

Class 11: Responses to Political Violence

State responses: Policies

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Agenda for the day

- Opening notes
- State policy responses
- Poll: state policies
- criminal justice responses
- Snapshot: stopping ethnic violence
- Any questions, concerns, feedback for this class?

Opening notes



- short synopsis for final essay due Friday (17 January) (send to me via email)

State policy responses

- What options/possibilities are there
- One policy example
- deradicalisation programmes
 - Membrives and Alonso (2022)



What *policies* can states apply to address (potential) political violence?
Can we categorise them somehow?

One policy example

Does anyone recognise this site?



One policy example



- Valley of the Fallen (incl., Catholic basilica), outside Madrid
- monument constructed under Franco, using forced/convict labour
- burial place for Franco (exhumed 24.10.2019) and Primo de Rivera (exhumed 23.4.2023)
- *Ley de Memoria Histórica*: recognises and broadens “the rights and establishes measures in favour of those who suffered persecution or violence during the civil war and the dictatorship.”

Deradicalisation programmes

- definition: initiatives to help individuals stop extremist **behaviour** and abandon extremist **beliefs**
- common elements:
 - i. mixed programme elements
 - ii. *credible* deradicalisation
 - iii. post-treatment follow-up
 - iv. create commitments (to family, work, etc.)
 - v. material inducement (but not relying on this)

Deradicalisation programme - Indonesia

Membrives and Alonso (2022, 19) - the aim of deradicalization programmes

The Radicalization Awareness Network evaluation of exit programs understands that “success for exit programs usually consists of **disengagement** (leaving a radical environment and violent behaviour), **deradicalization** (leaving a radical ideology), **functional integration** (such as housing, employment and health care) and **social reintegration** (family, friends, community) in the long term.

Membrives and Alonso (2022) - research approach



- RQ: what are the challenges of intervening with juvenile offenders involved in terrorism?

Membrives and Alonso (2022) - initial risk evaluation

what do you think of these 'factors' for assessing risk?

```
1 library(dplyr)
```

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

```
1 library(kableExtra)
```

Attaching package: 'kableExtra'

The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':

group_rows



```
1 data <- data.frame(  
2   Factor = c(  
3     "1. Past and present offenses and sentences",  
4     "2. educational guidelines in family environment",  
5     "3. formal education/ employment",  
6     "4. relationship with peer group",  
7     "5. Substance misuse",
```

```

8     "6. leisure/hobbies",
9     "7. Personality/ behavior",
10    "8. Attitudes, values, and beliefs",
11    "General risk level",
12    "",
13    ""),
14    Nadia = c("low", "moderate", "high", "moderate", "low", "high", "moderate", "moderate", 21, "from moderate (9-10)",
15    Oscar = c("low", "moderate", "moderate", "high", "moderate", "high", "moderate", "high", 22, "from moderate (9-10)",
16    Dafya = c("low", "low", "moderate", "low", "low", "moderate", "moderate", "moderate", 5, "from low (0-5)",
17    Thamir = c("low", "moderate", "low", "high", "low*", "high", "moderate", "high", 19, "from moderate (9-10)",
18    Caleb = c("low", "moderate", "low", "high", "low*", "high", "moderate", "high", 18, "from moderate (9-10)",
19 )
20
21 kable(data, "html", col.names = c("Factor", "Nadia", "Oscar", "Dafya", "Thamir", "Caleb")) %>%

```

Factor	Nadia	Oscar	Dafya	Thamir	Caleb
1. Past and present offenses and sentences	low	low	low	low	low
2. educational guidelines in family environment	moderate	moderate	low	moderate	moderate
3. formal education/ employment	high	moderate	moderate	low	low
4. relationship with peer group	moderate	high	low	high	high
5. Substance misuse	low	moderate	low	low*	low*
6. leisure/hobbies	high	high	moderate	high	high
7. Personality/ behavior	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate
8. Attitudes, values, and beliefs	moderate	high	moderate	high	high

Factor	Nadia	Oscar	Dafya	Thamir	Caleb	
General risk level	21	22	5	19		
	from moderate (9–22) to very high	from moderate (9–22) to very high	from low (0–8) to moderate	from moderate (9–22) to very high	moderate (9–22) to very high	 



Membrives and Alonso (2022) - activities



why these activities for a derad. programme? what's the reasoning?
do you think it would be effective?

```
1 data <- data.frame(  
2   Area = c("formative",  
3           "formative",  
4           "formative",  
5           "Pre-work",  
6           "Pre-work",  
7           "Pre-work",  
8           "Pre-work",  
9           "Pre-work",  
10          "Personal development and social competence",  
11          "Personal development and social competence",  
12          "Personal development and social competence",  
13          "Personal development and social competence",  
14          "Personal development and social competence",  
15          "occupational workshop",  
16          "occupational workshop",  
17          "leisure and free time",  
18          "leisure and free time",  
19          "leisure and free time",  
20          "leisure and free time"),  
21   Activity = c("School classroom at the Center",
```

Area	Activity	Nadia	Oscar	Dafya	Thamir	Caleb
formative	School classroom at the Center	X	X	X	X	X

