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Protection of civilians through peacekeeping

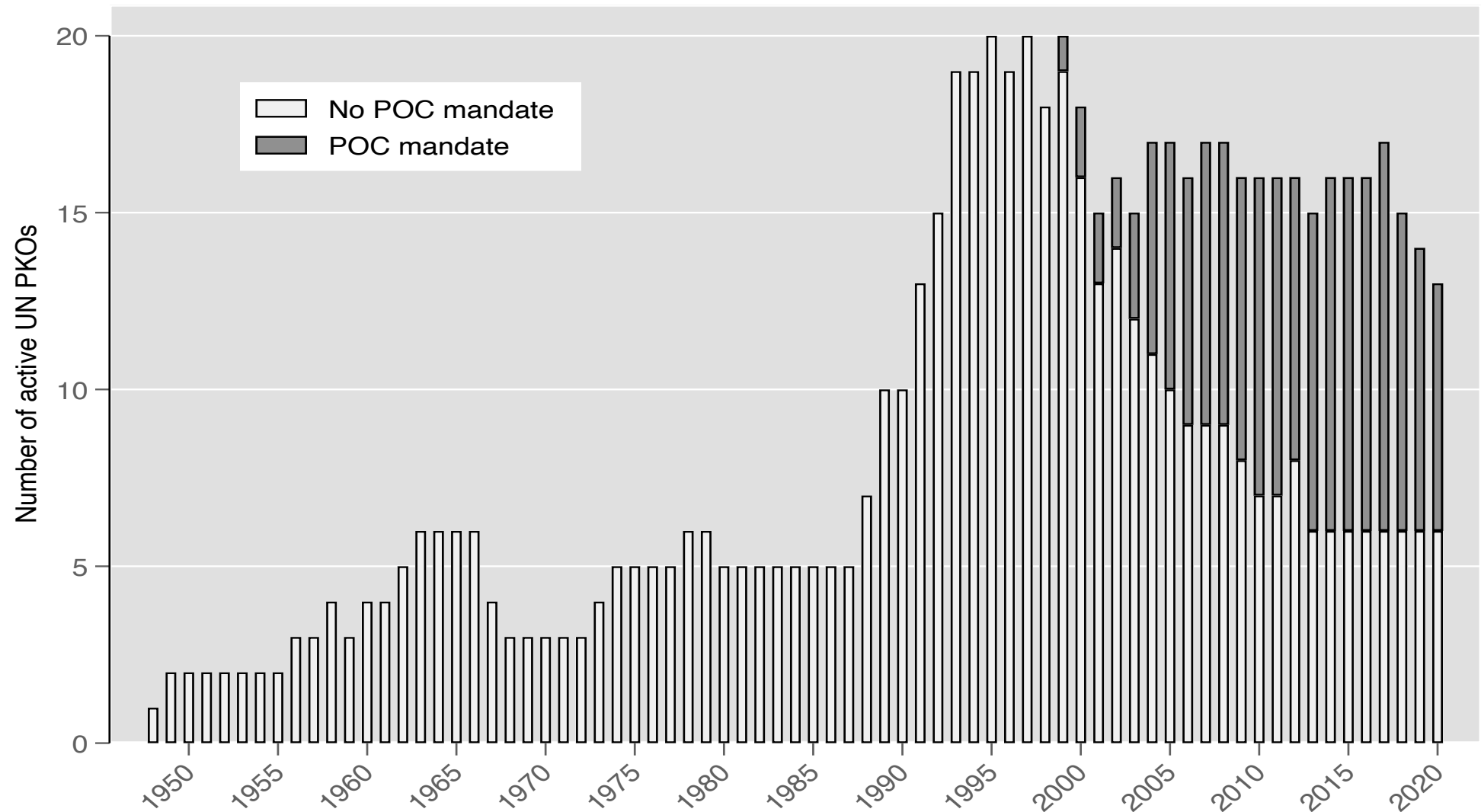
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UN commitment to protection of civilians





