
US National Security & Civil Wars Syllabus

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Course Description

Arguably, one of the greatest threats to international security is civil war. This form of political violence tends to spill across borders, spark conflicts in other regions, last for many years, and influence millions of lives. This course examines why civil wars start, the process of how they build, and how and why they end. Throughout, we pay particular attention to how international policies, such as aid or intervention, can influence the dynamics of civil wars.

We begin by clarifying what civil war is and what it is not. Next, we examine how scholars study civil war. Then, we turn to understanding why civil war begins by looking at some of the dominant claims in the literature. After examining civil war onset, we delve into the causes for different forms of violence during civil war, why discriminate or indiscriminate violence is used, why sexual violence sometimes occurs, and why some wars experience terrorism. Some states deal with chronic violence, and we thus examine state weakness or what some observers term *state failure*. In the last portion of the course, we examine why and how civil wars end. Each week, we will read scholarly articles and policy briefs that are based on insights by scholars and practitioners. We also read blogs that apply these claims to current civil conflicts.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and apply theories of violence to explain the origins of civil war
2. Explain contemporary and past historical trends in the prevalence of civil war across the globe
3. Offer policy recommendations, based on academic theories, for dealing with the problem of civil wars
4. Read and analyze diverse kinds of scholarly work
5. Create an original research project that offers an argument and provides evidence in support of the claims related to why a current civil occurred, and how to end it
6. Prepare and deliver a presentation that applies academic theories to a particular conflict

Assessment

1. Attendance and Participation (20%)—Attendance and participation in all class activities is required. Reading assigned course material is the critical element in being prepared. You must come to class on time and remain for the entire period. I randomly call on students, so be prepared.
2. Case Analysis (10%)—Each student will select a case (contemporary or historical) to analyze. Each week one student will analyze a case for the class. This analysis includes:
 - (a) Providing a 20 minute Powerpoint (or equivalent) lecture to the class.
This lecture will provide: a succinct historical background, an analysis linking the case to our readings for the work, research that provides a prediction for how the civil war might resolve or COULD have been resolved differently based on course material.
 - (b) Provide at least one discussion question for each of the readings for the week. Engage students in discussion of these questions to link readings to current conflicts, previous research, or new research areas.
3. Midterm Exam and Final Exam (30%)—The Midterm and Final exam will operate similar to a comprehensive exam. You will be asked to answer several questions relating to applying course material to current concerns of US foreign policy as they relate to civil wars. These exams will require you to know authors, arguments, debates, and policy recommendations based on academic research.

4. Final Paper (40%)—I expect this paper to apply theories and case knowledge from the course to make an original claim about why civil war occurs, why it goes on, or why it ends. This paper should be at least 20 pages and include appropriate academic citation. I will provide a detailed rubric that explains how you will be assessed.

I have found that papers are of much higher quality when we break the writing process into pieces. A draft of each piece is due on the following dates. We will discuss each piece in class and you will get a pass/fail grade on each. You may resubmit any piece that was deemed insufficient.

Week 4—January 30th. **Research Questions** due, identify the case/region/topic, why we should care and a paragraph on why this topic is interesting/important

Week 6—February 13th. **Thesis/Hypotheses** due, what is your argument? what are the main testable claims? how will we evaluate the claims?

Week 8—March 6th. **Literature Review/Bib** due, identify core debate, who the main scholars involved are, put them in a conversation drawing out areas of similarity/difference, what we know/don't

Academic Integrity Code

Students should be aware of the contents of the AU Academic Integrity Code. I regard violations of this code seriously and will immediately refer the matter to the Dean, should such violations occur. Please see me if you have any questions about the academic violations described in the code either in general or as they apply to particular requirements of this course.

Additional Support Services

If you experience difficulty in this course for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition to the resources of the department, a wide variety of services are available to help you in your efforts to meet the requirements of the course.

- Academic Support Center (x3360, MGC 243): offers study skills workshops, individual instruction, tutor referrals, and services for students with learning disabilities.
- Writing support is available in the ASC Writing Lab or in the Writing Center, Battelle 228.
- Counseling Center (x3500, MGC 214): offers counseling and consultations regarding personal concerns, self-help information, and connections to off-campus mental health resources.

- Disability Support Services (x3315, MGC 206): offers technical and practical support and assistance with accommodations for students with physical, medical or psychological disabilities.

