

ONE-SIDED CRISES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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Data Description

This document briefly describes data used in a study conducted by Hewitt and Wilkenfeld (1999) on so-called 'one-sided crises.' The data can be downloaded from the International Crisis Behavior Project's Data Archive:

<http://www.missouri.edu/~polsjjh/ICB>

A one-sided crisis is an international crisis where one actor in the crisis perceives itself to be in crisis by virtue of a verbal or physical act by an adversary, but where that adversary does not perceive itself to be in crisis mode.¹

Of the 412 international crises in the International Crisis Behavior (ICB) data set, 109 are one-sided crises.

The data set, available in two formats, identifies whether a crisis was one-sided or not.

The compressed file downloaded from the ICB Data Archive contains 3 files:

- icb_1side.sav (SPSS for Windows 95)
- icb_1side.dat (tab-delimited ASCII file)

¹ See Hewitt and Wilkenfeld (1999) for a more detailed discussion of one-sided crises. For a full discussion of the ICB data, see Brecher and Wilkenfeld (1997)

- 1sidecod.doc (this document containing information about the data, Word 6.0)

Variables

crisnum - the unique ICB number which identifies each of the 412 crises in the ICB data.

casetype - identifies whether a crisis was one-sided or not

0 - two-sided crisis (i.e. a 'normal' crisis) ($n=216$)

1 - one-sided crisis ($n=109$)

2 - intra-war crisis ($n=76$)

3 - triggering entity is a non-state actor ($n=11$)

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