	156	156	152	152	152	152

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

A13. Full Models with Control for Whether Last Election had Widespread Protests/Riots

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Month Post-Election	
	Model A42	Model A43	Model A44	Model A45	Model A46	Model A47
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
U.S. Economic Aid	0.08 (0.11)	0.02 (0.11)	-0.13 (0.09)	-0.05 (0.16)	-0.00 (0.07)	0.02 (0.16)
U.S. Military Aid	-0.05 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.08 (0.05)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.09*** (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)
French Colony	-1.17*** (0.36)	-0.64** (0.33)	-0.96*** (0.32)	-0.17 (0.35)	-0.81*** (0.27)	-0.18 (0.30)
HSIGOs	0.47*** (0.10)	0.21** (0.10)	0.47*** (0.12)	0.10 (0.16)	0.44*** (0.10)	0.14 (0.13)
GDP	0.33 (0.22)	0.17 (0.19)	-0.30* (0.17)	-0.35 (0.24)	-0.17 (0.14)	-0.32 (0.22)
X Polity Score	0.07* (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.06 (0.05)	0.02 (0.06)	0.08* (0.05)	-0.01 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.03* (0.02)	-0.04*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)
Riots/Protests Previously	-0.04 (0.23)	0.03 (0.30)	0.08 (0.41)	-0.35 (0.54)	-0.00 (0.30)	-0.81 (0.60)
Opposition Prevented	0.70* (0.38)	0.32 (0.44)	0.56 (0.39)	-0.01 (0.49)	0.55* (0.30)	-0.06 (0.48)
Observers Present			0.66* (0.39)	0.43 (0.59)	0.15 (0.35)	0.14 (0.45)
Serious Fraud			0.61 (0.49)	0.35 (0.40)	0.41 (0.40)	0.44 (0.37)
Concerns of Fraud	0.80*** (0.27)	0.16 (0.32)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.37*** (0.34)	1.13*** (0.39)	1.14*** (0.31)	0.78* (0.42)
General Repression	-1.17*** (0.24)	-0.28 (0.28)	-0.56 (0.35)	-0.16 (0.42)	-0.76*** (0.24)	0.25 (0.30)
Population	-0.06 (0.22)	0.16 (0.19)	0.32 (0.29)	0.54 (0.36)	0.35 (0.22)	0.79** (0.33)
News Coverage	-0.00** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.03*** (0.01)
Constant	-7.66*** (2.68)	-4.42* (2.33)	-4.88** (2.04)	-3.85 (2.78)	-6.22*** (1.57)	-7.14*** (2.46)
Observations	127	127	124	124	124	124

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A14. Full Models with Controls for Election Type

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model 48	Model 49	Model 50	Model 51	Model 52	Model 53
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	0.02 (0.11)	0.04 (0.12)	-0.13 (0.08)	0.05 (0.15)	-0.03 (0.06)	0.12 (0.14)
US Military Aid	-0.04 (0.04)	0.02 (0.03)	-0.07* (0.04)	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.09*** (0.03)	-0.04 (0.04)
French Colony	-1.16*** (0.35)	-0.56 (0.36)	-0.92*** (0.28)	-0.09 (0.44)	-0.70*** (0.24)	0.01 (0.35)
HSIGOs	0.39*** (0.09)	0.15* (0.08)	0.44*** (0.08)	0.26** (0.11)	0.44*** (0.08)	0.28*** (0.10)
GDP	0.25 (0.20)	0.15 (0.18)	-0.26* (0.15)	-0.23 (0.27)	-0.19* (0.11)	-0.16 (0.22)
X Polity Score	0.06 (0.05)	0.02 (0.05)	0.06 (0.04)	0.06 (0.07)	0.06 (0.04)	0.05 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Presidential Election	0.26* (0.16)	0.11 (0.28)	-0.12 (0.16)	0.49* (0.26)	-0.18 (0.15)	0.25 (0.29)
Opposition Prevented	0.47 (0.32)	0.30 (0.38)	0.48 (0.31)	0.25 (0.38)	0.51** (0.25)	-0.08 (0.43)
Observers Present			0.68* (0.37)	0.31 (0.69)	0.21 (0.33)	-0.18 (0.55)
Serious Fraud			0.65* (0.34)	0.54* (0.32)	0.39 (0.30)	0.74** (0.35)
Concerns of Fraud	0.68*** (0.23)	0.01 (0.29)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.32*** (0.28)	0.91** (0.36)	1.11*** (0.26)	0.49 (0.39)
General Repression	-1.06*** (0.22)	-0.54* (0.29)	-0.53* (0.28)	-0.09 (0.38)	-0.72*** (0.21)	0.17 (0.29)
Population	0.17 (0.21)	0.13 (0.18)	0.36* (0.22)	0.34 (0.30)	0.38** (0.17)	0.56** (0.27)
News Coverage	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.02)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.00)	0.01* (0.01)
Constant	-7.08*** (2.36)	-3.98 (2.49)	-5.26*** (1.67)	-7.41*** (2.63)	-6.09*** (1.33)	-9.81*** (2.09)
Observations	156	156	153	153	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A15. Full Models with Controls for Opposition Gain⁴

