

Data and Programs for
“Hit or Miss? The Effect of Assassination on Institutions and War”
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Data

The data is described at length in the paper. The data sets needed to replicate that results are provided in the directory with the Stata programs. The data sets are:

1. assassinations_data.dta

This provides the raw data on assassinations in Stata format. See the included codebook “Data Codebook.doc” for a description of the each variable and the meaning of their values. Summary statistics for this data set appear in Figure 1, Table 1, and Table 2.

2. mergeddata.dta

This file provides the assassinations data merged with variables from the (1) Polity IV, (2) Archigos, (3) Gleditsch-COW, and (4) PRIO/Upsala data sets, which are all described and referenced in the paper. This data set is used to construct the variables used in the econometric analyses presented in Tables 3 through 11 and Figure 2.

Programs

1. MakeTablesFigures.do

This Stata program (1) builds the variables used in the analysis and then (2) reproduces the results in each table and figure. Comment headings at the top of the program indicate how the variables are constructed. The program then indicates, sequentially, which Table or Figure each ensuing section of the program reproduces. The program is commented so that the code should be clear, and the meaning of each step should additionally be clear comparing the code with the table in the paper that it reproduces.

2. ranksumben.ado

This Stata .ado file is used to run non-parametric rank-sum tests. It is called from the above program, MakeTablesFigures.do, and should be placed in the directory from which MakeTablesFigures.do is run.