Area	Activity	Nadia	Oscar	Dafya	Thamir	Caleb
formative	School support and encouragement for reading			X		
formative	Vocational training			X		
Pre-work	Book binding	X	X		X	
Pre-work	restoration	X	X			X
Pre-work	pottery	X				
Pre-work	modeling, sculpture, decoration			X		X
Pre-work	handcrafted wood turning				X	X
Personal development and social competence	Central educational and therapeutic treatment Program for Young offenders	X	X	X	X	X
Personal development and social competence	Program on Personal development and Social Competence	X	X	X	X	X
Personal development and social competence	Program on Personal development and Civic-ethic education	X	X	X	X	X
Personal development and social competence	Program on Preparation for an independent life		X			
Personal development and social competence	Workshop on equal opportunities	X		X	X	
occupational workshop	dance workshop	X				
occupational workshop	Painting on canvas, decoration, models	X	X	X	X	X
leisure and free time	Sports	X	X	X	X	X

Area	Activity	Nadia	Oscar	Dafya	Thamir	Caleb
leisure and free time	Video-forum	X	X	X		
leisure and free time	Group leisure	X	X	X		
leisure and free time	individual leisure	X	X	X	X	X



```

1  # column_spec(1, width = "9cm") %>%
2  # column_spec(2:6, width = "2.5cm")

```

Membrives and Alonso (2022) - activities rated according to...

activities rated according to...

1. **Implementation**: efforts have been made by the practitioners who remain awaiting the assimilation and response by the minor;
2. **Development**: the minor has assimilated ideas and has begun to respond making some efforts;
3. **Reinforcement**: the minor has made considerable progress, but it is necessary to continue supervising him/her;
4. **Finalized**: the minor has met the objective;
5. **Interrupted**: it has not been possible to work on the objective and/or activity.

Membrives and Alonso (2022) - takeaways

1. Traditional objectives of criminal justice must give way to rehabilitation and restorative justice objectives when dealing with minors.
 - do you agree or disagree? This is an ongoing debate in public policy
2. The Spanish judicial framework provides the framework for the judicial response against offences committed by youths in Spain, with the guiding principles of any intervention being its sanctioning-educational nature and the superior interest of the minor.

Poll: state policies



Take the survey at

<https://forms.gle/WskY6kmGLEjXvo586>

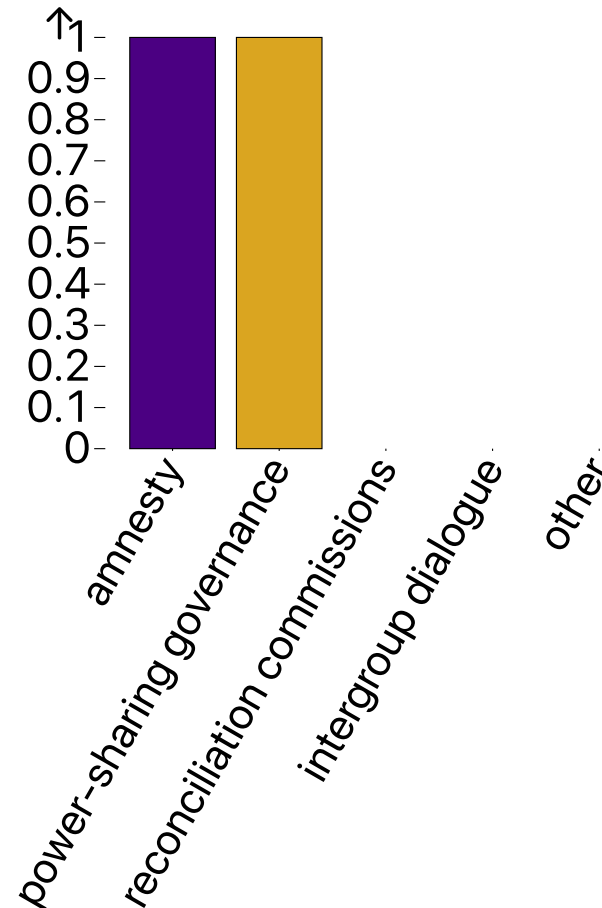
- policy approach to pacify ethnic/sectarian conflict?
- de-radicalisation programmes more successful than punishment?
- criminalising hate speech and incitement?
- most important support during *disengagement*?
- effective policy measures preventing radicalisation?
- participation in de-radicalisation programmes be mandatory?
- should states fund religious or ideological mentors?



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Poll results (Respondents: 2)

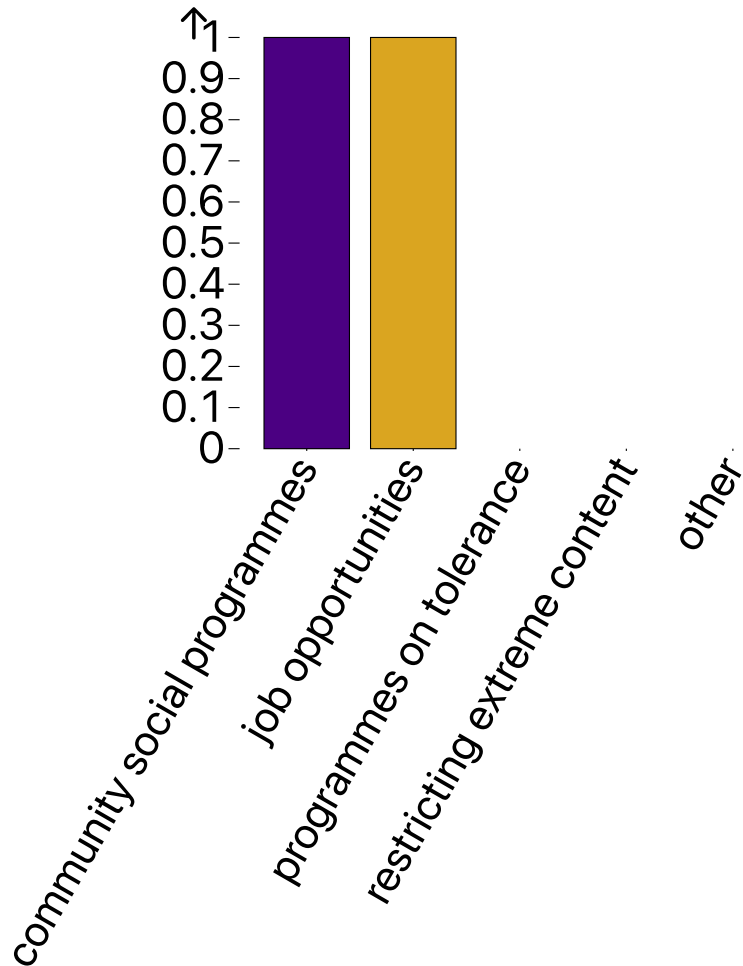
policy approach to pacify ethnic/sectarian conflict?



