

Introduction to the GTD

- Start here: <http://start.umd.edu/gtd/>
- Browse by country > Pakistan and look at the line graph at the top of the page. What do you notice?
- Scroll through the first few pages of attacks.
 - On average, how many attacks are claimed vs. unclaimed?
 - On average, how many attacks are claimed by multiple groups?
 - Do most attacks have fatalities? Injuries?
 - What types of targets do you see most often?
 - What information isn't here that you might want?
- Use the Advanced Search function to find incidents in Colombia claimed by or attributed to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). What do you notice about patterns of attacks over time?
- Click on a few of the attacks in Colombia and read through the details. What information is present? What information isn't?
- Find the March 2016 Brussels bombings in the database.
 - How are these divided up?
 - What information is present? What information isn't?
 - How does the amount of information present here differ from the amount for more everyday attacks in Colombia?
- Browse the GTD by target type > Journalists & Media
 - Where are journalists targeted?
 - Are they usually targeted alone or along with other targets?
 - Are they intentionally targeted, or do they get caught in the crossfire?
- Find an attack that is...
 - doubt terrorism proper (what does this mean?)
 - does not meet criterion 1 (a larger political goal)
 - does not meet criterion 3 (noncombatant target)
- Should these attacks be considered terrorism?

Other Terrorism Datasets

American Terrorism Study (ATS)

URL: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/studies/4639>

- Tracks U.S. court cases involving terrorism from 1980 through 2002

Chicago Project on Suicide Terrorism Suicide Attack Database (CPOST-SAD)

URL: http://cpostdata.uchicago.edu/search_new.php

- Global dataset on suicide attacks from 1974 through June 2016

International Terrorism: Attributes of Terrorist Events (ITERATE)

URL: <http://library.duke.edu/data/collections/iterate>

- Includes data on transnational organizations using terrorism from 1968 through 2011
- Proprietary; housed at Duke with restricted access beyond the Duke community

Mapping Militant Organizations (MMO)

URL: <http://web.stanford.edu/group/mappingmilitants/cgi-bin/>

- Includes profiles of major organizations using terrorism and diagrams of how organizations are connected to one another

Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the U.S. (PIRUS)

URL: <http://www.start.umd.edu/data-tools/profiles-individual-radicalization-united-states-pirus>

- A collection of de-identified information on the radicalization processes and activities of over 1,800 U.S. extremists between 1948 and 2016

RAND Database of Worldwide Terrorism Incidents (RDWTI)

URL: http://smapp.rand.org/rwtid/search_form.php

- Global dataset on terrorism from 1972 through 2010

Terrorism and Extremist Violence in the U.S. (TEVUS)

URL: <http://www.start.umd.edu/tevus-portal>

- Dataset of terrorist attacks in the U.S. from 1970 through 2016
- Available online, but you must apply for access.