

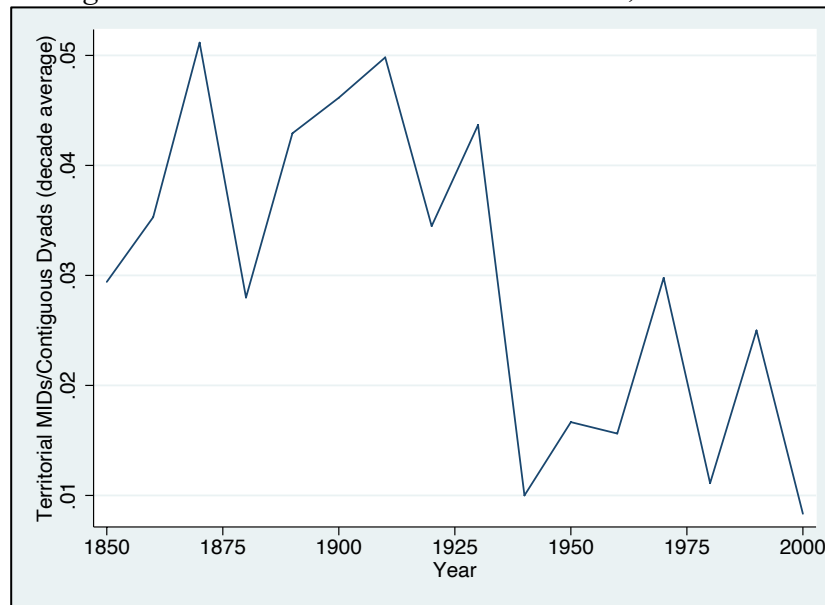
The Evolution and Causes of Territorial Peace in the Americas

Appendix 1

Appendix A. Evidence of Territorial Peace in the Americas.

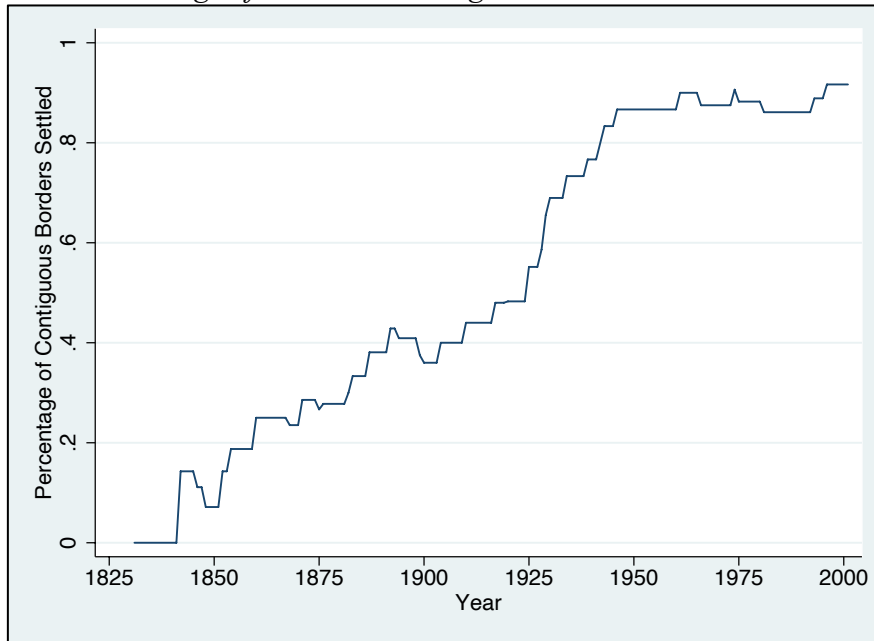
Data presented in this section offer additional evidence of a territorial peace in the Americas. Figure 1 shows that the number of territorial militarized disputes in the Americas (standardized by the number of dyads and presented as a five-year moving average) trends downward over time. States are fighting less often over territorial issues as time progresses. Figure 2 tracks the percentage of contiguous dyads that have settled borders in the Americas during the period 1830-2001. As this figure demonstrates, this percentage climbs consistently over time, suggesting that fewer contiguous dyads have territorial disputes to address. Finally, Table 3 lists all American dyads and notes – as of 2001 – whether they have settled borders (Owsiak et al. 2018), possess territorial disputes (Hensel et al 2008), and are at territorial peace.

