

Annual Meeting 2016

Quick Fire 1: Counterterrorism, Countering Violent Extremism, Deradicalization

- Dynamics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism Campaigns presented by Victor Asal
- Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks presented by Margaret Wilson
- Government Actions in Terrorist Environments (GATE) presented by Laura Dugan
- Attitudes within American Subcultures presented by Clark McCauley
- ICONS: Search for Common Ground (SFCG) Morocco presented by Devin Ellis
- Catch Them Coming and Going (Foreign Fighters) presented by Marcus Boyd
- Deradicalization of Extremists presented by Katarzyna Jasko
- Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization (EAD3) presented by Michael Jensen

Dynamics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism Campaigns

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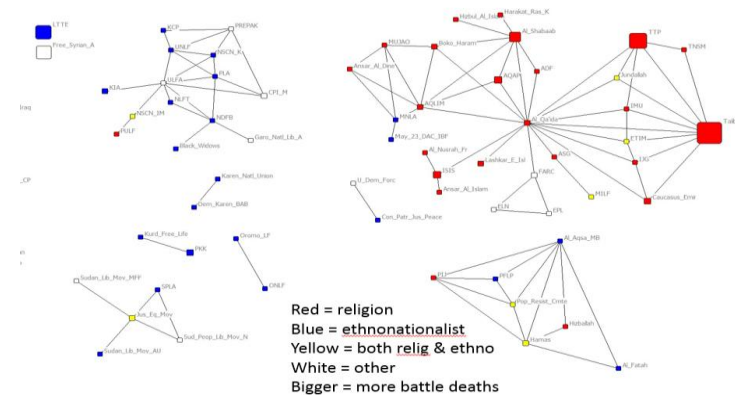
Project Overview:

- Cross-national info on CT/COIN efforts
- Impact of kinetic (stick), diplomacy (carrot) or combination (mixed) on violence by VNSA
- Differences regionally or by type of VNSA?
- What features make VNSAs more likely to be targeted?
- Initial results
 - For MENA insurgency: Stick & mix increase violence
 - Worldwide insurgency:
 - Carrot, stick & mixed reduce battle deaths
 - Carrot reduces terrorism; no effect stick & mix

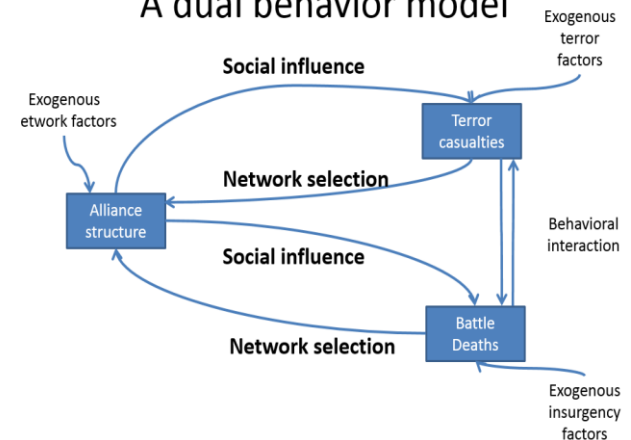
Future Directions:

- Subset data, examine across regions & look at terrorist organizations not just insurgencies
- Predict out of sample

