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ABSTRACT: Reconciliation between countries following a war or a series of wars has attracted little scholarly attention as a phenomenon to be studied even though it receives journalistic coverage and past cases of reconciliation have been extensively described. This paper uses four international events datasets to explore whether reconciliation events have a discernible impact on the relations between countries, and if so, the nature of that impact. The paper describes the objectives of this project, the hypotheses tested, the data used, and the results obtained. The results suggest that reconciliation events have an impact, at least in some cases. However, limitations of the data constrain what can be asserted. The paper then discusses how to continue this research by linking to other research questions and theoretical schools and by focusing our next study on eight cases.
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INTRODUCTION

Since the writings of Hobbes and Locke, a fundamental political question is why individuals enter into, and how they maintain, civil society despite competition and conflict among individual actors. A variety of formal and informal work acknowledges the tension between aggressive behavior and societal harmony and points to the importance of reconciliation—returning to peace, harmony, or amicable relations after a conflict—as integral to mitigating future violence and maintaining societal stability.

Consider three recordings of the role of reconciliation in very disparate "societies." The first incident is described by ethologist Frans de Waal (de Waal, 1989, p. 5). He recalls witnessing a fight in the chimpanzee colony of the Arnhem Zoo:

It was the winter of 1975 and the colony was kept indoors. In the course of a charging display, the dominant male attacked a female, which caused screaming chaos as other chimpanzees came to her defense. When the group finally calmed down, an unusual silence followed, with nobody moving, as if the apes were waiting for something. Suddenly the entire colony burst out hooting, while one male worked the large metal drums in the corner of the hall. In the midst of the pandemonium I saw two chimpanzees kiss and embrace. . . the embracing individuals had been the same male and female of the initial fight.

A second observation comes from the seventeenth century letters of American author Samuel Sewall (Hendrickson, 1987, p. 90). He captured the following ceremony of native Americans of the northeast colonies in
Meeting with the Sachem they came to an agreement and buried two axes in the ground . . . which ceremony to them is more significant and binding than all the Articles of Peace, the hatchet being a principle weapon.

Three centuries later, contemporary historian Hendrick Smith described the signing of a peace treaty and the public joining of hands between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel, and President Jimmy Carter of the United States (Smith, 1979, A1):

The elusive, unprecedented peace treaty that Egypt and Israel signed today has enormous symbolic importance and the potential for fundamentally transforming the map and history of the entire region . . . the best diplomatic estimate here is that the treaty has markedly reduced the risk of a major war in the Middle East for a considerable time . . .

Notably, each description contains the implicit or explicit hypothesis that future violence is less likely to occur, and "societal" order more likely to be maintained, if the parties to a conflict engage in a formal, public process of reconciliation. This is a powerful, yet untested assumption despite pervasive references to reconciliation in popular discussions of intra- and international conflicts.¹

This paper considers what effect, if any, the role reconciliation has at the level of "international society."² It asks, does public reconciliation between national belligerents reduce the outbreak of future conflict and lead to more amicable relations? If reconciliation matters in this context, can we refine our insight to say under what circumstances reconciliation is
more or less likely to occur and by what mechanisms reconciliation restores amicable relations between parties and impedes future conflicts?

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The immediate research questions we wish to answer concerning how does a reconciliation event affect relations between former combatants are:

- Do relations between former combatants improve following the reconciliation event?
- Do relations between former combatants improve relative to their long-term relations before the conflict?
- When comparing across a number of post-conflict situations, do relations between former combatants that experience a reconciliation event subsequently exhibit less conflictual interactions than the subsequent (post-conflict) relations between former combatants that did not have a reconciliation event?
- Does the reconciliation event precede an improvement in relations or is it simply a stage in an already ongoing improvement?

As derived from analogous social science literature referred to earlier, we define a "reconciliation event" as one that typically includes the following elements: (1) direct physical contact or proximity between opponents, usually the senior representatives of the respective states; (2) a public ceremony accompanied by substantial publicity or media attention that relays the event to the wider national societies; and (3) ritualistic or symbolic behavior that indicates the parties consider the quarrel resolved.
and that more amicable relations are expected to follow. Often the signing of a treaty incorporates these three elements, and, in practice, is the embodiment of a reconciliation.