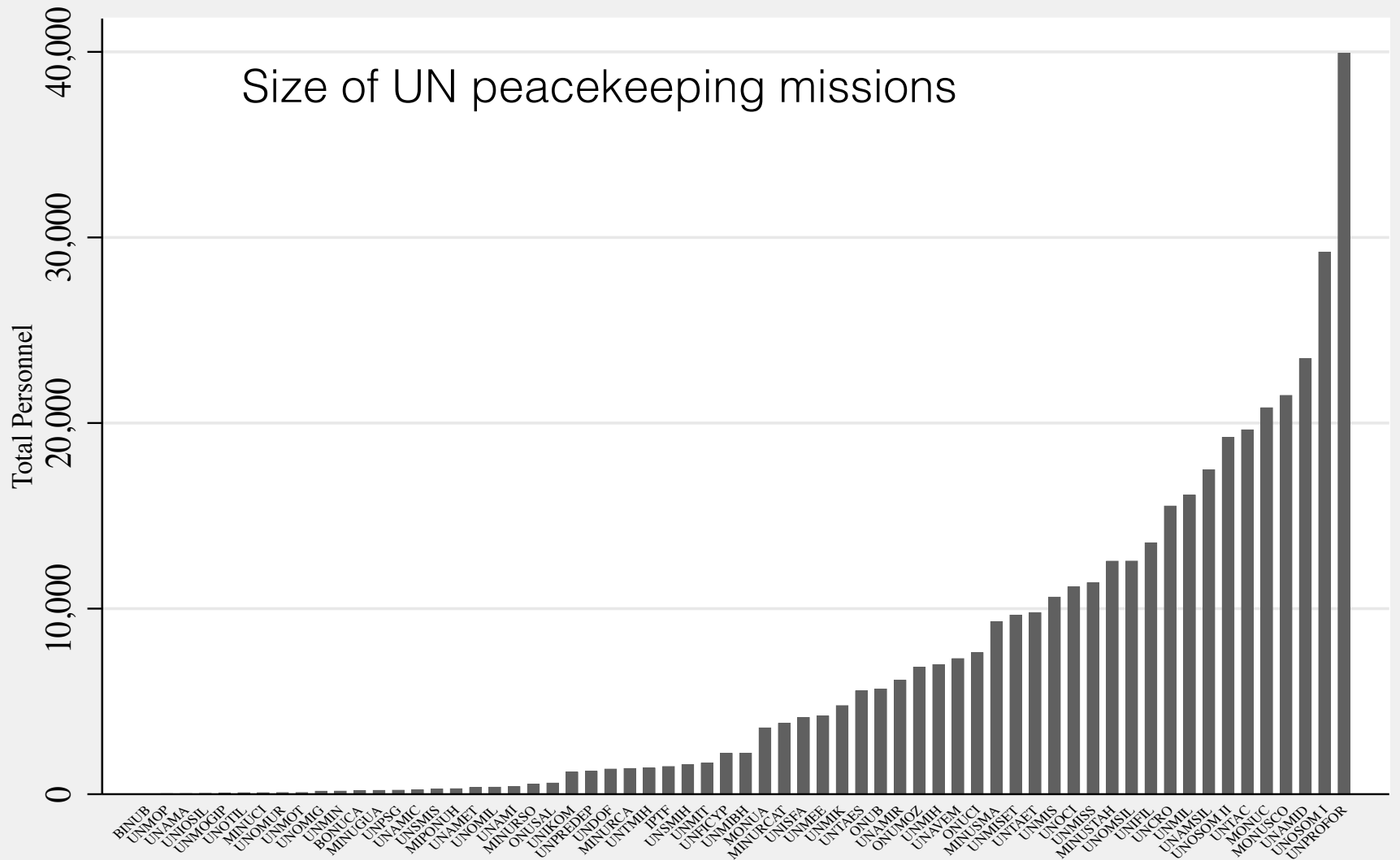
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Do peacekeepers protect civilians?