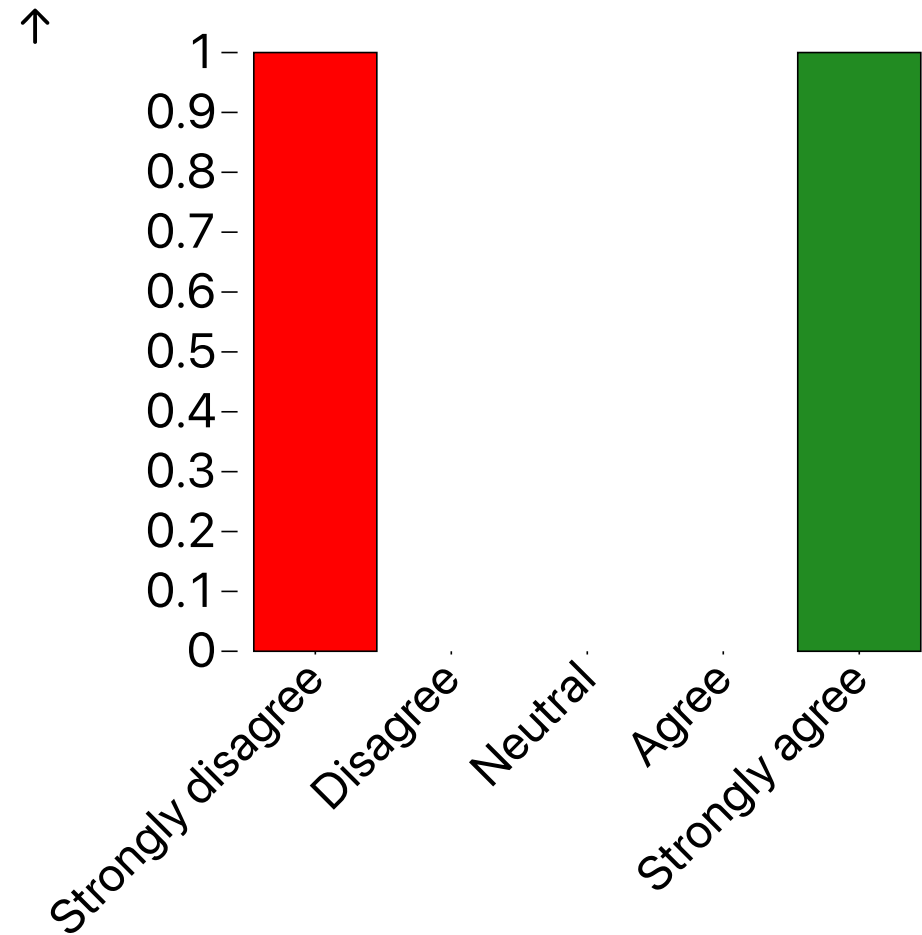
Poll results: state policy responses

Poll results: state policy responses

effective policy measures
preventing radicalisation?