HYPOTHESES TESTED

We intend to test the following hypotheses regarding the impact of reconciliation on international relations:

1. The relations between former combatants improve following a reconciliation event.
2. Relations between former combatants that have a reconciliation do not improve compared to their long-term relations before the conflict.
3. Those former belligerents that experience a reconciliation event subsequently exhibit better relations than those former belligerents that did not have a reconciliation event.
4. The reconciliation event is more than simply another step in improving relations. It is at minimum an inflection point at which the rate of change in the improvement of relations increases. In other cases it is an inflection point at which the nature of the relations changes from declining or essentially unchanging to improving.

Hypotheses 1 and 3 are straightforward given the research questions. Hypothesis 2 may seem unusual, but it is consistent with the theoretical proposition that reconciliation is an act to restore and, over the long term, maintain societal comity. We expect that reconciliation will not, in general, directly alter the long-term interests of the parties. For that reason we expect that relations following a reconciliation would at most only temporarily rise to a higher level than the long-term state of relations.
Hypothesis 4 also requires further explanation. We are positing that the reconciliation event can be recognized as a positive turning point in relations. This is a stronger hypothesis than hypothesis 1, which only asserts that relations improve following a reconciliation event. With hypothesis 1 a reconciliation event could simply be in the middle of a uniform trend towards better relations or could even be the point at which an improvement in relations slows down and the hypothesis would still be true.

PROCEDURE OF ANALYSIS AND DATA SOURCES USED

To test the hypotheses enumerated above, we combine three sets of information. The first is a catalogue of interstate wars from 1888 to 1991. The country dyads involved in these wars serve as the primary units of analysis. We obtained our list of wars and major participants—and thus dyads—from the Militarized Interstate Disputes (MIDS) dataset (version 2.10) that is available on the Internet at:
http://www.polsci.binghamton.edu/peace(s)/mid_data.htm
and whose nature is described in Gochman and Moaz (1984) and Gochman and Leng (1988). From that dataset we extracted a list consisting of 53 interstate wars. That list can be found in Appendix A. From that list we identified 114 country dyads for whom a reconciliation was—at least in principle—feasible. A listing of these dyads can be found in Appendix B. Dyad members had to have fought against each other in at least one war. In many instances dyad members had fought multiple wars in the time frame of the study.

We use the time period 1888 to 1991 to address time lags. The latter date is used because a war must have concluded before a reconciliation event becomes feasible and because our primary relationship datasets (discussed below) end in 1992. The time frame begins at 1888 because of
the combination of two factors. First, we need some upper limit in the
time delay for what can reasonably be considered a reconciliation. That
the participants need to be alive is a plausible criterion, and sixty years is a
reasonable upper limit for participants in a war to still be in positions to
make a reconciliation for their countries. Second, our relationship datasets
begin at 1948; a sixty year delay puts us back to 1888.

The second set of information is reconciliation events. We sought to
divide the 114 dyads into two groups, those that have experienced
reconciliation following a war and those that have not. This categorization
is necessary to test the hypotheses. Consequently, we assembled a dataset
of reconciliation events between the countries in the dyads identified from
the MIDS dataset. These data have been collected by the authors from
historiographic study of each of the countries and their relationships with
their dyadic "partners" subsequent to the wars between them. The list of
reconciliation events is found in Appendix C. We then coded each dyad in
Appendix B for reconciliation or its absence.

The third set of information is the status or condition over time of the
relationship between the countries in the dyads. These are the relationship
patterns referred to in the hypotheses. We obtained measures of this these
relationships from four sources. The first two are the COPDAB and WEIS
datasets (Azar, 1980a; Azar, 1980b; Davies and McDaniel, 1994;
Tomlinson, 1993; Tomlinson, 1996). Both of these datasets are well
known and have been used for a number of studies. They store in
chronological sequence the history of reported cooperative and hostile acts
directed from individual countries to other individual countries. COPDAB
While the datasets differ in many significant ways, they are broadly similar
in how they track the behavior of countries towards each other (Reuveny
and Kang, 1996). With the advent of the Goldstein scale (1992) for the
WEIS coding scheme, both datasets now have numeric values for each
event that are a measure of the degree of "cooperativeness" or "hostility" of the event. Thanks to the numeric scales, it is a straightforward matter to generate comparable time series plots for the relationships.

