

IDEA CODEBOOK

State Visits are coded "travel to meet" in the definition variable. They have a Goldstein value in the Goldstein variable of 1.9 (so does release and return, so they can't just code all 1.9's on Goldstein as state visits).

ccode1 - the correlates of war numerical identifier for the state that is the source of the event (see www.correlatesofwar.org)

ccode2 - the correlates of war numerical identifier for the state that is the target of the event

year - year the event began month - month the event began (not available for 2008 and following)

day - day the event began (not available for 2008 and following)

sourcecountry - the full name of the state that is the source of the event (not available for 2008 and following)

targetcountry - the full name of the state that is the target of the event (not available for 2008 and following)

goldstein - the goldstein weighted value for the severity of the event. Events that are more important (a war) have a larger value than those of lower severity (a negative comment). Conflictual events are indicated by negative numbers while cooperative events are coded as positive numbers. For more information on the Goldstein scale, see Goldstein, Joshua S. 1992. "A Conflict-Cooperation Scale for WEIS Events Data." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 36(2): 369-385.

definition - a brief description of the event coded from Reuters news sources.