Capacity to protect

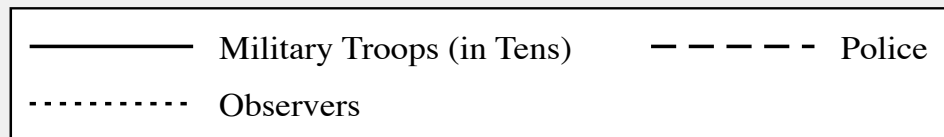
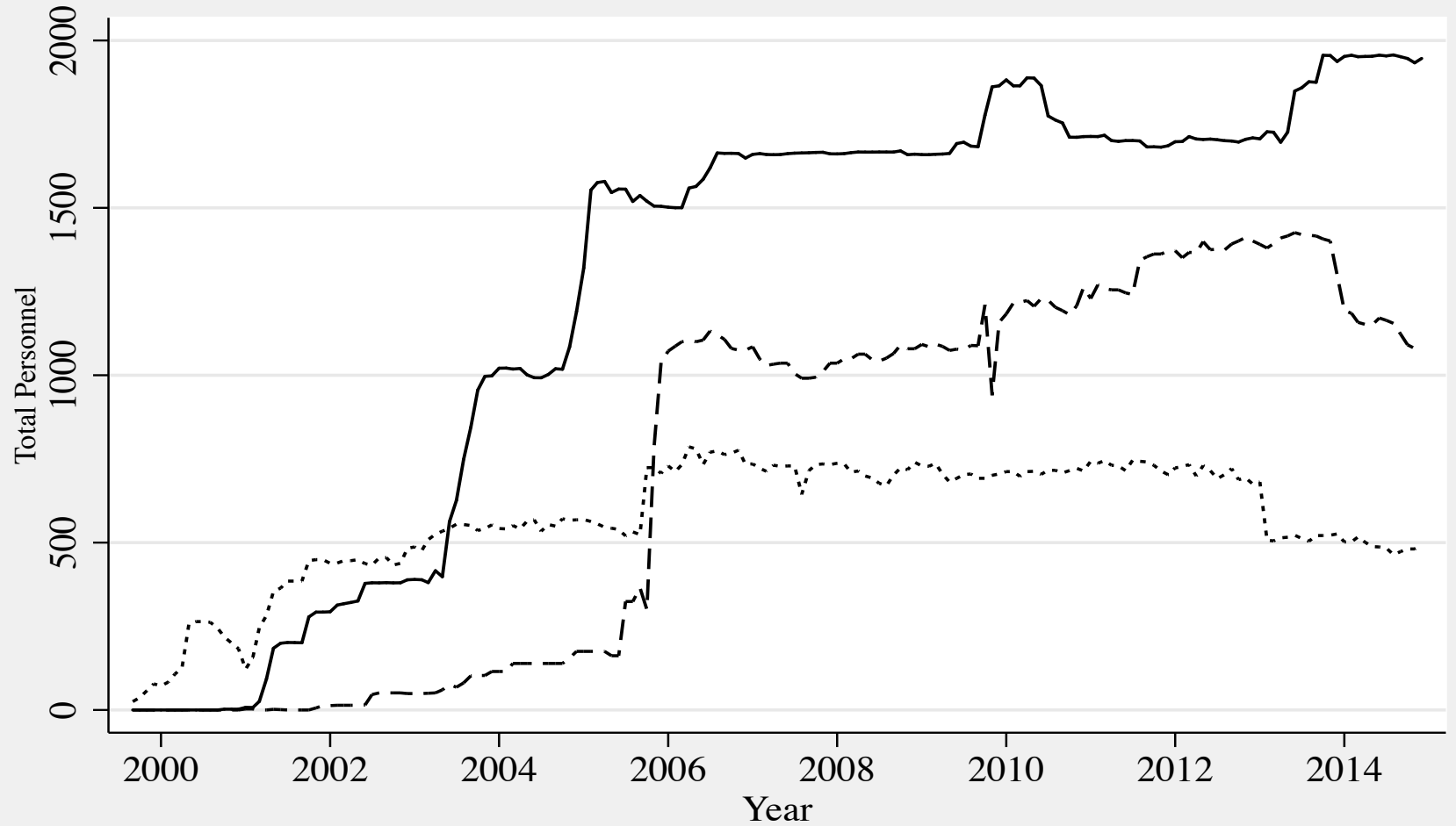


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Changing capacity and composition