Network 2008-2012



A dual behavior model



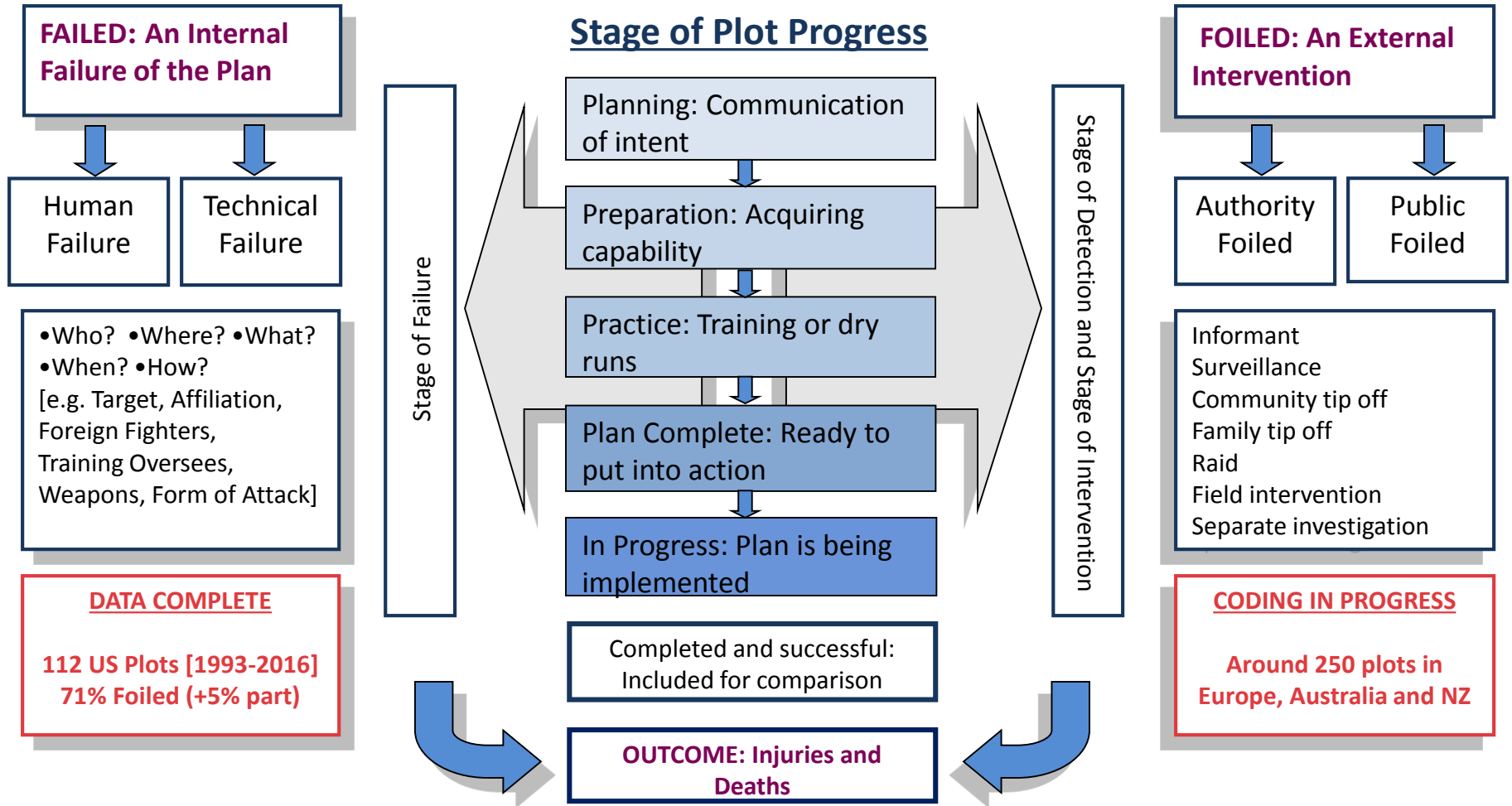
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Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks

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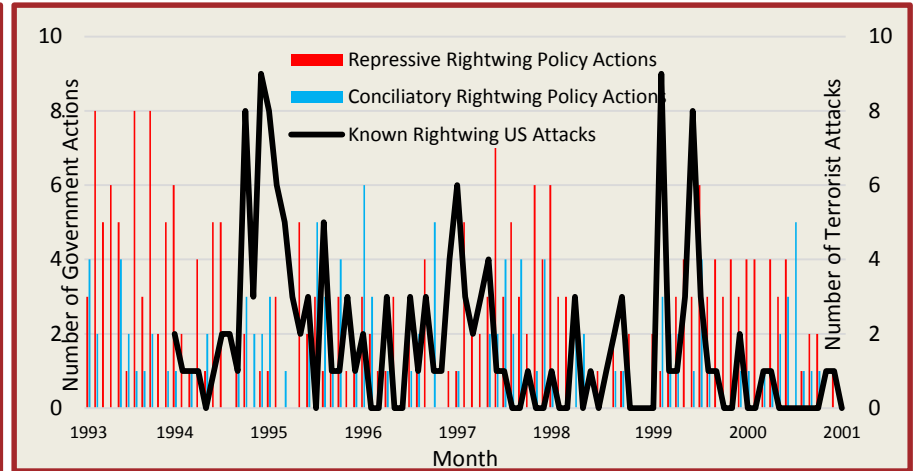
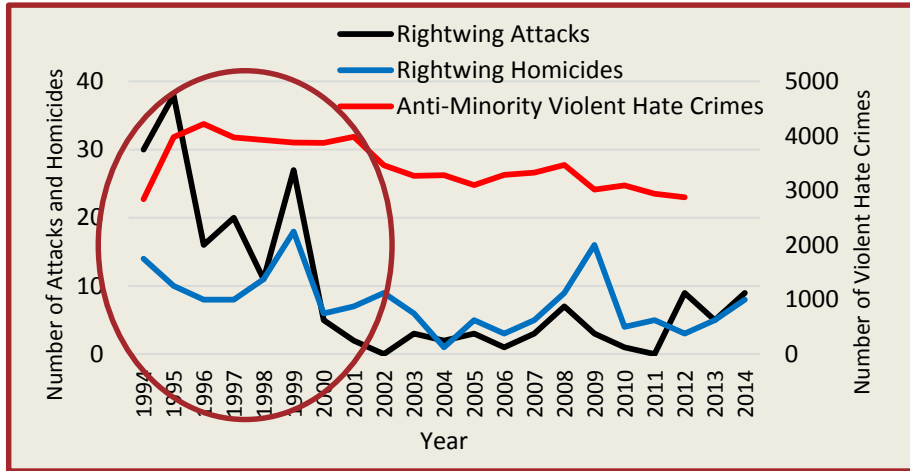