If you qualify for accommodations due to a disability, please notify me in a timely manner with a letter from the ASC or DSS so that we can make arrangements to address your needs.

Emergency Preparedness

In the event of an emergency that leads to university closure, we will use an alternative method to hold class. I will communicate class-specific information via AU e-mail and Blackboard. You are responsible for checking AU e-mail regularly. In the event of a declared emergency, students should refer to the AU Web site ([www. prepared. american.edu](http://www.prepared.american.edu)) and the AU information line at (202) 885-1100 for general university-wide information.

Schedule of Topics and Reading Materials

Studying Civil War

January 23rd—What is Civil War?

Required Readings

- Tilly, Charles. 1978. *From Mobilization to Revolution* Chapter 1. p. 1-11.
- Gurr, Ted Robert. 1970. *Why Men Rebel* Princeton University Press. Chapter 1. p. 3-21.
- Tilly, Charles, Evans, P. B., Rueschemeyer, D., & Skocpol, T. (1985). "War making and state making as organized crime" (pp. 169-191). Cambridge University Press.
- Kalyvas, Stathis. 2006. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*, Cambridge University Press Chapter I, p. 16-31.
- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2004. "What Is Civil War? Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 48(6): 814-858.

Further Readings

- Kalyvas, Stathis. 2003. "The Ontology of Political Violence: Action and Identity in Civil Wars," *Perspectives on Politics* 1:475-494.

- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2002. "A Review of Recent Advances and Future Directions in the Quantitative Literature on Civil War," *Defence and Peace Economics*, 13(3): 215-243.
 - Melander, Erik & Magnus Oberg. 2009. "Are 'New Wars' More Atrocious? Battle Intensity, Civilians Killed and Forced Migration Before and After the End of the Cold War." *European Journal of International Relations* 15(3): 505-536.
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January 30—What Civil War is Not?

Required Readings

- Hoffman, Bruce. 2006. *Inside Terrorism* Columbia University Press, 13-44.
- Findley, Michael G. and Joseph K. Young. 2012. "Terrorism and Civil War: A Spatial and Temporal Approach to a Conceptual Problem." *Perspectives on Politics* 10(2): 285-305.
- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2001. "'New' and 'Old' Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction?" *World Politics* 54: 99-118.
- Stephan, Maria J., and Erica Chenoweth. 2008. "Why civil resistance works: The strategic logic of nonviolent conflict." *International Security* 33(1): 7-44.
- Death by Government, RJ Rummel, <http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/DBG.CHAP2.HTM>

Policy

- Iraqs Civil War
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/62443/james-d-fearon/iraqs-civil-war>
- Is Ukraine a civil war?
<http://www.thelocal.ch/20140723/red-cross-declares-civil-war-in-ukraine>

Blog

- There is no such thing as a Civil War, Jay Ulfelder
<http://dartthrowingchimp.wordpress.com/2014/06/13/there-is-no-such-thing-as-civil-war/>
- The 'Politics of Naming' and the Genocide Debate, Marie Berry
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/04/05/the-politics-of-naming-and-the-genocide-debate/>

Further Readings

- De La Calle, Luis, and Ignacio Snchez-Cuenca. 2011. “What we talk about when we talk about terrorism.” *Politics & Society* 39(3): 451-472.
 - Collier, Paul. 2000. “Rebellion as a quasi-criminal activity.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(6): 839-853.
 - Dennis Rodgers. 1999. *Youth Gangs and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Literature Survey* World Bank Sustainable Development Working Paper No. 4.
 - Javier Osorio, *Hobbes on Drugs: Understanding Drug Violence in Mexico*, Doctoral Dissertation, University of Notre Dame, 2013.
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February 6th—Studying Civil War

Fieldwork/Qualitative Research

- Johnston, Patrick. 2008. “The geography of insurgent organization and its consequences for civil wars: evidence from Liberia and Sierra Leone.” *Security Studies* 17(1): 107-137.

Formal Theory

- Fearon, James D. “Rationalist explanations for war.” *International Organization* 49(3): 379-414.

Computational Methods

- Findley, Michael, and Peter Rudloff. 2012. “Combatant fragmentation and the dynamics of civil wars.” *British Journal of Political Science* 42(4): 879-901.