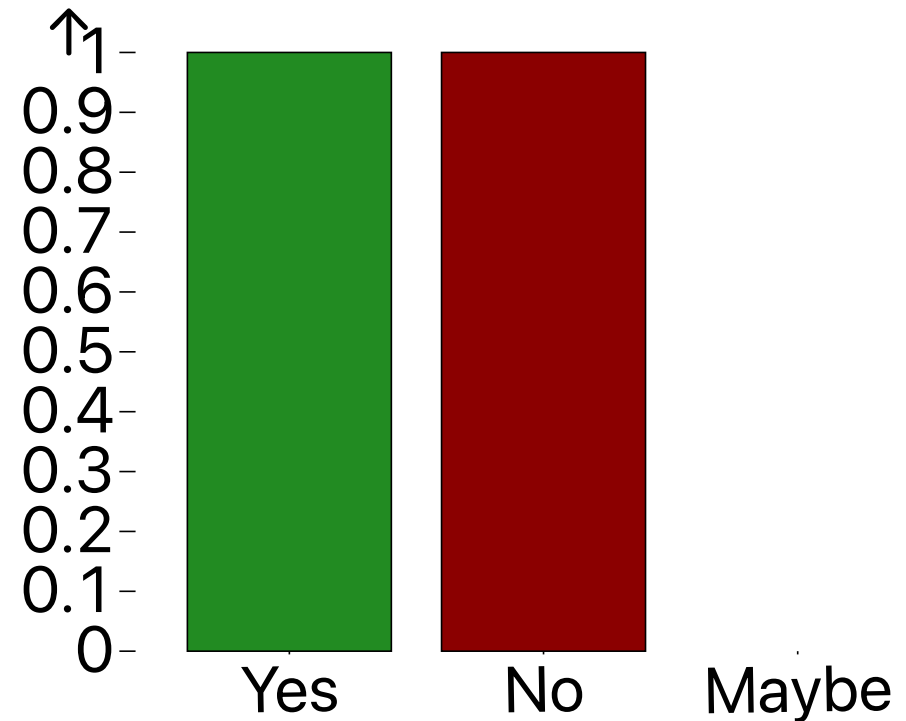
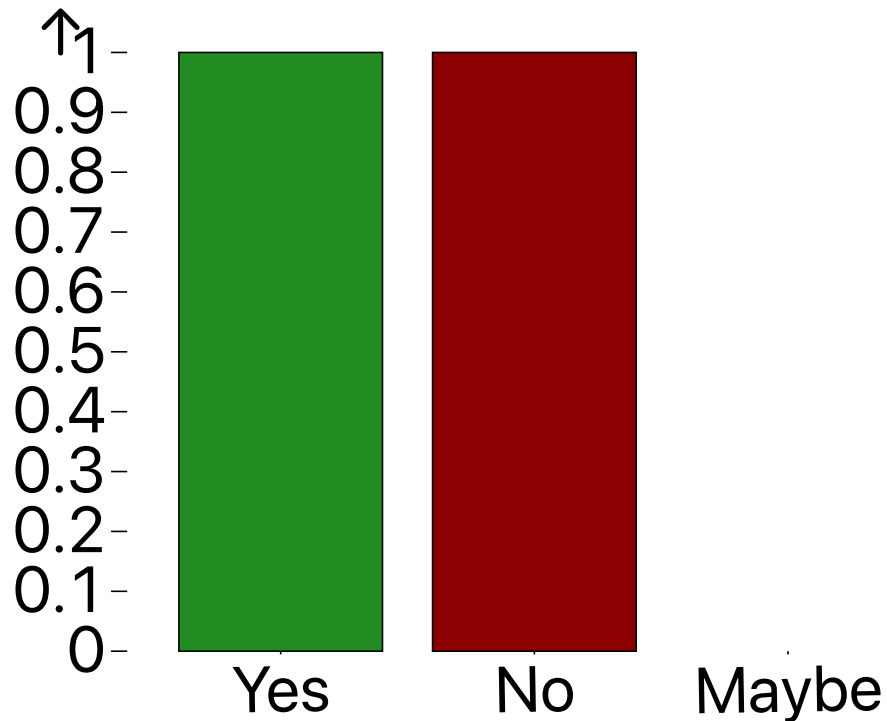
criminalising hate speech and
incitement?



Poll results: state policy responses

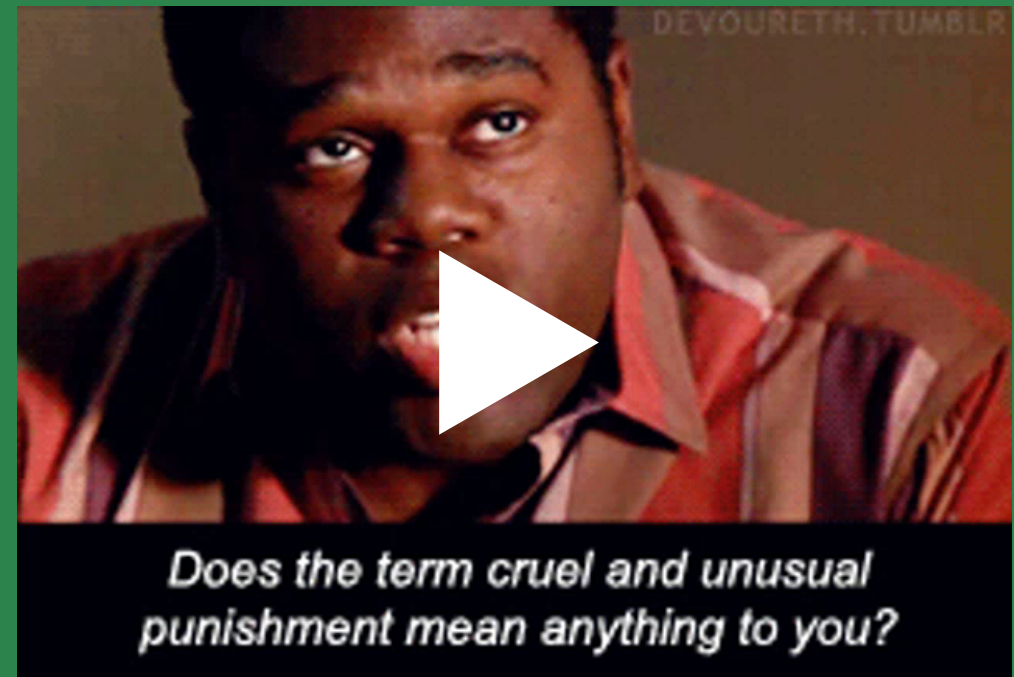
participation in de-radicalisation
programmes be mandatory?

should states fund religious or
ideological mentors?



criminal justice responses

- criminal justice responses to political violence
- Koehler (2019) - Violence and Terrorism from the Far-Right: Policy Options to Counter an Elusive Threat



criminal justice responses to political violence - an example

(Taylor and Suliman 2021)

- 21-years-old British man, Ben John, with neo-Nazi sympathies
- collected extremist documents (including a book that contains bomb-making instructions, illegal in the UK) on computer
 - possessing information likely to be useful for preparing an act of terrorism, punishable by up to 15 years in prison under Section 58 of UK's Terrorism Act

recommended sentencing? what do you think? (keeping in mind British judges have lots of leeway with sentencing)

