

The EPR-Organizations Data Project (Manuel Vogt, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Lars-Erik Cederman)

Project Overview

- Construct a database on ethnically based political organizations for all countries of the world.
- Based on the *Ethnic Power Relations* (EPR) dataset.
- Organizations representing the political interests of EPR groups at the national level.
- The theoretical goal is to produce systematic knowledge about the effects of various types of ethno-political organizations on outcomes such as peace or conflict, ethnic exclusion or inclusion, etc.
- Currently: random sample of 20 ethnic conflict countries + 20 with no ethnic conflict



Definitions

Ethnic organization = An organization that represents the interests of one or more specific ethnic group(s), in opposition to other ethnic groups in the country, in one of the following ways: a) through explicit ethnic *claims*; b) through *recruitment* along ethnic lines; or c) *electoral support* along ethnic group lines.

Ethnic claim = Consistent public demands in favor of rights, benefits, well-being of specific ethnic group(s).

Ethnic recruitment = Members overwhelmingly join, or are admitted to, the organization because they are from specific ethnic group(s).

Ethnic electoral support (votes) = Voters overwhelmingly choose the party over other parties because they are from specific ethnic group(s).

Potential research questions

- When and how does inter-group inequality result in ethnic group mobilization?
- When and why do aggrieved groups choose violence over peaceful strategies?
- How does within-group coordination affect mobilization outcomes?
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Included organization types

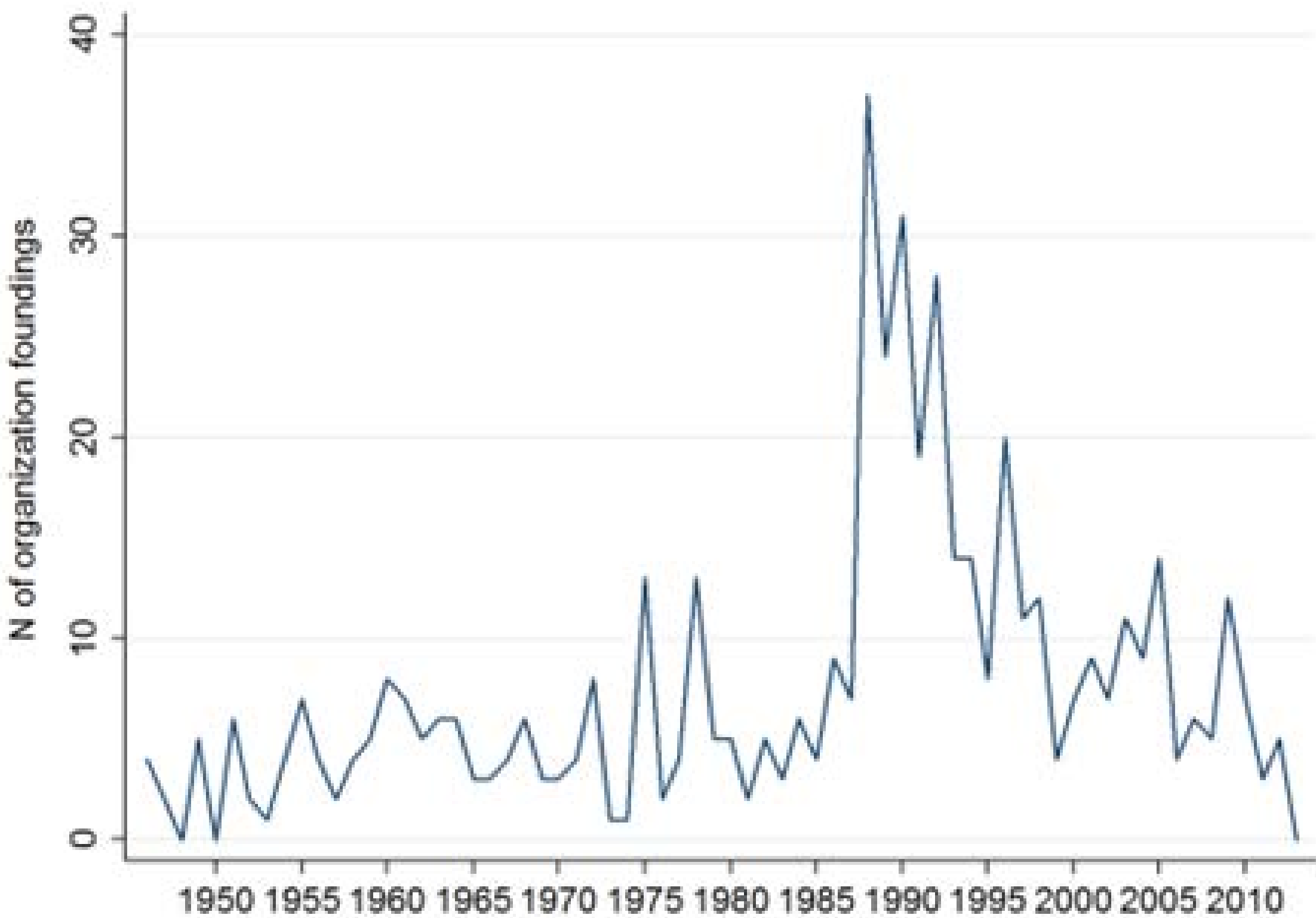
- Political parties
- Non-electoral (civil society) interest organizations
- Self-determination organizations
- Potentially: terrorist organizations