Quantitative Methods

- Hegre, Hvard, and Nicholas Sambanis. 2006. “Sensitivity analysis of empirical results on civil war onset.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50(4): 508-535.

Field Experiments

- Voors, Maarten J., et al. 2012. “Violent conflict and behavior: a field experiment in Burundi.” *The American Economic Review* 102(2): 941-964.

Communicating with Policy Makers

- Mack, Andrew. 2002. Civil War: Academic Research and the Policy Community, *Journal of Peace Research* 39(5): 515-525.

Conflict Data (peruse for possible use in your paper).

- PRIO/Uppsala Conflict Armed Conflict Dataset (<http://www.prio.no/cwp/ArmedConflict/>)
- Correlates of War Intrastate War Dataset (<http://www.correlatesofwar.org>)
- Minorities at Risk Data (<http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/inscr/mar/>)
- State Failure Task Force (<http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/inscr/stfail/index.htm>)
- Battle Deaths in Civil War
(http://www.prio.no/page/CSCW_research_detail/Programme_detail_CSCW/9649/45656.html)
- Ball, Patrick. Human Rights Data Analysis Group. (<http://shr.aaas.org/hrdag/>) and
(<http://www.hrdag.org/about/projects.shtml>)
- Christian Davenports Archive (Rwanda, Northern Ireland, US, and other data)
(<http://christiandavenportphd.weebly.com/archiving.html>)
- Global Terrorism Database (<http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>)
- Iraq Data (www.iraqbodycount.org)
- Coalition deaths in Afghanistan (<http://icasualties.org/oef/>)
- Armed Conflict Location Data (<http://www.acleddata.com>)
- Social Climate in Africa Database (<https://www.strausscenter.org/scad.html>)

Origins of Civil War

February 13th—Origins of Civil Wars I: Security Dilemmas, the Commitment Problem, and International Factors

Case Analysis: Iraq 2003-Present

- Fearon's "Rationalist Explanations for War" again!
- Fearon, James D. 1998. "Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict," in *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict*, ed. David Lake and Donald Rothchild (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), 107-126.
- Barry Posen. 1993. "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict," *Survival* 35(1): 27-47.
- Salehyan, Idean, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. 2006. "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War." *International Organization* 60(2): 335-366.

- Kalyvas, Stathis N. and Laia Balcells. 2010. "International System and Technologies of Rebellion: How the End of the Cold War Shaped Internal Conflict," *American Political Science Review* 104(3): 415-429.

SIMULATION

Blog

- Refugees, Transnational Rebels, and the Syrian Civil War
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2012/10/04/refugees-transnational-rebels-and-the-syrian-civil-war/>

Further Readings

- Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede, Idean Salehyan and Kenneth Schultz. 2008. "Fighting at Home, Fighting Abroad: How Civil Wars Lead to International Disputes," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(4): 479-506.
- Moore, Will H. and Stephen M. Shellman. 2006. "Refugee or Internally Displaced Person? To Where Should One Flee?" *Comparative Political Studies* 39(5):599-622.
- Moore, Will H. and Stephen M. Shellman. 2007. "Whither Will They Go? A Global Analysis of Refugee Flows, 1955-95," *International Studies Quarterly* 51(4): 811-834,
- Salehyan, Idean, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and David E. Cunningham. 2011. "Explaining external support for insurgent groups." *International Organization* 65(4): 709-744.

February 20th—Origins of Civil War II: Political Economy (Poverty, State Weakness)

Case Analysis: Nicaragua mid 1970s to early 1990s

- James Fearon and David Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War." *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 75-90.
- Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, 2000 "Greed and Grievance in Civil Wars," Working Paper Series 2002 Available from <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/-01>. Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford, UK.
- Blattman, Christopher, and Edward Miguel. 2010. "Civil War." *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(1): 3-57.

- Goodwin, Jeff. 2001. *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991*. Cambridge, U.K: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1.
- Young, Joseph K. 2012. "Repression, dissent, and the onset of civil war." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(3): 516-532.

Policy

- Rice, Susan, Corinne Graff, and Janet I. Lewis. "Poverty and civil war: what policymakers need to know." Brookings Global Economy and Development Working Paper 2 (2006).
- Berdal, Mats, and David Keen. "Violence and economic agendas in civil wars: some policy implications." *MILLENNIUM-LONDON-LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS*- 26 (1997): 795-818.