Comparing right-wing extremist terrorism to other forms

Even though the number of arrests related to right-wing extremist terrorism within the European Union almost doubled to **20 in 2017 from 12 in 2016**, it pales in comparison to other forms of political violence, at least in terms of numbers (e.g. **705 jihadists in 2017**).

```
1 library(reshape2)
2 library(ggplot2)
```

```

3 library(wesanderson)
4
5 df <- data.frame(
6   year = c(2001:2021),
7   explosive = c(1,0,0,2,3,1,1,0,0,2,0,1,2,6,18,10,5,0,2,2,1), #Herbeiführen einer Spre
8   arson = c(16,20,24,37,14,18,24,29,18,29,20,21,11,21,99,113,42,11,6,25,11), #Brandstiftungen
9   gesamt = c(980,940,845,832,1034,1115,1054,1113,959,806,828,842,837,1029,1485,1600,1054,1088,925,1023,9
10  open129 = c(2,1,4,1,1,3,3,1,0,0,1,15,2,2,1,4,6,4,16,1,"-"), #129(a, b)
11  closed129 = c(1,2,0,0,0,2,2,3,1,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,"-"),
12  charged129 = c(0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,0,1,1,"-"),
13  verdict129 = c(1,0,3,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,3,1,"-")
14 )
15
16 # SEE ANSWERS TO 12, SUBQUESTIONS 1a, 3, 4, 6
17 # 2018 on 129: https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/19/097/1909773.pdf
18 # 2019 on 129: https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/19/192/1919232.pdf
19 # 2020 on 129: https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/19/291/1929128.pdf
20 # 2021 on 129:
21

```

Warning: A numeric `legend.position` argument in `theme()` was deprecated in ggplot2 3.5.0.

• Please use the `legend.position.inside` argument of `theme()` instead.

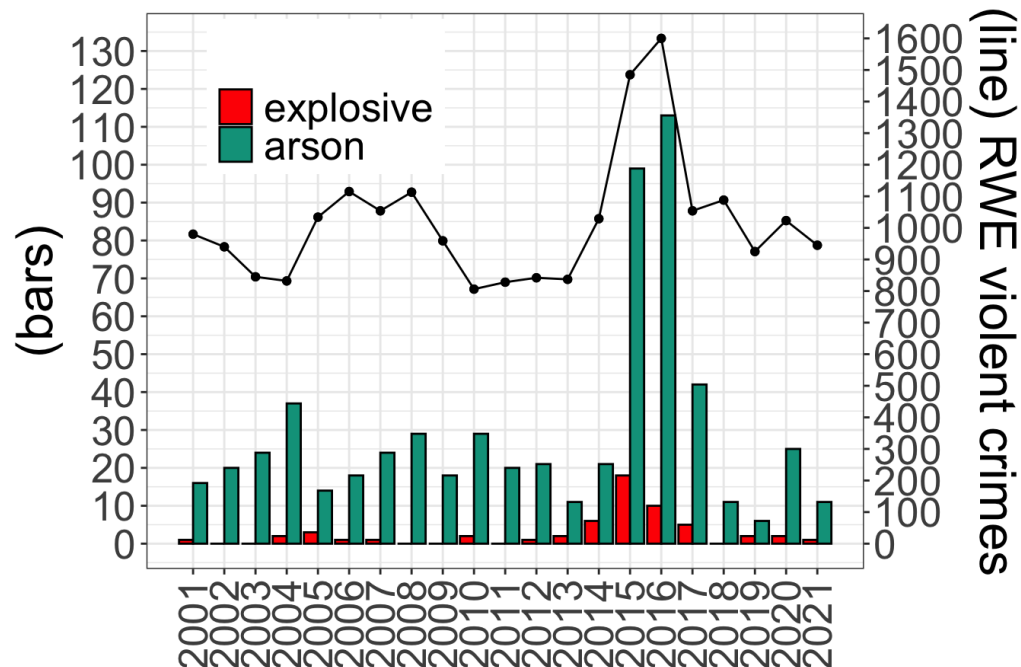
```

1 dfz <- subset(df, select = c(year, open129, closed129, charged129, verdict129))
2 dfz <- subset(dfz, year < 2021)
3 dfz_melt <- melt(dfz, id="year")
4 dfz_melt$value <- as.numeric(dfz_melt$value)

```

Koehler (2019) - focusing in on Germany

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RWE explosives & arson crimes (bars); all RWE violent crimes (line)

Looking at ... explosives attacks or arson, crimes usually but not always (legally) framed as terrorism, statistics from Germany indicate a surge during the so-called “refugee crisis” between 2015 and 2016. ...

Koehler (2019) - focusing in on Germany, homicides

Recognised by BRD vs. identified by Amadeu Antonio Stiftung

```
1 library(rvest)
2 library(stringr)
3 library(dplyr)
4 library(magrittr)
5 library(httr)
6 library(lubridate)
```

Attaching package: 'lubridate'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

date, intersect, setdiff, union

```
1 # scraping data -----
2
3 # links to news stories
4
5 # LINK <- read_html("https://www.amadeu-antonio-stiftung.de/todesopfer-rechter-gewalt/") %>%
6 #   html_nodes("#main .text-grey-light a") %>%
7 #   html_attr("href")
8 #
9 # DATE <- read_html("https://www.amadeu-antonio-stiftung.de/todesopfer-rechter-gewalt/") %>%
10 #   html_nodes(".bigdate") %>%
11 #   html_text()
```



```

12 #
13 # DATE <- dmy(DATE)
14 #
15 # YEAR <- format(DATE, format="%Y")
16 #
17 # VICTIM <- read_html("https://www.amadeu-antonio-stiftung.de/todesopfer-rechter-gewalt/") %>%
18 #   html_nodes("#main .no-underline") %>%
19 #   html_text()
20 # VICTIM <- VICTIM[1:237]
21 #