Variables	1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model 54	Model 55	Model 56	Model 57
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	-0.12 (0.09)	0.04 (0.16)	-0.01 (0.07)	0.10 (0.14)
US Military Aid	-0.08* (0.04)	0.01 (0.03)	-0.09*** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.04)
French Colony	-0.93*** (0.28)	-0.04 (0.42)	-0.71*** (0.24)	0.05 (0.35)
HSIGOs	0.43*** (0.09)	0.22* (0.12)	0.43*** (0.08)	0.28*** (0.11)
GDP	-0.23 (0.15)	-0.31 (0.28)	-0.16 (0.11)	-0.23 (0.23)
X Polity Score	0.05 (0.04)	0.07 (0.07)	0.05 (0.04)	0.06 (0.06)
Natural Resources	0.01 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Opposition Gain	0.08 (0.26)	0.51* (0.31)	0.13 (0.23)	0.15 (0.30)
Opposition Prevented	0.47 (0.31)	0.32 (0.41)	0.51** (0.25)	-0.08 (0.44)
Observers Present	0.60* (0.36)	0.35 (0.68)	0.11 (0.31)	-0.14 (0.58)
Serious Fraud	0.59* (0.35)	0.69** (0.34)	0.32 (0.34)	0.84** (0.35)
Violence Against Civilians	1.25*** (0.28)	0.88** (0.30)	1.02*** (0.27)	0.51 (0.40)
General Repression	-0.51* (0.28)	-0.10 (0.38)	-0.70*** (0.21)	0.13 (0.29)
Population	0.37* (0.22)	0.31 (0.31)	0.37** (0.18)	0.54** (0.27)
News Coverage	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)
Constant	-5.52*** (1.71)	-6.18** (2.66)	-6.41*** (1.33)	-8.96*** (2.26)
Observations	152	152	152	152

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

⁴ Using Nelda27: “Was the vote count a gain for the opposition?”, “If the election vote count displayed a gain from previous elections for the opposition (relative to the ruling party in the relevant branch of government), even if they did not win, ”yes” is coded. If there was no gain in the vote by the opposition, a ”no” is coded.”

Table A16. Full Models with Control for Incumbent Victory

Variables	1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model 58	Model 59	Model 60	Model 61
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	-0.05 (0.11)	0.10 (0.17)	0.06 (0.08)	0.17 (0.17)
US Military Aid	-0.09** (0.05)	-0.02 (0.05)	-0.11*** (0.04)	-0.07 (0.04)
French Colony	-0.68** (0.30)	0.28 (0.51)	-0.47* (0.25)	0.20 (0.38)
HSIGOs	0.45*** (0.10)	0.22* (0.12)	0.43*** (0.08)	0.27** (0.11)
GDP	-0.25 (0.16)	-0.31 (0.29)	-0.19 (0.13)	-0.28 (0.25)
X Polity Score	0.04 (0.05)	0.09 (0.07)	0.05 (0.05)	0.08 (0.06)
Natural Resources	0.01 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Incumbent Wins	0.40 (0.38)	0.02 (0.57)	0.20 (0.30)	0.56 (0.51)
Opposition Prevented	0.36 (0.36)	0.27 (0.44)	0.46 (0.29)	-0.21 (0.46)
Observers Present	0.79** (0.39)	0.53 (0.67)	0.19 (0.32)	-0.25 (0.59)
Serious Fraud	0.49 (0.37)	0.72* (0.40)	0.17 (0.32)	0.75* (0.39)
General Repression	1.45*** (0.30)	1.14*** (0.39)	1.22*** (0.30)	0.85** (0.40)
Violence Against Civilians	-0.57* (0.33)	-0.14 (0.46)	-0.77*** (0.24)	0.16 (0.31)
Population	0.33 (0.24)	0.32 (0.33)	0.33* (0.18)	0.54* (0.30)
News Coverage	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.03*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)
Constant	-6.74***	-7.08**	-6.98***	-9.62***
Observations	137	137	137	137

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table A17. Full Models with Control for British Colony