We accessed two additional, similar datasets to obtain data more recent than 1992. The Levant dataset (available at http://www.ukans.edu/~keds/) contains a chronology of dyadic, interstate events in the Middle East from April 1979 to February 1997 (at the time of this writing) condensed to their WEIS code values (Schrodt and Gerner, 1997). An ancillary datafile has those events summed for each month and converted to Goldstein scale values. We used the ancillary dataset. In addition, we received data from the PANDA dataset pertaining to a number of dyads for the period 1984 to 1995 (Bond and Bond, 1995). These data for all but a small subset of events had been coded to the Goldstein scale. One of the authors converted that subset manually; the decisions made regarding the coding of those events are available from the authors.

From these datasets we selected the flows pertaining to the conflict dyads that we identified from the MIDS dataset. In combination with the reconciliation events data, the time-series of these flows provide information with which we can determine whether a reconciliation event corresponded with a change in the relations between countries. Table 1 identifies which bilateral relationships are addressed by any of the four chronological events datasets and the reconciliation events dataset.
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<td>9) Greece-Japan</td>
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<td>10) New Zealand-Japan</td>
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<td>19) Uganda-Tanzania</td>
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<td>20) Vietnam-China</td>
<td>3/79 10/91</td>
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<td>21) UK-Argentina</td>
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We originally intended to perform three different types of analysis to test our hypotheses. The first type is simple visual analysis. The procedure is to plot the relationships over time that had a reconciliation,
demarcate the time of the reconciliation on the plot, and visually inspect
the plots to determine if the plots change as posited in hypotheses 1, 2, and
4. Plotting those relationships that did *not* have a reconciliation and
comparing them with the first set of plots would allow for a visual
interpretation of hypothesis 3.
METHOD FOR GENERATING VISUAL ANALYSIS

One of the authors wrote FORTRAN programs to extract the appropriate data from three of the events datasets to generate time-series plots. (The fourth dataset, the datafile ancillary to the Levant dataset already had the data in the form needed for analysis.) The programs accomplished effectively two tasks. The first program extracted from the datasets those events that were directed from one selected country to another, (for the WEIS dataset converted those events to numerical values using the Goldstein scale⁴), separately summed the numerical values for the cooperative and conflictual events for each month, and then calculated a monthly weighted net conflict (Conflict minus cooperation) measure. The result of running this program would be a datafile containing the monthly cooperation, conflict, and net conflict "flows" from one country to another for those months for which there were any events from one of the countries to the other.

The second program "padded" the datafiles with zeros for those months for which there were no reported events so that the plots would be linear from the first month of recorded events within the datafile to the last month of recorded events.⁵ The padded datafiles were then imported into the JMP statistical analysis program on a Macintosh, and the time series were plotted. For those dyads for which we found a reconciliation event, a line was drawn on the plots demarcating the time of the event.

The resulting plots contain "spikes" that portray the level or intensity of cooperative, conflictual, and net conflictual interaction for each month for which interaction was reported. All figures used in this paper present plots of only the net conflict measure. The scale of the vertical axis of the figures is not as important as is any change in the nature of the spikes around the time of the reconciliation event.
LIMITATIONS OF THE DATA

Unfortunately, only a limited number of cases offered clear visual evidence of the impact of reconciliation. The temporal span or "window" of the relationship data (mostly 1948-1992 with a few instances up to 1995 or 1997) was, in many instances, "in the wrong place" to allow for accurate comparisons between pre- and post-conflict relations. Of the 21 reconciliation events in the period 1948-1995, nine occurred in 1951-52 (cases 3-11 in Table 1), and two occurred in 1994-95 (cases 14 and 15 in Table 1); periods effectively at the end of the time series plots. In these cases we found it impossible to determine whether there was a change in behavior between pre- and post-conflict periods because there were insufficient observations between 1948 and 1952 or after 1994 to provide a sound reference point for comparison. See Figure 1 (Japan-United Kingdom) for illustration. Furthermore, of the ten remaining cases, two (cases 17 and 19 in Table 1) had insufficient data to create a meaningful graphic representation of the relationship. See Figure 2 (Uganda-Tanzania) for illustration. Because of the limited number of workable cases, eight, we did not perform the second type of analysis, interrupted time series analysis, or the third type of analysis, analysis of variance.

RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS

We found through visual inspection of the eight workable reconciliation cases, five dyads where a reconciliation event signaled a subsequent improvement in bilateral relations (cases 1, 12, 16, 18, and 20 in Table 1). See Figures 3-7 (USSR-West Germany, India-China, Egypt-Israel, Cambodia-Vietnam, and Vietnam-China) for illustrations. The three remaining cases did not provide evidence that a reconciliation
had a positive impact. Figure 8 (United Kingdom-Argentina) serves as an example of this outcome.

