

ASSASSINATIONS CODEBOOK

For “Hit or Miss? The Effect of Assassinations on Institutions and War”

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Codes

1. Information about target

Country

COUNTRY -- Country which individual led. Use the main country name listed on the “Country and Title” page of the Excel spreadsheet.

Date of event

YEAR -- Year of attack

MONTH -- Month of attack

DAY -- Day of attack

Note:

(1) Code all dates as numbers.

Example:

(1) “1955”, “4” for April, “9” for the day of the month.

OBSID -- Observation ID for the leader from the Archigos dataset

Name of target

LEADERNAME -- Name of target. Use name listed on Archigos page.

Title of target

TITLE -- Title(s) of national political leader

Code:

Names of titles

Note:

(1) Include the title listed in the article.

(2) Use list syntax if leader holds multiple titles simultaneously –
enclose the titles in parentheses, separated by a comma.

Success or failure of assassination attempt

RESULT	- Lives or dies? Code:
11	Target dies immediately (i.e. within 1 day)
12	Target dies between 1 day and 1 week as a direct result of attack
13	Target dies between 1 week and 1 month after attack as a direct result of attack
14	Target dies more than 1 month after attack as a direct result of attack
18	Target dies, other
19	Target dies, timing unknown
21	Target survives, but wounded severely (overnight hospitalization or equivalent, permanent disability or serious disfiguration)
22	Target survives, but wounded moderately (overnight hospitalization or equivalent, no permanent disability or serious disfiguration)
23	Target survives, wounded lightly (no overnight hospitalization or equivalent)
24	Target survives, not wounded
29	Target survives, but whether wounded not specified
31	Plot stopped before weapon was used (i.e., before gun was fired, before bomb exploded, before target was stabbed, etc)

2. Information about attack

WEAPON	-- Device used to attack <u>Code:</u>
1	gun
2	knife
3	explosive device
4	poison
8	other
9	unknown
	<u>Note:</u>
	(1) Use list syntax if multiple weapons are used – list codes, separated by commas.
	(2) If further description needed, use notes.
LOCCNTRY	Country where attack took place (use <i>current</i> country names listed on the “Country and Title” page)

Number of dead and wounded

- DEAD -- Number of deaths, not including target
Code:
Number of deaths
- WOUNDED -- Number of wounded, not including target
Code:
Number of deaths
- SOLO Is the attack by a solo assassin or by a group?
Code:
Y Solo
N Group attack