



Mapping Protest Comparatively: Integrating Survey and Event Data

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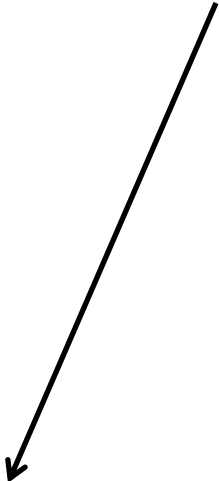
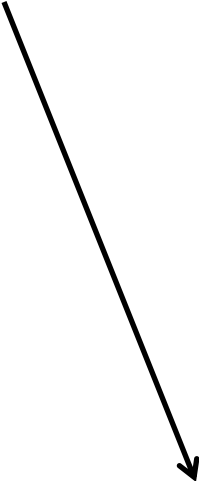


Core Questions

- **Can Survey and Event Data Be Used Together to Capture Protest?**
- **What Do Survey & Event Data Best Capture?**
- **Limits and Advantages of Surveys & Event Data**
- **A Proposed Experiment**

**Survey
Results**

**Event Data
Codings**



Real World Protest

Survey Methods to Study Protest

What Explains Protest Potential?

Does It Differ for Soft/Hard Protest?

**How Linked to Trust in Authorities &
Oppositional/Social Change Attitudes?**

Best at Capturing:

- 1. Individual protest potential and related trust in authorities/dissident attitudes**
- 2. Aggregate protest potential**
- 3. Cultures of opposition/dissent, trust and participation**

Event Data Methods for Studying Protest Events

What explains three major types of protest?

- **routine protest**
- **nonviolent resistance (civil disobedience)**
- **violent protest**

Capture:

1. **incidence of 3 types of protest (& single event forms like hunger strikes)**
2. **Intensity of protest (size, volume)**
3. **Effects of protest on political change & democratization**

Limits of Surveys

- 1. Response bias issues – esp. problematic in semi-open and authoritarian regimes --- What about regime transitions?**
- 2. Protest potential or protest legitimacy? What does “will do” or “might do” mean?**

Advantages of Surveys

- **Standardize functional comparability**
- **Can capture values, intentions, social networks and trust /dissident attitudes of protestors and non-protestors**
- **Can estimate national representativeness**

Advantages of Event Data

- **Can capture most large-scale and politically significant protest --- selection towards large, national & violent protest w/central govt targets**
- **Multisource & automated coding methods may reduce selection bias but extent is unknown– no “real world” protest**
- **Capture targets, claims-making and frames used by protestors**

Limits of Event Data

- **News Selection Bias – esp. for smaller, localized & routine protest with non-governmental targets**
 - Are official police sources better?
- **Little Insight into Protestor Intentions & Culture --- at most Claims, Frames & Targets of News Reported Protests**
- **What to Do Where News Media Highly Repressed?**

Proposed Experiments

- 1. Use Country-Mean Protest Potential Measures (Surveys) & Protest Counts (Event Data) for statistical comparison (e.g. Dalton & Sickler 200**
- 2. Use Protest Measures from Both to Explain Regime Change (Democratization) and Vice Versa (Regime Effects on Types of Protest)**

- 3. Use Event Data to Define the Political Context That Creates Response Bias in Surveys**
- 4. Use Protest Means to Estimate Missing Protest Events (i.e. News Selection)**