On balance, these findings offer modest support for our first hypothesis, that is, at least in some instances, a reconciliation event appears to lead to improved relations between countries.

Likewise, our fourth hypothesis garners support from these graphs. In most cases the reconciliation event demonstrates that it is a meaningful event by marking an inflection point in the plots and thereby signaling a change in the dynamics of the relations between the countries. The results are not sufficient to make conclusions regarding our second hypotheses because the number of positive examples are too few. Hypothesis number three cannot be addressed because the subsample of usable reconciled cases is too small to be meaningfully compared with non-reconciled cases.

As a result of these findings, we believe that the effects of reconciliation on international relations remains an open question worthy of further investigation. The concluding section of this article offers one possible approach to exploring what factors give rise to a reconciliation event and why reconciliation leads to an improvement in subsequent bilateral relations in some cases.

THOUGHTS ON FURTHER INVESTIGATION

The results of our "large n" study have accomplished two things: (1) provided enticing but inconclusive support for the suggestion that reconciliation may lead to an improvement in relations between former national belligerents; and, (2) given us a set of cases with some apparent variance on the dependent variable: subsequent bilateral relations between the former belligerents. We propose, therefore, a comparative case study of the eight instances of reconciled conflicts that appear to confirm or disconfirm our first hypothesis to explore two questions: (1) what factors
are likely to give rise to a reconciliation event; and, (2) when and why
does reconciliation improve subsequent bilateral relations.

An in-depth study of a small number of cases would provide certain
opportunities to explore these questions and present certain
methodological challenges. The major challenge, of course, is the problem
of complex, multiple determinants of social phenomenon and spurious or
invalid inferences drawn from a few cases where multiple causal factors
may be at play—in short, the problem of "over-determinancy." To control
for this problem, the case study investigation will be narrowed by the
systematic use of theories and a within-case process tracing procedure.
General hypotheses used to explain the factors that give rise to
reconciliation and the reasons for reconciliation's beneficial impact on
subsequent bilateral relations will be drawn from relevant literature in the
social sciences and become the bases for structured comparisons between
cases. Having used theory to establish the relevant independent variables,
within-case process tracing will attempt to identify the intervening steps or
cause-and-effect links between the independent variables and the outcome
of the dependent variable (George, 1982). The controlled comparative
method has certain distinct advantages as well: the problem of reliability
and validity may be smaller than in large N studies because the analyst has
a small number of cases to thoroughly consider and is less dependent on
data s/he cannot properly evaluate (Lijphart, 1975).

Specifically, the literature on negotiated ends to civil conflict offers
hypotheses that might be applied in an international context to identify the
factors that invite reconciliation events. A phenomenon quite similar to
reconciliation between countries is reconciliation within countries
following a civil war. For example, terms such as 'government of national
reconciliation' or 'government of national unity' have been used by
political leaders to describe their efforts (at least ostensibly) to bring in all
major political groups in order to heal the wounds of war. Recent
examples of these governments include South Africa, Nicaragua, Tajikistan, and Angola.

William Zartman argues that negotiated endings to civil conflict occur when there is a symmetry of power between the combatants such that the conflict has evolved into a mutually hurting stalemate, that is, neither side perceives that it can achieve its original desired outcome. A second condition for negotiated solutions is that the stalemate is not a comfortable place for either side. Both sides fear continued violence, and thus a continuation of the violence is not acceptable. In the jargon of systems analysis, the stalemate is an unstable equilibrium because both sides do not want to remain there, and one way out is to negotiate a settlement (Zartman, 1995a). Finally, he maintains that a negotiated settlement is more likely if both participants possess sufficient power and legitimacy to satisfy the minimum demands of their supporters (Zartman, 1995b). If they lack this capacity, any agreement, even if reached, is unlikely to endure. Extrapolating from civil conflicts to international conflicts, this study will consider whether these alleged preconditions for constructive rapprochement within nations also are those that accompany international reconciliations.