Blog

- The Worlds Newest War in the Worlds Newest State
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2014/01/06/the-worlds-newest-war-in-the-worlds-newest-state/>

Further Readings

- Kriger, Norma J. 1992. *Zimbabwes Guerrilla War: Peasant Voices*, New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 170-211.
- Hegre, Havard, Tanja Ellingsen, Scott Gates, and Nils Petter Gleditsch. 2001. "Towards a Democratic Civil Peace? Democracy, Political Change, and Civil War, 1816-1992." *American Political Science Review* 95(1): 33-48.
- Hendrix, Cullen. 2010. "Measuring State Capacity: Theoretical and Empirical Implications for the Study of Civil Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 47(3): 273-285.
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 2004. "African Militaries and Rebellion: the Political Economy of Threat and Combat Effectiveness." *Journal of Peace Research* 41(3): 357-369.
- Miguel, Edward, Shanker Satyanath, and Ernest Sergenti. 2004. "Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict: An Instrumental Variables Approach." *Journal of Political Economy* 112(4): 725-753.
- Nielsen, Richard A., et al. 2011. "Foreign aid shocks as a cause of violent armed conflict." *American Journal of Political Science* 55(2): 219-232.

February 27th—Origins of Civil War III: Political Economy (Natural Resources)

Case Analysis: Liberia 1989 - Present

- Humphreys, Macartan. 2005. "Natural Resources, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution: Uncovering the Mechanisms." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(4): 508-537.
- Ross, Michael. 2006. "A Closer Look at Oil, Diamonds, and Civil War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 9(1): 265-300.
- Hendrix, Cullen and Idean Salehyan. 2012. Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research* 49(1): 35-50.
- Kahl, Colin. 1998. "Population Growth, Environmental Degradation, and State-Sponsored Violence: The Case of Kenya, 1991-93." *International Security* 23(2): 80-119.
- Homer-Dixon, Thomas. 1994. "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases." *International Security* 19(1): 5-40.

Policy

- <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/palestinian-natural-resources-lie-beneath-this-terrible-conflict-9621494.html>
- USIP Report
<http://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/file/08sg.pdf>

Further Readings

- Oyefusi, Aderoju. 2008. "Oil and the Probability of Rebel Participation Among Youths in the Niger Delta of Nigeria." *Journal of Peace Research* 45(4): 539-555.
- Lujala, Paiva, Nils Petter Gleditsch, and Elisabeth Gilmore. 2005. "A Diamond Curse? Civil War and a Lootable Resource." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(4): 538-562.
- Raleigh, Clionadh and Hendrik Urdal. 2007. "Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Armed Conflict." *Political Geography* 26: 674-694.
- le Billion, Philippe. 2001. "The Political Ecology of War: Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts." *Political Geography* 20: 561-584.
- Ross, Michael. 2004. "What do We Know about Natural Resources and Civil War?" *Journal of Peace Research* 41(3): 337-356.

- Bannon, Ian and Paul Collier, eds. 2003. *Natural Resources and Violent Conflict: Options and Actions*. Washington, DC: World Bank
 - Angrist, Joshua D. & Adriana D. Kugler. 2008. "Rural Rainfall or a New Resource Curse?" *Review of Economics and Statistics* 91(2): 191-215.
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March 6—Origins of Civil War IV: Grievances

Case Analysis: El Salvador 1979 – mid 1990s

- Gurr, Ted Robert. 1968. "Psychological Factors in Civil Violence, *World Politics* 20(2): 245-278.
- Frances Stewart, Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict: An Introduction and some Hypotheses, in *Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict: Understanding Group Violence in Multiethnic Societies*, ed. Frances Stewart (Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), 3-24.
- Lars-Erik Cederman, Nils B. Weidmann, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. 2011. Horizontal Inequalities and Ethnonationalist War: A Global Comparison, *American Political Science Review* 105(3): 478-495.
- Juergensmeyer, Mark. 2001. *Terror in the Mind of God*. University of California Press. Chapters 2.
- Pape, Robert A. 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 97(3): 343-361.
- Mason, T. David, and Dale A. Krane. 1989. "The political economy of death squads: Toward a theory of the impact of state-sanctioned terror." *International Studies Quarterly*: 175-198.