DRC,
1999-2014



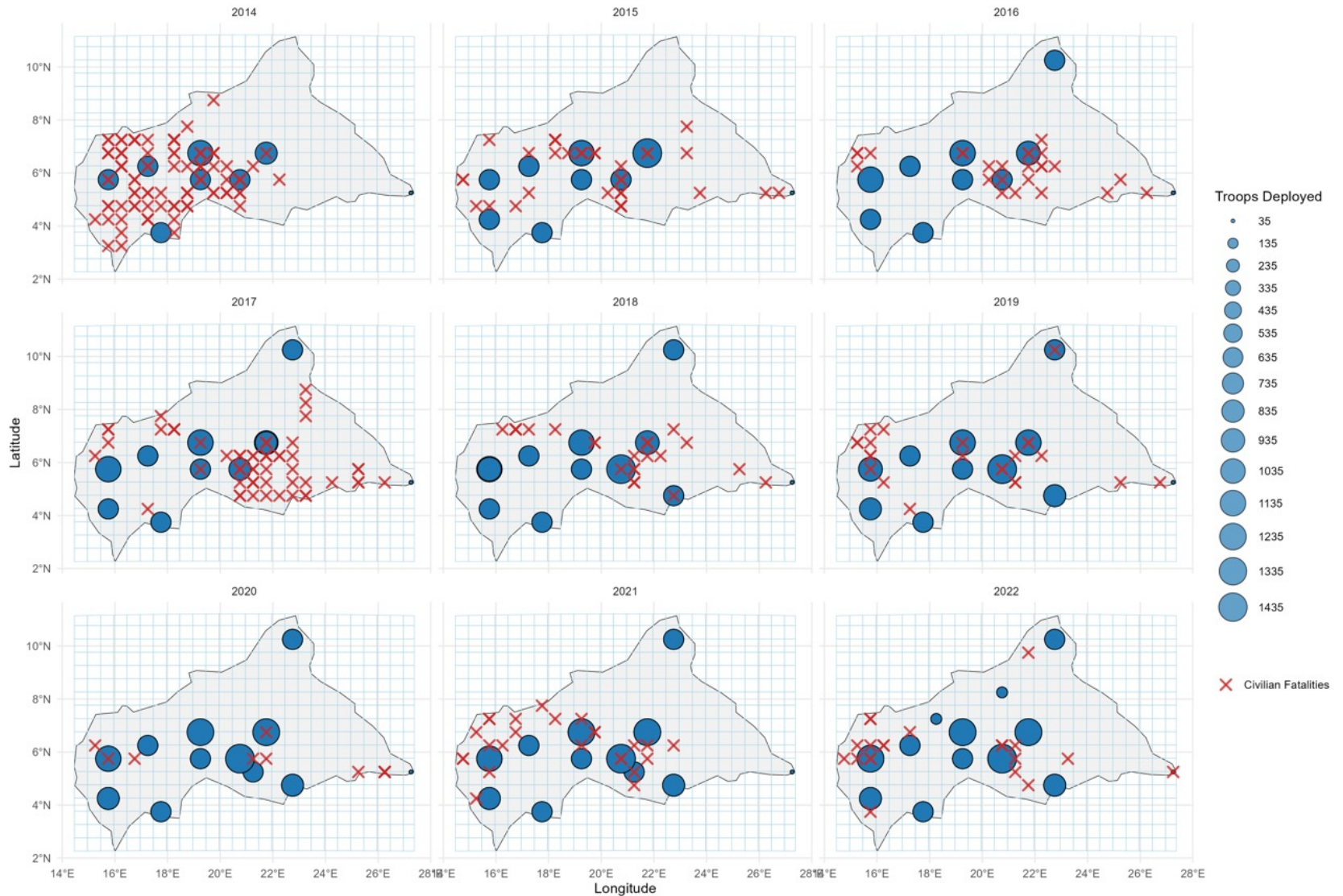


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Protection through presence

CAR,
2014-2022

UN Troops Deployments and Civilian Fatalities Over Time





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Peacekeeping works – but how?

- Monitoring and credible commitment
 - Report violations, provide information, aid DDR
- Patrolling and deterrence
 - International presence, buffer zones, show of force
- Mediation and reassurance
 - Mediate local disputes and bring political process forward, enhance trust
- Enforcement
 - Use of force, e.g. to protect civilians and restore security



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Limitations

- We know that peacekeeping does not always work
 - Research explores conditions under which peacekeeping is more or less effective
- Other ways of assessing impact:
 - Civilian harm beyond fatalities
 - Displacement
 - Perceptions – do people feel safer?
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