Two very different theoretical traditions generate hypotheses that respond to the question: "Why does reconciliation lead to an improvement in bilateral relations?" The first hypothesis derives from rational choice and game theoretic approaches to explaining cooperative outcomes. This approach stresses that the best strategy for breaking a pattern of hostile interactions is through the sending of signals that provide a measure of commitment to the pursuit of improved relations (Armstrong, 1993; Komorita, 1973; Swinth, 1967). Reconciliation events or gestures are particularly effective form of this type of signal because reconciliation is costly to the participants and costly signals are more reliable determinants of a state's true intentions.
Reconciliation events impose costs because of their "audience effect" (Fearon, 1990). Leaders do not conduct foreign policy in isolation, but before domestic and international audiences. Concern with adverse domestic political reaction to a reconciliation event with a former adversary or with domestic political humiliation should a leader decide to subsequently back down from an agreement are important domestic audience costs associated with a reconciliation attempt. Likewise, risking opprobrium from third states that may disapprove of the reconciliation or loss of international reputation should the party to a reconciliation event retreat from the agreement also imposes significant international audience costs associated with a reconciliation attempt. In sum, a reconciliation event is a costly signal that the other party is more likely to interpret as a genuine offer to improve relations and thus may break a deadlocked conflictual situation. Because of the associated costs of backing away from the reconciliation, it may also buttress initial attempts of the parties at cooperative interaction.

The case of the India-China reconciliation may illustrate some of these points. The decision by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi to visit China in December 1988 risked his standing in domestic public opinion and created a vulnerability in his subsequent relations with the Chinese. Likewise, China's decision to receive the visit and conduct a public reconciliation with Ghandi proved costly to its entente with Pakistan and constrained China's subsequent freedom in negotiations with India over issues in the bilateral relationship (Garver, 1996).

Philosophical, psychological, and legal treatments of reconciliation offer an alternative hypothesis. These approaches argue that important social practices are direct outgrowths—in institutional form—of deep human passions or emotions (Murphy and Hampton, 1988) not merely rational calculations. Reconciliation events, therefore, are evidence of "forgiveness"—the process of overcoming certain psychological attitudes
(mainly the overcoming of various forms of anger or resentment). More positively, they represent a change of heart toward a formerly perceived wrongdoer that opens the possibility of new beneficial relations. Forgiveness is not the condoning of the former belligerent's action; it is a revision in judgment of the former belligerent itself. The parties to a reconciliation come to understand themselves as something other than those incidents or traits which they do not approve.

According to this hypothesis, although cognitive judgments and strategy may be involved in the process of reconciliation, the process of reconciliation also represents the overcoming of collective emotions. Reconciliation requires: (1) regaining one's confidence in one's own worth despite the actions (aggression) that may have challenged it; and, (2) the repudiation of emotions of resentment toward the other and the willingness to see the other as someone other than "the one that hurt me" (Murphy and Hampton, 1988, p. 34).

CONCLUSION

Reconciliation is a pervasive and possibly important factor in understanding international and national politics. It has been, for example, integral to the experience of the United States. President Lincoln made it the basis for a strong federal state in his famous and eloquent Second Inaugural Address in 1865 when he declared a reconciliation with the Confederacy "with malice toward none, with charity for all." President Truman, likewise made it a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy after World War II in America's relations with Germany and Japan.

Reconciliation, however, has yet to assume a role in scholarly thinking about international politics. Perhaps because of the more traditional focus on generalizable circumstances associated with war, much less attention has been devoted to the factors that establish a successful rapprochement
between former belligerents such as reconciliation.

This article opens the door to thinking about reconciliation in world politics and offers a portrait of the impact of reconciliation that suggests it may be an important factor in improving relations between former belligerents. This finding recommends further investigation of the factors that give rise to reconciliation in international politics and a theoretically-informed search for the mechanism by which reconciliation leads to a subsequent improvement in bilateral relations. Finally, this study hopes to encourage other research that explores the ubiquitous, but seldom analyzed, political phenomenon of reconciliation.
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APPENDIX A

Interstate Wars 1888-1991 from MIDS Dataset

This file contains the interstate wars that were fought in the time period relevant to our events dataset, which runs from 1948 to 1992, and the participants of those wars as catalogued by the MIDS dataset. The time period is 1888 to 1991, the latter date because the war has to have concluded before a reconciliation event, and 1888 because we need some upper limit for what can reasonably be considered a reconciliation. The participants need to still be alive is a plausible criterion, and sixty years is a reasonable upper limit for participants in a war to still be in positions to make a reconciliation for their countries.