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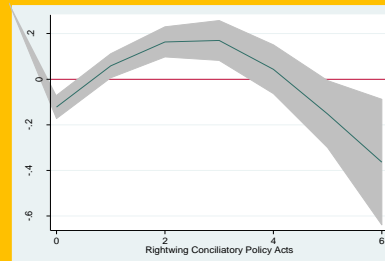
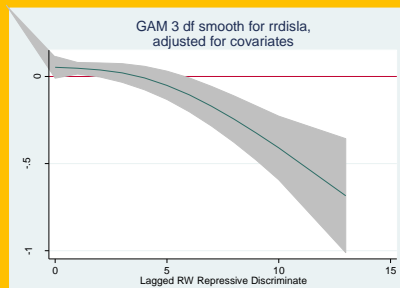
Government Actions in Terror Environments (GATE-USA)

Laura Dugan & Erica Chenoweth

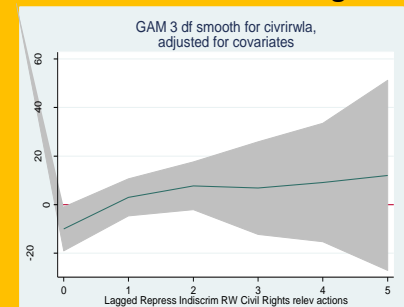


Federal Policy Actions that Favor the RW Agenda on RW Terrorist attacks in the US

Discriminate Repressive Actions on RW Terrorist attacks in the US



Federal Indiscriminate Actions that Favor Minorities on Violent Hate Crimes Against Minorities



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Attitudes within American Subcultures: Clark McCauley and Sophia Moskalenko

Internet polls of U.S. Muslims (3 years, 5 waves, @ n=200, faster turnaround, cheaper, more honesty on sensitive questions)

Selected results May-June vs Jan-Feb 2016:

- Fewer seeing WOT as was on Islam. Continued very negative opinions and meta-opinions of suicide bombing and of ISIS. Experiences of discrimination do not predict support for ISIS or support for suicide bombing; male and younger weak predict.
- Increased support for admitting Syrian refugees in U.S. and for U.S. military intervention against Assad; increased blame for U.S. role in the Syrian refugee crisis; increased belief that Jewish interests control U.S. foreign policy; decreased support for 'United States of Islam'.
- 25% do not support U.S. Muslims who travel to fight Assad; 70% do not support U.S. Muslims who want to join ISIS

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ICONS: Search for Common Ground (SFCG) Morocco

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Objective: Train local Youth Council members on how to advocate to stakeholders to address deterioration in public schools

- Over 50 teenagers and young adults from Tangier and Tetouan were recruited to participate in the simulation

Training Goals: Engage and develop critical negotiation and communication skills of youth participants

Build Skills

Intercultural Communication
 Problem Solving
 Negotiation
 Conflict Management
 Team Building
 Decision Making

Improve Relationships

Improve relationships between team members through the intensive experience of working together to solve a problem

Change Attitudes

Challenge stereotypes and increase empathy for the “other” through role reversal, collaborative problem solving, etc.