```

```

1 # df_melt <- melt(dfX, id="YEAR")
2 #
3 # b <- ggplot(df_melt, aes(x = YEAR, y = value, fill = variable)) +
4 #   geom_col(position = "dodge", colour = "black", width = 0.8) +
5 #   scale_y_continuous("Deaths", breaks = seq(0,30,5), minor_breaks = seq(0,30,1), limits = c(0,30))+
6 #   scale_fill_manual("", values=c("grey60","black")) + # "Darjeeling1", n = 4)
7 #   scale_x_continuous("", breaks = seq(1990,2021,1), minor_breaks = seq(1990,2021,1))+
8 #   theme_bw()+
9 #   theme(text = element_text(size=15), axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust=1))+
10 #   theme(legend.position = c(0.6, 0.8),
11 #         text = element_text(size=15),
12 #         legend.title=element_blank(),
13 #         legend.box.background = element_rect(colour = "black"))
14 # b

```

Koehler (2019) - focusing in on Germany, homicides

```
1 # map plot -----
2
3 # SOURCE DATA AND VISUALISATIONS
4 # - https://www.amadeu-antonio-stiftung.de/todesopfer-rechter-gewalt/
5 # - https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todesopfer_rechtsextremer_Gewalt_in_der_Bundesrepublik_Deutschland
6 # - https://www.zeit.de/gesellschaft/zeitgeschehen/2018-09/todesopfer-rechte-gewalt-karte-portraet
7 # - https://www.zeit.de/gesellschaft/zeitgeschehen/2020-09/rechte-gewalt-todesopfer-bundeskriminalamt-w
8
9 library(raster)
```

Loading required package: sp

Attaching package: 'raster'

The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':

select

```
1 library(sf)
```

Warning: package 'sf' was built under R version 4.5.2

Linking to GEOS 3.13.0, GDAL 3.8.5, PROJ 9.5.1; sf_use_s2() is TRUE

```
1 # germany <- getData(country = "Germany", level = 1)
2 germany <- readRDS("slide_files/11/germany.rds")
3
4 ## ALTERNATIVE APPROACH USING sf PACKAGE
```

```
5 # germany <-
6 #   getData(country = "Germany", level = 1) %>%
7 #   st_as_sf() %>%
8 #   left_join(dat, by = c("NAME_1" = "Bundesland"))
9
10 diff_col2 <- ggplot() +
11   geom_polygon(data = germany,
12               aes(x = long, y = lat, group = group),
13               colour = "black", fill = "grey90") +
14   geom_point(data = dfUNOFFIC,
15             aes(x = LON, y = LAT),
16             position = position_jitter(w = 0.1, h = 0.1),
17             shape = 1, size = 3, color = "blue", stroke = 0.8) +
18   geom_point(data = dfOFFIC,
19             aes(x = LON, y = LAT),
20             position = position_jitter(w = 0.1, h = 0.1),
21             shape = 1, size = 3, color = "red", stroke = 0.8) +
```

Warning: `fortify(<SpatialPolygonsDataFrame>)` was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.4.

• Please migrate to sf.

• The deprecated feature was likely used in the ggplot2 package.

Please report the issue at <<https://github.com/tidyverse/ggplot2/issues>>.