1. France/Thailand of 1893 - France - Thailand
2. Sino-Japanese War (1894-95) - China - Japan
3. Greco-Turkish War of 1897 (1896-97) - Turkey - Greece
4. Spanish-American War (1898) - USA - Spain
5. Boxer Rebellion (1900) - China - USA
6. Occupation of Manchuria (1900) - Russia - China
7. Russo-Japanese War (1903-05) - Russia - Japan
8. Second Central American War (1906) - Guatemala - Honduras - El Salvador
9. Third Central American War (1907) - Honduras - Nicaragua - El Salvador
10. Spanish-Moroccan War of 1909 (1909-10) - Spain - Morocco
11. Italian-Turkish War (1911) - Italy - Turkey
12. First Balkan War (1912-13) - Bulgaria - Greece - Turkey - Yugoslavia
13. Second Balkan War (1913) - Turkey - Yugoslavia - Bulgaria - Greece
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43. Cyprus War (1974)
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44. Vietnamese-Cambodian War
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45. Ethiopian-Somalian Ogaden
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46. Ugandan-Tanzanian War (1978-79)
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47. Sino-Vietnam War (1978-79)
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48. Unnamed conflict between Israel
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49. Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)
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50. Falklands Islands War (1982)
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51. Second Sino-Vietnamese War
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52. Persian Gulf War (1990-91)
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53. Armenia-Azerbaijani War over
    Nagorno-Karabakh (1991-94)
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    - Azerbaijan
APPENDIX B
Conflict Dyads 1888-1991

This appendix contains the country dyads whose members have fought at least one war against each other in the time period relevant to the events dataset. These dyads thus delimit the relationships in which we look for reconciliation events.

1. United States vs Spain
   - Spanish American war in 1898

2. United States vs China
   - Boxer Rebellion in 1900
   - Korean War

3. United States vs Soviet Union/Russia
   - occupation in 1918-19

4. United States vs Germany
   - WW1
   - WW2

5. United States vs Japan
   - WW2

6. United States vs Italy
   - WW2

7. United States vs North Korea
   - Korean War

8. United States vs North Vietnam
   - Vietnam War

9. United States vs Cambodia
   - invasion in 1970

10. United States vs Iraq
    - war in 1990-91

11. Japan vs China
    - war in 1894-95
    - Boxer Rebellion in 1900
    - Manchurian war in 1931-33
    - Marco Polo bridge war in 1937-41
    - World War II