Scenario

A private company in Morocco pledges to donate money to either:

- a) improve schools or b) assist with transportation in Tangiers and Tétouan

To obtain funding, youth advocacy and school official groups must work together to agree on one donor proposal

Teams: 10-15 people each

Youth Advocacy Team

Goal: Improve Transportation Conditions

School Official Team

Goal: Improve school infrastructure

Donor Team

Goal: Improve education/facilitate cooperation

Parents Group Team

Goal: improve transportation safety

Local Police Team

Goal: move away from school safety and allocate resources elsewhere

Learning Outcomes

- 83% felt that this training was relevant to issues
- 83% felt that they could better collaborate with others after the simulation
- 85% felt confident that they can work collaboratively with community stakeholders after the sim
- Most respondents stated that they learned how to both communicate and negotiate better
- Most participants reported that they gained better conflict resolution skills
- Several participants reported that they now saw the value of advocacy, and felt more empowered to advocate in their communities.

ICONS designed and delivered a three-phase simulation to facilitate bridge building across communities in Tétouan and Tangier, Morocco.

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Catch Them Coming and Going

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Project Overview:

- A weighted least-cost path analysis forecasting foreign fighter routes between Europe and Syria/Iraq
- A custom analysis based on START's TransIT methodology
- Findings suggest accuracy in identifying pathways used by both foreign fighters and refugees/migrants



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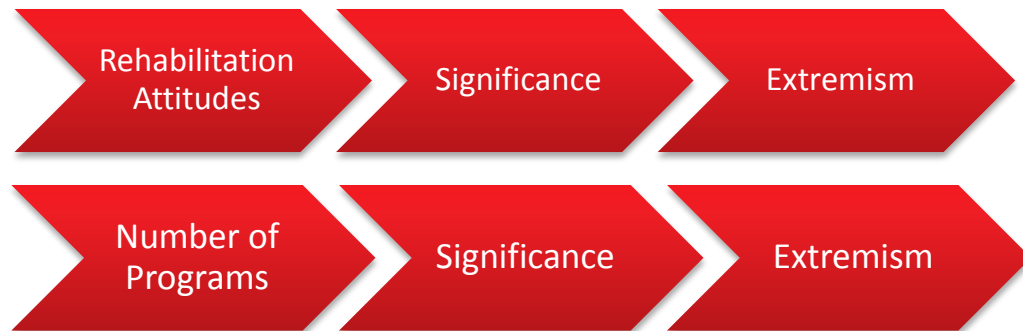
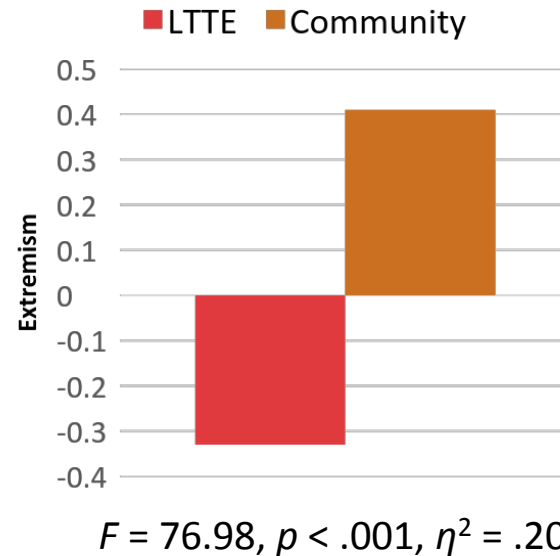
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Deradicalization of Extremists

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- Effectiveness of Sri Lankan rehabilitation of detained members of the LTTE
- Longitudinal assessment revealed significant deradicalization after 1 year
- Follow-up with reintegrated LTTE members revealed:
 - LTTE were less extreme than Tamil community members
 - Rehab’s ability to address significance concerns was the driver of reduced extremism



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Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization (EAD3)

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Quantitative Component: PIRUS-D3

- Advance an empirical understanding of the pathways out of extremism by amending the PIRUS database to include information in cognitive de-radicalization, behavioral disengagement, and criminal desistance.
- PIRUS-D3 adds more than 85 new variables to the PIRUS database that capture the influence of prison, community-based programs, and life-course events on disengagement from extremist behaviors.
- The project team has completed the coding for more than 400 individuals in the PIRUS database and is now moving on to analysis.

Qualitative Component: Life History Study of Extremism

- Advance an empirical understanding of the pathways out of extremism by conducting in-depth life history interviews with sample of former far-right, far-left, and jihadi extremists (n=30).
- Analysis includes both grounded theory approach and model of circumplex affect (in order to specifically focus on emotional markers present in the life history narratives).
- Systematic content analysis of existing literature to determine common themes related to exit from terrorism, street gangs, and cults etc.

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