Regions defined for each Polygons

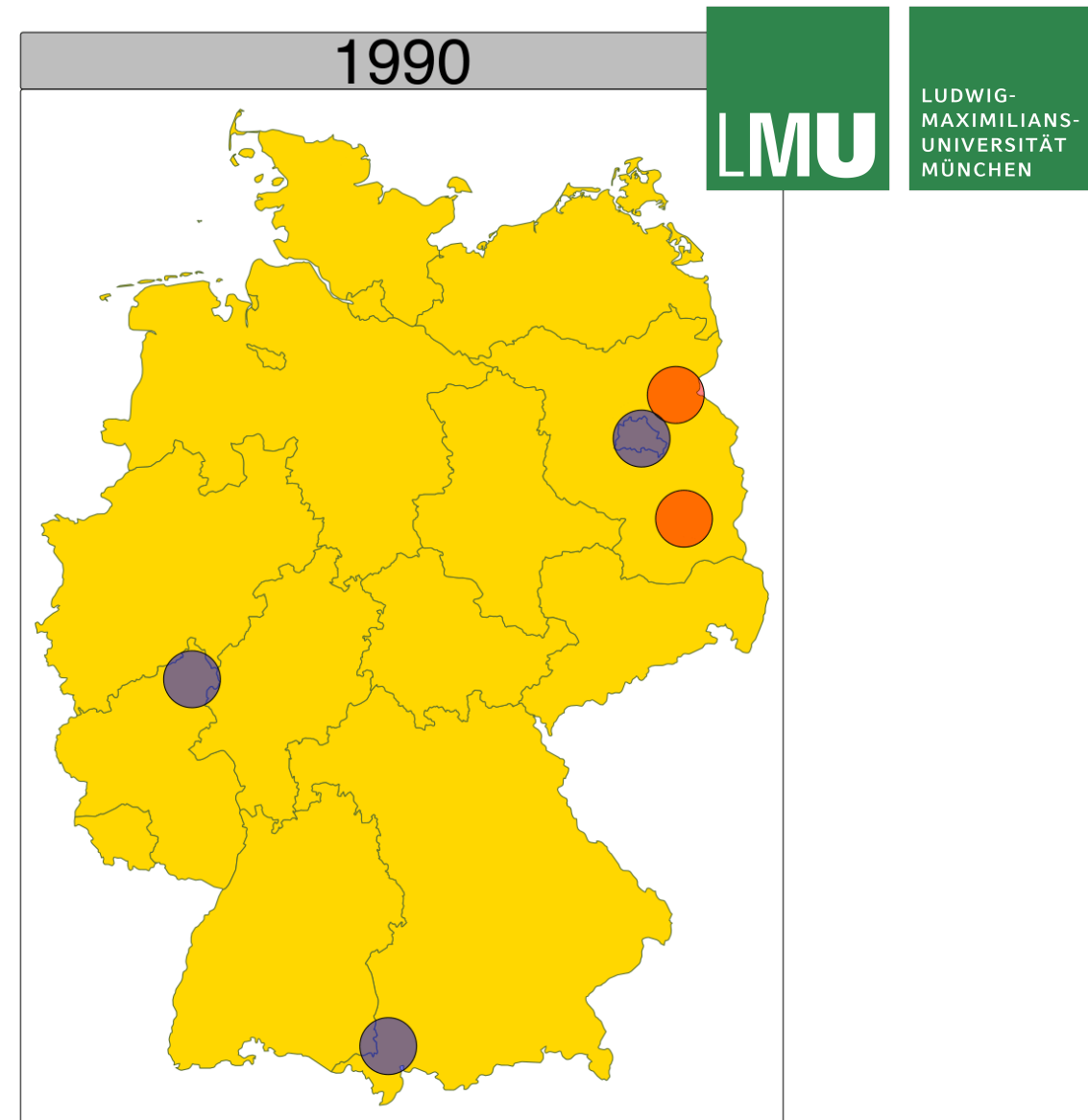
```
1 # labs(color = 'Record length')
```

```

1 library(tmap)
2 library(tidyverse)
3 library(sf)
4 library(rnaturalearth)
5 library(gganimate)
6 library(gifski)
7
8 dfALLgrouped <- dfALL %>%
9   group_by(YEAR)
10
11 dfALLgrouped <- as.data.frame(dfALLgr
12
13 dfALLgrouped$Latitude <- dfALLgrouped
14 dfALLgrouped$Longitude <- dfALLgroupe
15
16 dfALLgrouped$LATjit <- jitter(dfALLgr
17 dfALLgrouped$LONjit <- jitter(dfALLgr
18
19 dfALLgrouped_sf <- dfALLgrouped %>% d
20
21 dfALLgrouped_sf <- dfALLgrouped_sf %>

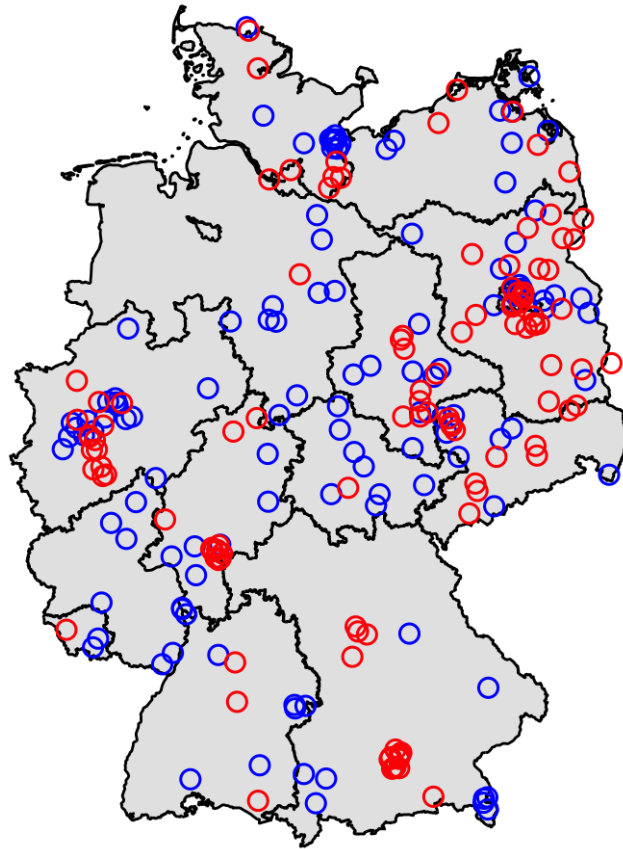
```