Blog

- James Fearon, Grievances and Civil War
<http://themonkeycage.org/2012/06/27/grievances-and-civil-war/>

Further Readings

- Muller, Edward and Mitchell Seligson. 1987. "Inequality and Insurgency." *American Political Science Review* 81(2):425-452.
- Murshed, S. Mansoob and Scott Gates. 2005. "Spatial-Horizontal Inequality and the Maoist Insurgency in Nepal." *Review of Development Economics* 9(1): 121-134.

- Boix, Carles. 2008. "Economic Roots of Civil Wars and Revolutions in the Contemporary World." *World Politics* 60(3): 390-437.
 - Ostby, Gudrun. 2008. "Polarization, Horizontal Inequalities, and Violent Civil Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 45(2): 143-162.
 - Lichbach, Mark Irving. 1989. "An Evaluation of 'Does Economic Inequality Breed Political Conflict?'" *World Politics* 41: 431-470.
 - Regan, Patrick M. and Daniel Norton. 2005. "Greed, Grievance, and Mobilization in Civil Wars," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(3): 319-336.
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March 13–SPRING BREAK

Origins of Civil War

March 20–MIDTERM EXAM and Is Ethnic War Different?

- Horowitz. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Chapters 4 and 5. pp. 141-228.
- Fearon, James D., and David D. Laitin. 1996. "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation." *American Political Science Review* 90(4): 715-735.
- Mueller, John. 2000. "The Banality of 'Ethnic War'," *International Security* 25(1): 42-70.

Further Readings

- This article is awful, but you should probably know it (if you dont already): Samuel Huntington. 1993. "The Clash of Civilizations," *Foreign Affairs* 72(3)
- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2001. "Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3): 259-282.
- Reynal-Querol, Marta. 2002. "Ethnicity, Political Systems, and Civil Wars." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 46(1): 29-54.
- Posner, Daniel. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." *American Political Science Review*. 98(4): 529-545.
- Ellingsen, Tanja. 2000. "Colorful Community or Ethnic Witches Brew? Multiethnicity and Domestic Conflict During and After the Cold War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(2): 228-249.

- Horowitz, Donald. 1998. *The Deadly Ethnic Riot*. Berkeley, CA: UC Press.
- Vanhanen, Tatu. 1999. "Domestic Ethnic Conflict and Ethnic Nepotism: A Comparative Analysis." *Journal of Peace Research* 36(1): 55-73.
- Lake, David and Donald Rothchild. 1996. "Containing Fear: the Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict." *International Security* 21(2).
- Varshney, Ashutosh. 2002. *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*. Yale University Press.

March 27th—Violence in Civil War: Discriminate vs. Indiscriminate Killing

Case Analysis: Syria 2011 to present

- Weinstein, Jeremy and Macartan Humphreys. 2006. "Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War" *American Political Science Review* 100(3): 429-447.
- Kalyvas, Stathis. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming), Chapters 6 and 7, p.146-208.
- Weinstein, Jeremy. 2005. "Resources and the Information Problem in Rebel Recruitment," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49: 598-624.
- Elisabeth Wood. 2006. "Variation in Sexual Violence During War." *Politics & Society* 34(3): 307-342.
- Thomas, Jakana. 2014. "Rewarding Bad Behavior: How Governments Respond to Terrorism in Civil War." *American Journal of Political Science* 58(4): 804-818.
- Abrahms, Max. 2006. "Why Terrorism does not Work." *International Security* 31(2): 42-78.

Blog

- Jakana Thomas, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/04/22/actually-sometimes-terrorism-does-work/>
- Jim Walsh et al., <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/08/10/mapping-territorial-control-in-civil-wars/>

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- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 1999. "Wanton and senseless? The logic of massacres in Algeria." *Rationality and Society* 11(3): 243-285.

- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2008. "Ethnic defection in civil war." *Comparative Political Studies* 41(8): 1043-1068.
- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2004. "The paradox of terrorism in civil war." *The Journal of Ethics* 8(1): 97-138.
- Bhavnani, Ravi, Dan Miodownik, and Hyun Jin Choi. 2010. "Three two tango: Territorial control and selective violence in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(1): 133-158.
- Findley, Michael G., and Joseph K. Young. 2012. "More combatant groups, more terror?: Empirical tests of an outbidding logic." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 24(5): 706-721.
- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2006. *Inside rebellion: The politics of insurgent violence*. Cambridge University Press.
- Azam, Jean-Paul and Anke Hoeffler. 2002. "Violence Against Civilians in Civil War: Looting or Terror?" *Journal of Peace Research* 39(4): 461-85.
- Staniland, Paul. 2012. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Insurgent Fratricide, Ethnic Defection, and the Rise of Pro-State Paramilitaries," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56: 16-40.
- Leiby, Michele L. 2009. "Wartime Sexual Violence in Guatemala and Peru." *International Studies Quarterly* 53(2): 445-468.

April 3rd—Failed or Fragile States? and Recurring Civil War

Case Analysis: Somalia 1979 to present

- Herbst, Jeffrey. 1996. "Responding to State Failure in Africa," *International Security* 21(2):120-144.
- Rotberg, Robert I. 2004. *The Failure and Collapse of Nation-States* Chapter One in his *When States Fail* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), pp. 1-30 only.
- Kasfir, Nelson. 2004. "Domestic Anarchy, Security Dilemmas, and Violent Predation: Causes of Failure," in Rotberg (ed.), *When States Fail*, pp. 53-76.
- Goldstone, Jack A., et al. 2010. "A global model for forecasting political instability." *American Journal of Political Science* 54(1): 190-208.
- Newman, Edward. 2007. "Weak states, state failure, and terrorism." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 19(4): 463-488.

- Patrick, Stewart. 2007. "'Failed' States and Global Security: Empirical Questions and Policy Dilemmas." *International Studies Review* 9(4): 644-662.

Blog

- <http://ffp.statesindex.org>
- <http://www.worldpolicy.org/blog/2012/07/17/failure-failed-states-index>
- <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2014/06/27/fragile-is-the-new-failure/>

Policy

- <http://globalpolicy.gmu.edu/political-instability-task-force-home/>
- <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/60832/stephen-d-krasner-and-carlos-pascual/addressing-state-failure>
- <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/0163660X.2016.126156>

Further Readings

- Jackson, Robert and Carl Rosberg. 1982. "Why Africa's Weak States Persist," *World Politics* 35(1): 1-24.
- Herbst, Jeffery. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control* (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Dorff, Robert H. 2005. "Failed States After 9/11: What did we know and what have we learned?." *International Studies Perspectives* 6(1): 20-34.
- Menkhaus, Ken. 2006. "Governance without Government in Somalia: Spoilers, State Building, and the Politics of Coping." *International Security* 31(3): 74-106.
- Piazza, James A. 2008. "Incubators of terror: Do failed and failing states promote transnational terrorism?." *International Studies Quarterly* 52(3): 469-488.
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- Coggins, Bridget L. 2014. "Does State Failure Cause Terrorism? An Empirical Analysis (1999-2008)." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(3): 455-483.

Ending Civil War

April 10th–How do Civil Wars End? Why do Civil Wars Last So Long?

Case Analysis: Angola 1975 – 2002

- Mason, T. David and Patrick J. Fett. 1996. “How Civil Wars End: A Rational Choice Approach. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 40(4): 546- 568.
- Ghobarah, Hazem Adam, Paul Huth, and Bruce Russett. 2003. “Civil Wars Kill and Maim People–Long After the Shooting Stops. *American Political Science Review* 97(2): 189-202.
- Fearon, James D. 2004. “Why Do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer than Others? *Journal of Peace Research* 41(3): 275-301.
- Balch-Lindsay, Dylan and Andrew J. Enterline. 2000. “Killing Time: The World Politics of Civil War Duration, 1820-1992. *International Studies Quarterly* 44(4): 615-642.
- Collier, Paul, Anke Hoeffler, and Mans Soderbom. 2004. “On the Duration of Civil War. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(3): 253-273.
- Cunningham, David E. 2006. “Veto players and civil war duration.” *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 875-892.

Blog

- What’s Behind Libya’s Spiraling Violence?
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/07/28/whats-behind-libyas-spiraling-violence/>

Policy

- <http://globalpolicy.gmu.edu/political-instability-task-force-home/>
- <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/60832/stephen-d-krasner-and-carlos-pascual/addressing-state-failure>

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