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model 62	Model 63	Model 64	Model 65	Model 66	Model 67
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
US Economic Aid	-0.01 (0.10)	0.05 (0.12)	-0.12 (0.09)	0.03 (0.17)	0.00 (0.07)	0.10 (0.15)
US Military Aid	-0.04 (0.05)	0.02 (0.03)	-0.08** (0.04)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.10*** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.04)
French Colony	-0.84** (0.36)	-0.74* (0.43)	-0.96*** (0.34)	0.05 (0.50)	-0.86*** (0.31)	0.07 (0.39)
British Colony	0.51 (0.41)	-0.32 (0.52)	-0.07 (0.39)	0.11 (0.53)	-0.31 (0.33)	0.05 (0.48)
HSIGOs	0.38*** (0.09)	0.16* (0.08)	0.45*** (0.09)	0.25** (0.12)	0.45*** (0.08)	0.28*** (0.10)
GDP	0.12 (0.18)	0.16 (0.19)	-0.23 (0.18)	-0.31 (0.32)	-0.13 (0.13)	-0.22 (0.25)
X Polity Score	0.06 (0.05)	0.02 (0.04)	0.05 (0.04)	0.08 (0.07)	0.05 (0.04)	0.06 (0.06)
Natural Resources	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.03** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.00 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.52 (0.32)	0.32 (0.40)	0.47 (0.32)	0.25 (0.41)	0.47* (0.26)	-0.09 (0.43)
Observers Present			0.63* (0.38)	0.38 (0.70)	0.14 (0.33)	-0.14 (0.58)
Serious Fraud			0.62* (0.33)	0.66** (0.33)	0.39 (0.29)	0.82** (0.33)
Concerns of Fraud	0.72*** (0.23)	0.05 (0.28)				
Violence Against Civilians			1.28*** (0.28)	1.04*** (0.38)	1.05*** (0.27)	0.56 (0.41)
General Repression	-1.09*** (0.22)	-0.59** (0.25)	-0.53* (0.28)	-0.09 (0.36)	-0.72*** (0.21)	0.16 (0.29)
Population	0.16 (0.20)	0.11 (0.17)	0.36 (0.22)	0.32 (0.29)	0.37** (0.17)	0.56** (0.27)
News Coverage	-0.00** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00** (0.00)
Last Conflict	-0.03*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.01)	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.01* (0.01)
Constant	-5.71*** (2.09)	-4.06* (2.34)	-5.55*** (1.78)	-6.37* (3.55)	-6.89*** (1.44)	-9.17*** (2.61)
Observations	156	156	153	153	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

A18. U.S. Troops as Indicator of U.S. Military Aid

Variables	3 Months Pre-Election		1 Month Post-Election		3 Months Post-Election	
	Model 68	Model 69	Model 70	Model 71	Model 72	Model 73
	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention	Violent Contention	Nonviolent Contention
U.S. Economic Aid	0.05 (0.10)	-0.01 (0.12)	-0.08 (0.10)	-0.13 (0.17)	0.05 (0.09)	0.02 (0.13)
U.S. Military Aid	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	-0.01*** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	-0.01*** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
French Colony	-1.10*** (0.32)	-0.53 (0.34)	-1.09*** (0.27)	-0.19 (0.42)	-0.86*** (0.24)	-0.10 (0.32)
HSIGOs	0.34*** (0.10)	0.17* (0.09)	0.45*** (0.10)	0.34*** (0.13)	0.46*** (0.09)	0.32*** (0.10)
GDP	0.23 (0.20)	0.10 (0.18)	-0.16 (0.15)	-0.43 (0.32)	-0.08 (0.13)	-0.30 (0.23)
X Polity Score	0.05 (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)	0.09 (0.07)	0.02 (0.04)	0.06 (0.05)
Natural Resources	-0.02 (0.01)	-0.02* (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.02)	0.00 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
Opposition Prevented	0.49* (0.28)	0.39 (0.36)	0.64** (0.28)	0.32 (0.36)	0.63*** (0.22)	-0.03 (0.40)
Observers Present			0.26 (0.30)	0.21 (0.77)	-0.16 (0.32)	-0.34 (0.62)
Serious Fraud			0.43 (0.33)	0.68** (0.31)	0.11 (0.30)	0.77** (0.32)
Concerns of Fraud	0.66*** (0.24)	0.07 (0.30)				
General Repression	-1.28*** (0.20)	-0.52** (0.23)	-0.80*** (0.23)	-0.19 (0.34)	-1.08*** (0.22)	-0.02 (0.27)
Violence Against Civilians			1.11*** (0.24)	0.75** (0.33)	1.06*** (0.26)	0.30 (0.35)
Population	0.01 (0.19)	0.22 (0.17)	0.14 (0.20)	0.52* (0.30)	0.08 (0.18)	0.59** (0.28)
News Coverage	-0.02*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.03*** (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.01)
Last Conflict	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
Constant	-5.59** (2.25)	-3.68 (2.27)	-5.14*** (1.66)	-5.81** (2.51)	-6.39*** (1.43)	-8.17*** (2.14)
Observations	156	156	153	153	153	153

Robust standard errors in parentheses

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1