

# Crime Data for The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States' Overseas Military Presence Wave 1.0 Data Users' Manual

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# 1 Introduction

This document serves as the code book for the crime portion of the Minerva Research Initiative funded project, “The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence.” This data contains event-coded data based on reports in English speaking news articles found of Nexis Uni using a series of search strings and, when given additional information, follow up research to fully code the cases. The domain of the cases are those in which a U.S. service-member commits (or is alleged to have committed) a crime in another country and that the media reports that offense. We are exclusively looking at peacetime infractions and do not include crimes committed in active combat zones. We also did not include cases where the victims were other U.S. service members and did not include extradition of service members for crimes committed in the United States.

## 2 Variables

**1 - (number)**: unique id for order in which researchers coded cases.

**2 - (year)** - Year that crime occurred. Where possible, the researchers coded the specific date in which the event occurred, in several cases, the article date was used when we could not find the actual date.

**3 - (month)** - Month that crime occurred. Where possible, the researchers coded the specific date in which the event occurred, in several cases, the article date was used when we could not find the actual date.

**4 - (day)** - Day that crime occurred. Where possible, the researchers coded the specific date in which the event occurred, in several cases, the article date was used when we could not find the actual date.

**5 - (country)** - Country where crime occurred.

**6 - (province)** - Province where crime occurred.

**7 - (city)** - City where crime occurred.

**8 - (ccode)** - *Correlates of War* country code where crime occurred.

**9 - (dui)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the perpetrator was intoxicated while driving.

**10 - (drug)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense was drug related in

terms of possession, sales, or manufacture.

**11 - (assault)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense physical violence against a victim.

**12 - (homicide)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved the intentional slaying of an individual.

**13 - (manslaughter)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved the unintentional slaying of an individual. This often includes fatalities related to DUIs.

**14 - (arson)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense included destroying property through arson.

**15 - (kidnapping)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved abduction of a victim.

**16 - (sexual assault)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involves unwanted sexual contact. This category is inclusive of the variable indicator for rape.

**17 - (rape)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved coerced sex.

**18 - (theft)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved stealing property from a victim.

**19 - (robbery)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved theft with a threat of force.

**20 - (robbery)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved illegal entry into a building with the intention to commit theft.

**21 - (weaponspos)** - Crime report includes information to suggest that the offense involved unlawful possession of weapons.

**22 - (charged)** - Crime report includes whether the perpetrator was charged. A 1 indicates a charge, a zero indicates no charge, and a missing value means that the news report did not indicate it either way.

**23 - (convicted)** - Crime report includes whether the perpetrator was convicted of the crime.

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**24 - (branch)** - Perpetrator(s) identify as primarily being with the Marines, Air Force, Army, or Navy.

**25 - (xcoord)** - latitude location of lowest level of aggregation identified in the case. This is usually the city, but may be province or country if more information is lacking.

**26 - (ycoord)** - Longitude location of lowest level of aggregation identified in the case. This is usually the city, but may be province or country if more information is lacking.

**27 - (noperpmin)** - The minimum number of perpetrators identified in the report(s).

**28 - (noperpmax)** - The maximum number of perpetrators identified in the report(s).

**29 - (source)** - Primary news sources used to code case,

**30 - (note)** - Additional coding notes.

### 3 Search Terms

Search terms used for wave 1:

- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 crime)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 assault)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 kidnapping)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 rape)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 robbery)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 theft)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 burglary)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 crime)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 assault)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 kidnapping)

- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 rape)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 robbery)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 theft)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 burglary)
- ("United States" w/10 "service member") AND ("service member" w/10 drug!)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 burglary)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND ("soldier" w/10 drug!)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND (soldier! w/5 charged)
- ("United States" w/10 "soldier") AND (soldier! w/5 arrested)