Variables

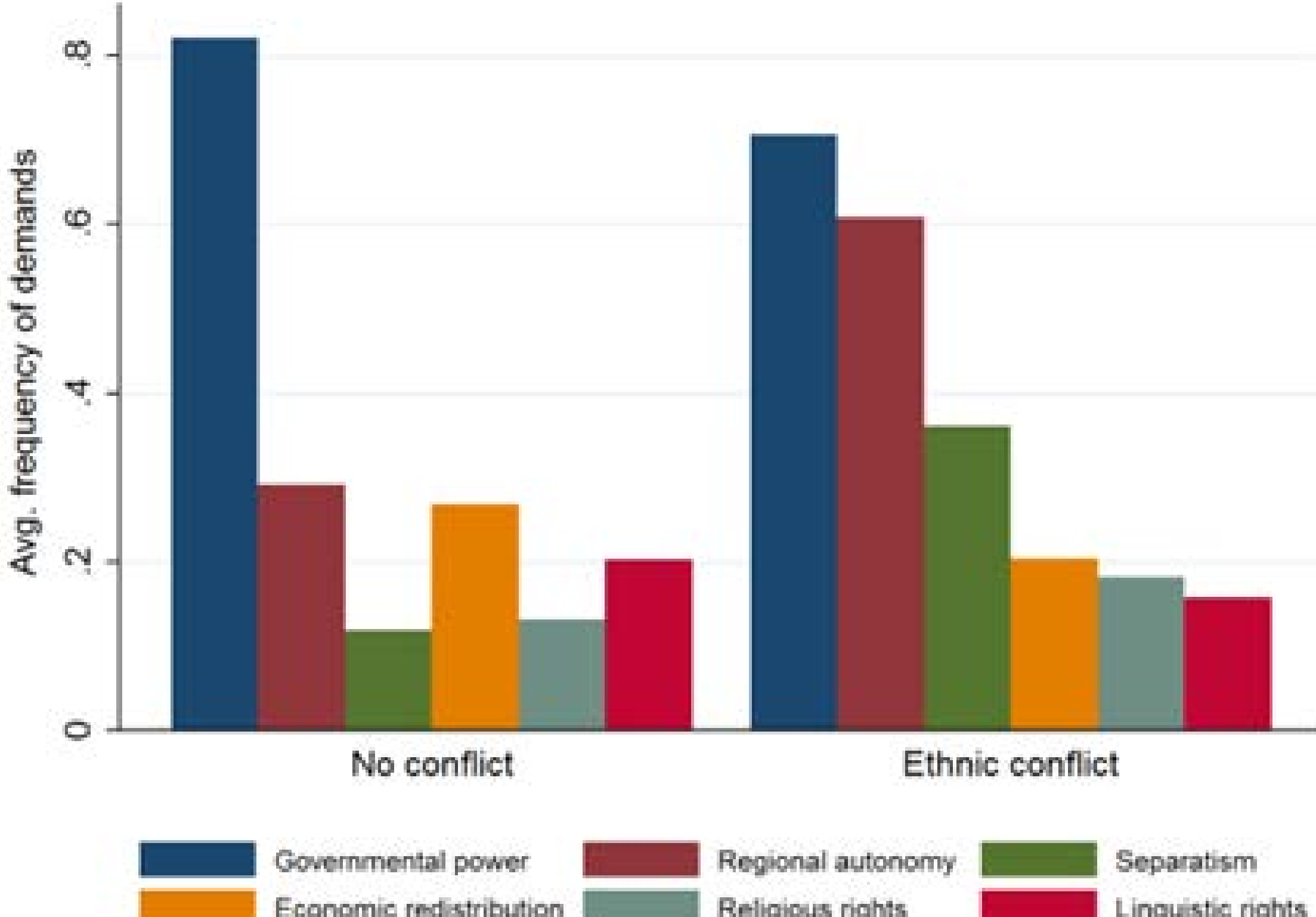
- Ethnic groups represented by organization
- Type of the organization-group link (ethnic claim, ethnic recruitment, ethnic electoral support)
- Foundation and, if applicable, dissolution year
- Organization agenda/goals (gov. power, reg. autonomy, separatism/irredentism, econ. redistribution, religious rights, linguistic rights, others)
- Mobilization strategies (electoral participation, non-electoral & non-violent strategies, violence against gov. or civilians, others)

Preliminary descriptive statistics

Time trend



Country level: frequency of specific demands



Organization level: use of violence by type of demand