Figure A1. Territorial MIDs in the Americas, 1850-2001.



Notes: Data series starts in 1851 because the number of contiguous dyads stabilizes and is less subject to divergent historical interpretations. Data sources: Owsiak et al (2018); Stinnett et al (2002); Hensel et al. (2008).

Figure A2. Percentage of American Contiguous Boundaries Settled, 1830-2001.



Notes: The small backslides are due to increases in the number of American dyads. Although the “de-settlement” of previously settled territorial boundaries is possible (Owsiak and Gibler 2017), it has never taken place according to the definition of settlement we use (Owsiak et al 2018). Still, important claims regarding borders previously considered settled did arise between Bolivia and Chile, Venezuela and Guyana, Nicaragua and Colombia, and Nicaragua and Costa Rica, among others. Data Source: Owsiak et al (2018).

Table A1. Territorial Peace in the Americas (as of 2001).

| Country Dyad | | Settled Borders | Ongoing Disputes | Territorial Peace |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Argentina | Uruguay | Yes | No | Yes |
| Argentina | UK | No Border | Yes | No |
| Belize | Guatemala | No | Yes | No |
| Bolivia | Paraguay | Yes | No | Yes |
| Bolivia | Chile | Yes | Yes | No |
| Bolivia | Argentina | Yes | No | Yes |
| Brazil | Bolivia | Yes | No | Yes |
| Brazil | Paraguay | Yes | No | Yes |
| Brazil | Argentina | Yes | No | Yes |
| Brazil | Uruguay | Yes | Yes | No |
| Canada | Denmark | No Border | Yes | No |
| Chile | Argentina | Yes | No | Yes |
| Colombia | Venezuela | Yes | Yes | No |
| Colombia | Ecuador | Yes | No | Yes |
| Colombia | Peru | Yes | No | Yes |
| Colombia | Brazil | Yes | No | Yes |
| Costa Rica | Panama | Yes | No | Yes |
| Cuba | United States | No Border | Yes | No |
| Ecuador | Peru | Yes | No | Yes |
| Guatemala | Honduras | Yes | Yes | No |
| Guatemala | El Salvador | Yes | No | Yes |
| Guyana | Suriname | No | Yes | No |
| Guyana | Brazil | Yes | No | Yes |
| Haiti | Dom. Rep. | Yes | No | Yes |
| Haiti | United States | No Border | Yes | No |
| Honduras | El Salvador | Yes | Yes | No |
| Honduras | Nicaragua | Yes | Yes | No |
| Honduras | Belize | No Border | Yes | No |
| Mexico | Belize | Yes | No | Yes |
| Mexico | Guatemala | Yes | No | Yes |
| Nicaragua | Costa Rica | Yes | No | Yes |
| Nicaragua | Colombia | No Border | Yes | No |
| Panama | Colombia | Yes | No | Yes |
| Paraguay | Argentina | Yes | No | Yes |
| Peru | Brazil | Yes | No | Yes |
| Peru | Bolivia | Yes | No | Yes |
| Peru | Chile | Yes | No | Yes |
| Suriname | Brazil | Yes | No | Yes |
| Suriname | France | No | Yes | No |
| US | Canada | Yes | Yes | No |
| US | Mexico | Yes | No | Yes |
| Venezuela | Guyana | No | Yes | No |
| Venezuela | Brazil | Yes | No | Yes |

Note: Territorial peace exists when a dyad has settled its borders (if relevant) and possesses no ongoing territorial dispute. Data Source: Frederick et al (2017); Owsiak et al (2018). We alter the latter slightly to consider the France-Suriname contiguity.

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