12. Japan vs Soviet Union/Russia
    - Russo-Japanese war in 1903-05
    - Chankufeng war in 1938

13. Japan vs Mongolia
    - Nomohan war in 1939

14. Japan vs Germany
    - WW1

15. Japan vs Great Britain
    - WW2

16. Japan vs Philippines
    - WW2

17. Japan vs Netherlands
    - WW2

18. Japan vs Australia
    - WW2

19. Japan vs Burma
    - WW2

20. Germany vs Soviet Union/Russia
    - WW1
    - WW2

21. Germany vs Great Britain
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    - WW2

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26. Germany vs Norway
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27. Germany vs Netherlands
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28. Germany vs Portugal
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- WW1
- WW2
31. Germany vs Greece
- WW2
32. Germany vs Australia
- WW2
33. Germany vs New Zealand
- WW2
34. Germany vs Canada
- WW2
35. Germany vs Romania
- WW1
36. France vs Thailand
- war in 1893
37. France vs China
- Boxer Rebellion
38. France vs Soviet Union/Russia
- occupation in 1918-19
39. France vs Turkey
- French occupation of Cilicia in 1919-21
40. France vs Egypt
- war in 1956
41. France vs Iraq
- war in 1990-91
42. Great Britain vs China
- Boxer Rebellion in 1900
- Korean War
43. Great Britain vs Turkey
- WW1
44. Great Britain vs Soviet Union/Russia
- occupation in 1918-19
45. Great Britain vs Italy
- WW2
46. Great Britain vs North Korea
- Korean War
47. Great Britain vs Egypt
- war in 1956
48. Great Britain vs Argentina
- war in 1982
49. Great Britain vs Iraq
- WW2
- war in 1990-91
<p>| 50. China vs Soviet Union/Russia | - Boxer Rebellion in 1900 | - war in 1897-98 |
| - Occupation of Manchuria by Russia in 1900 | - World War I | - war in 1919-20 |
| - China East Railway dispute in 1929 | - | - Cyprus war in 1974 |
| 51. China vs South Korea | - Korean War | 63. Turkey vs Bulgaria |
| - Korean War | - first Balkan war in 1912-13 | - second Balkan war in 1913 |
| 52. China vs Canada | - Korean War | 64. Turkey vs Serbia (Yugoslavia) |
| - Korean War | - first Balkan war in 1912-13 | - WW1 |
| 53. China vs Turkey | - Korean War | 65. Turkey vs Australia |
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| 54. China vs India | - war in 1961-62 | 66. Turkey vs New Zealand |
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| - war in 1986-87 | - second Balkan war in 1913 | - WW1 |
| 56. Soviet Union/Russia vs Austria(-Hungary) | - WW1 | 68. Bulgaria vs Romania |
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| 57. Soviet Union/Russia vs Turkey | - WW1 | 69. Bulgaria vs Greece |
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| 58. Soviet Union/Russia vs Poland | - war in 1919-20 | 70. Czechoslovakia vs Hungary |
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| 59. Soviet Union/Russia vs Finland | - war in 1939-40 | 71. Hungary vs Romania |
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| 61. India vs Pakistan | - war in 1947-49 | 73. Austria(-Hungary) vs Serbia |
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| - Bangladesh war in 1971 | - war in 1909-10 | 74. Spain vs Morocco |</p>
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| 79. | Italy vs Greece  
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| 80. | Italy vs South Africa  
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|   | - war in 1948  
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|   | - war in 1973  
|   | - conflict in 1980-82 |
| 85. | Israel vs Jordan  
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|   | - war of attrition in 1967-70 |
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| 88. | Israel vs Iraq  
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|   | - war in 1973 |
| 89. | Iran vs Iraq  
|   | - war in 1980-88 |
| 90. | Iraq vs Syria  
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| 91. | Iraq vs Saudi Arabia  
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| 92. | Iraq vs Canada  
|   | - war in 1990-91 |
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|   | - war in 1990-91 |
| 94. | Ethiopia vs Somalia  
|   | - war in 1977-78 |
| 95. | Somalia vs Cuba  
|   | - war in 1977-78 |
| 96. | Uganda vs Tanzania  
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| 97. | Tanzania vs Libya  
|   | - war in 1978-79 |
| 98. | Bolivia vs Paraguay  
|   | - Chaco war in 1931-35 |
| 99. | Guatemala vs Honduras |
100. Guatemala vs El Salvador
- war in 1906

101. Nicaragua vs Honduras
- war in 1907

102. Honduras vs El Salvador
- war in 1969

103. North Vietnam vs South Vietnam
- Vietnam War

104. North Vietnam vs Australia
- Vietnam War

105. North Vietnam vs New Zealand
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106. North Vietnam vs Philippines
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107. North Vietnam vs South Korea
- Vietnam War

108. North Vietnam vs Thailand
- Vietnam War

109. South Vietnam vs Laos
- offensive in Laos

110. South Vietnam vs Cambodia
- offensive in Cambodia

111. Vietnam vs Cambodia
- war in 1975-79

112. South Korea vs North Korea
- Korean War

113. North Korea vs Canada
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114. North Korea vs Turkey
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APPENDIX C

Coding of Reconciliation Events

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Nicaragua - Honduras  08  Y
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Spain - Morocco
November, 1909


Italy - Turkey
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Bulgaria - Turkey
May, 1913

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Note: Reconciliation occurred with Germany through a surrender agreement, with senior representatives of the four major Allies meeting with executive German representatives for an official signing ceremony. Through this ceremony, reconciliation was officially implied to settle conflicts between Germany and all Allied forces.

France - Thailand 29 ?
March, 1941

India-Pakistan 30 N
N/A(See above)

Notes/Cites: See #41 above.

Israel-Egypt 31 Y
September, 1978
Israel-Iraq 31 N
Israel-Jordan 31 Y
October, 1994
Israel-Lebanon 31 N
Israel-Syria 31 N


USA-Korea 32 N
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Israel-Egypt 38 Y

Israel-Jordan 38 Y

Israel-Syria 38 N

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Egypt-israel 39 Y

September, 1978

Notes/Cites: See #42

Honduras-El Salvador 40 Y

October, 1980


Pakistan-India 41 N

Israel-Jordan 42 Y October, 1994
Israel-Egypt 42 Y September, 1978
Israel-Saudi Arabia 42 N
Israel-Syria 42 N
Israel-Iraq 42 N