○: recognised by BRD
 ○: identified by Amadeu
 Antonio Stiftung



Koehler (2019) - focusing in on Germany, homicides

1 diff_col2



○: officially recognised by BRD

○: identified by Amadeu Antonio Stiftung

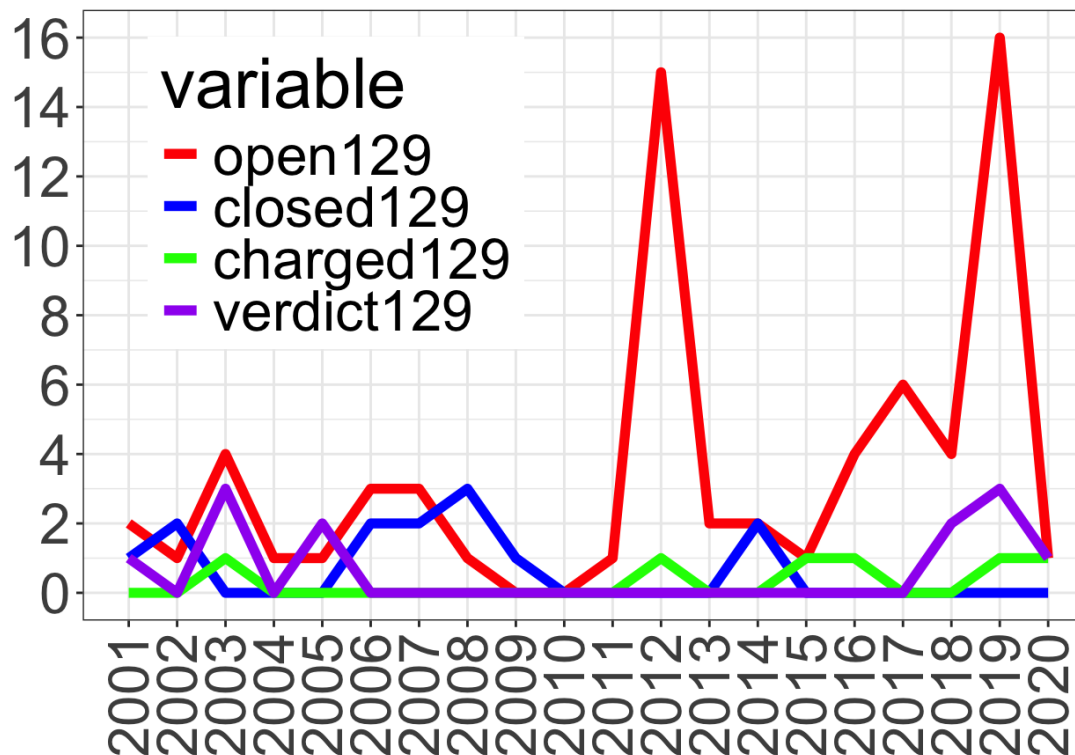
Koehler (2019) - focusing in on Germany, law enforcement



```

1 ggplot(dfz_melt, aes(x=year, y=value, color=variable, group
2   geom_line(linewidth=2)+
3   scale_colour_manual(values = c("red","blue","green","purp
4   theme_bw()+
5   scale_x_continuous("", breaks = seq(2001,2020,1), minor_b
6   scale_y_continuous("", breaks = seq(0,16,2), minor_breaks
7   theme(legend.position = c(0.25,0.7))+
8   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5,
9   theme(text = element_text(size = 30))

```



- §129: forming or membership in criminal terrorist org.
- more terror investigations paralleling spikes in right-wing extremist violence
 - 2012 (15) spike, reaction to NSU
 - i.e., triggered by political and popular pressure

Ermittlungsverfahren/opened 129 case
closed/discontinued 129 case
charges in 129 case

debate raised by Koehler (2019): hate crime - terrorism

- **hate crimes:** “a criminal act that is motivated by a bias toward the victim or victims real or perceived identity group”, may include the desire to “terrorize a broader group”

debate raised by Koehler (2019): hate crime - terrorism

1. RWE hate crimes - terrorism: **close cousins**

- “the target of an offense is selected because of his or her group identity, not because of his or her individual behaviour, and because the effect of both is to wreak terror on a greater number of people than those directly affected by violence”

2. RWE hate crimes - terrorism: **distant relatives**

- terrorism: lots of planning, usually; actively seek publicity
- hate crimes: more spontaneous, usually; seldom seek publicity

3. RWE violence can be **both**

- depending on the degree to which it pursues political and social objectives (prerequisite for terrorism—not for hate crimes)

what does your expertise tell you? what is your position?

Koehler (2019): selected recommendations

- Avoid **double standards** between forms of political violence
- allocate **adequate resources** to counter RWE
- appropriate **judicial responses** ('quick and efficient')
- increase funding for research on FR violence and terrorism
- acknowledge **relationship between hate crimes and terrorism**
 - reporting mechanisms about right-wing terrorism should not only be based on legal prosecutions and convictions using the '*terrorism*' label, but also consider psychological effects on the target group of violent acts and specific attack forms used.
- **expand EXIT programmes** for RWE

what do you make of these recommendations (or others)?

Democracy-building policy example

Demokratie leben! - 'practising and maintaining democratic culture'

- finances projects all over Germany that develop and trial new ideas and innovative approaches in promoting democracy, encouraging diversity, and preventing extremism.

Snapshot: stopping ethnic violence

- Varshney (2001): Hindu-Muslim violence in India (urban and locally concentrated)—breakouts of violence in some cities (e.g., Aligarh) and not others (e.g., Calicut)—**why?**
 - Calicut:
 - ‘peace committees’ work across communities, quash rumours
 - Hindus and Muslims: 84% **visit each other regularly**; 83% **eat together**; 90% children play together
 - Aligarh:
 - peace committees tend to be **intrareligious**, not interreligious
 - Hindus and Muslims: 60% **visit each other regularly**; 54% **eat together**; 42% children play together

Snapshot: stopping ethnic violence

- Varshney (2001): Hindu-Muslim violence in India (urban and locally concentrated)—breakouts of violence in some cities (e.g., Aligarh) and not others (e.g., Calicut)—**why?**

The **preexisting local networks of civic engagement between the two communities** stand out as the single most important proximate explanation for the difference between peace and violence.

This argument, it should be clarified, is **probabilistic, not lawlike**.

Any questions, concerns, feedback for this class?

Anonymous feedback here:

<https://forms.gle/NfF1pCfYMbkAT3WP6>

Alternatively, please send me an email: m.zeller@lmu.de

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