Turkey-Cyprus 43 N


Vietnam-Cambodia 44 P October, 1991


Ethiopia-Somalia 45 Y April, 1988

Notes/Cites: January 18-19, 1986 Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile

Uganda-Tanzania 46 Y
February, 1981


China-Vietnam 47 Y
October, 1991

Notes/Cites: See #51

Syria-Israel 48 N


Iran-Iraq 49 N


U.K.-Argentina 50 Y
March, 1990

For example, the term "reconciliation" often appears in the vocabulary of actors within states emerging from bouts of traumatic internal violence. Cases of that term being used following intrastate violence include instances of state collapse (Chad and Uganda in the 1980s), civil war (El Salvador and Cambodia in the 1980s and 1990s), severe repression by military regimes following their coming to power through coups (Chile and Argentina in the 1970s),
and struggles that led to regime overthrows (Nicaragua in the 1970s and South Africa in the apartheid era).

2 The notion of international society (or society of states) we take from Hedley Bull (1977, p.13). According to Bull, international society "exists when a group of states, conscious of certain common interests and common values, form a society in the sense that they conceive themselves to be bound by a common set of rules in their relations with one another, and share in the workings of common institutions."

3 It is worth noting that this question dovetails with recent work on rivalries and, in particular, rivalry termination (Goertz and Diehl, 1993; Thompson, 1995; Bennett, 1996; Bennett, 1997a; Bennett, 1997b, Bercovitch and Diehl, 1997; and Gibler, 1997) in that reconciliation is one form or pathway of rivalry termination.

4 The Goldstein scale contains numeric values for 61 WEIS events. The version of WEIS we received in the Fall of 1996 contains 63 events. The two new events are 022 [COM2] Pessimistic comment on situation and 024 [COM4] Optimistic comment on situation. We gave event 022 a value of -0.5 and event 024 a value of 0.5.

5 The source code for the FORTRAN programs can be found on the Web site for Brecke (http://www.inta.gatech.edu/peter/reconcile.html).

6 There are, in our estimation, two possible explanations for cases with insufficient data to generate a post-reconciliation graph. First, cooperative events are not reported as much in the media as are conflictual events, and thus they are relatively poorly represented in the datasets, particularly COPDAB and WEIS. Improvements in the relations between countries manifested in trade or other business agreements, for example, often do not pass the threshold of "newsworthiness" for a newspaper such as The New York Times and as a result are not reported. If these events are not reported, an improvement in relations will not appear in the time series plots. This is particularly problematic for WEIS because it is based almost exclusively on The New York Times, and international coverage, especially of events like trade deals in Africa, by The New York Times has been declining in recent years (Tomlinson, personal communication in 1996). Second, the datasets, especially COPDAB and WEIS, suffer from unevenness in their coverage of different parts of the world, which results in a lack of reported events for certain dyads even though there was almost certainly interaction. For a number of dyads that experienced a reconciliation in the 1948-1992 time frame such as Tanzania and Uganda in 1981, there simply were not enough reported events, hostile or cooperative, between the countries such that one could assert relations had changed.
The second type of analysis consists of performing interrupted time-series analysis on the dyadic flows with reconciliation events being an intervention that "interrupts" a time series (McDowall, McCleary, Meidinger, and Hay, 1980). Specifically, if time-series estimation for individual dyads with an intervention representing a reconciliation event results in a better statistical fit than estimation of those same dyads without the intervention being represented, and if the mean value for the relationship following the reconciliation event is higher than it was before the reconciliation, that finding would support hypothesis 1. Obviously, this finding would need to occur for a high proportion of the dyads with reconciliation events for this form of analysis to be evidence for hypothesis 1.

The third type of analysis is to perform analysis of variance with the non-reconciliation dyads serving as one subsample and the dyads with reconciliation serving as the other subsample. If there is a difference between the non-reconciliation and reconciliation subsamples in their average increase between immediate post-conflict relations and relations at a later time (with that later time sufficiently long to enable all reconciliation events to be incorporated), and that the difference is such that the reconciliation subsample exhibits the larger increase, that would be evidence for hypothesis 3.

Similarly, hypothesis 2 can be tested by comparing the long-term pre-conflict mean value of a relationship against a comparable post-conflict mean value that begins sufficiently subsequent to the end of the conflict for reconciliation events to have taken place. If the subsample of reconciliation cases exhibits no difference compared to the non-reconciliation subsample, that is evidence supporting hypothesis 2.