Terrorism and Targeted Violence (T2V) in the United States Data Codebook

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Targeted Violence Definition and Inclusion Criteria

Targeted violence is defined as an activity that:

1). Involves acts dangerous to human life that are in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State and that:

- Involve a degree of planning and target
    - Individual(s) based on actual or perceived identity traits or group affiliation or
    - Property based on actual or perceived identity traits or group affiliation; and

2). Appears intended to:

- Intimidate, coerce, or otherwise impact a broader population beyond the target(s) of the immediate act; or
- Generate publicity for the perpetrator or his or her grievances; and

3). Occurs within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Additional Inclusion Criteria:

Events are reviewed against the following T2V inclusion criteria:

1) The event targeted or was carried out within the United States or its territories;
2) The plot was premeditated. Premeditation is defined as an intentional and thoughtful action that is instigated by the perpetrator;
3) There is evidence that the perpetrator(s) took steps toward completing the crime, such as acquiring a weapon or the materials necessary to construct a weapon, surveilling or researching a target, raising funds for the plot, recruiting co-conspirators, or engaging in military-style training. Individuals who made threatening statements but took no actionable steps toward conducting attacks are excluded from the data;
4) There is substantial evidence in open sources that the plot was an intended public mass casualty event, ideologically-motivated attack, premediated hate crime, some form of workplace violence, or "spill over" attack that speaks to a perceived grievance. Public mass casualty events include intended mass shootings, vehicle ramming events, rampage or spree killings with a grievance motive, and school shootings that are not gang or drug-related.

Codebook Variables

1. Variable Name: **Event ID** *(event_id)*
   Variable type: Numeric (Event ID)
   Source: PIRUS
   Variable description: Unique 7-digit identifying number for event generated during event identification.

2. Variable name: **Summary** *(summary)*
   Variable type: Text
   Source: BIAS
   Variable description: Provide a summary description of the event within a maximum of three-four complete sentences. The description should provide a basic account of the "who, what, when, where, how, and why" of the event.

3. Variable name: **Conclusion Date** *(conclusion_date)*
   Variable type: Numerical
   Source: BIAS
   Variable description: Enter the day/month/year that the plot concluded (e.g., 12/01/2023). The conclusion date should be either the day the plot was carried out, if it was successful or failed, or the day the first arrest was made, if it was foiled. If only the month or year are known, then assume the first day of the month or the first day of the year and enter '01'. If unknown, enter -99.

4. Variable name: **Conclusion Year** *(conclusion_year)*
   Variable type: Numerical (year)
   Source: BIAS
   Variable description: Enter the year that the event concluded (YYYY). If the subject was arrested before the plot was carried out (e.g., in the case of a foiled plot) enter the year in which the perpetrator was arrested.

5. Variable name: **Conclusion Month** *(conclusion_month)*
   Variable type: Numerical (month)
   Source: BIAS
   Variable description: Enter the month that the event concluded (MM). If the subject was arrested before the plot was carried out, (e.g., in the case of a foiled plot) enter the month in which the perpetrator was arrested.

6. Variable name: **State** *(state)*
   Variable type: Text (US state/territory)
   Source: GTD
   Variable description: Enter the US state or territory where the event occurred (fully spelled out, no abbreviations) or where the plot was intended to take place (e.g., in the case of a foiled plot). If this information is unknown, resort to the arrest location of the perpetrator(s).

7. Variable name: **City** *(city)*
   Variable type: Text (US city)

Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the US city where the plot occurred (fully spelled out, no abbreviations) or where the plot was intended to take place (e.g., in the case of a foiled plot). If this information is unknown, resort to the arrest location of the perpetrator(s). If multiple perpetrator(s), resort to the arrest location of the first arrest. If unknown, enter -99.

8. Variable name: **Number Perpetrators** *(number_perpetrators)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: PIRUS-Plots
Variable description: Enter the number of perpetrators who participated in the event. If no one was arrested for the crime, enter -99 unless sources specify how many assailants authorities believe carried out the attack.

9. Variable name: **Age** *(age)*
Variable type: Text
Source: PIRUS
Variable description: Enter the age of the perpetrator at the time of the event. If more than one assailant participated in the event, separate ages with a semicolon (e.g., 18; 23). If all that is known is that a juvenile participated in the crime, enter <18. If all that is known is that an adult participated in the crime, enter >17. If the age is unknown, enter -99.

10. Variable name: **Juvenile Perpetrator** *(juvenile_perpetrators)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Did an assailant under the age of 18 participate in the event?

> 0 = No
> 1 = Yes
> -99 = Unknown

11. Variable name: **Terrorism** *(terrorism)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event an act of terrorism or intended to be an act of terrorism? Terrorism is defined using the Global Terrorism Database (GTD)'s definition: "the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a nonstate actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion, or intimidation.[1]"

> 0 = No
> 1 = Yes

12. Variable name: **Premeditated Hate Crime** *(premeditated_hate_crime)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event a premeditated hate crime or intended to be a premeditated hate crime? T2V uses the Federal Bureau of Investigation's definition of hate

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[1] https://www.start.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2024-10/Codebook.pdf

crime: "criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity."

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

13. Variable name: **School-based Targeted Violence** *(school_based_targeted_violence)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event an act of school-based targeted violence or intended to be an act of school-based targeted violence?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

14. Variable name: **Workplace Targeted Violence** *(workplace_targeted_violence)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event an act of workplace targeted violence or intended to be an act of workplace targeted violence?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

15. Variable name: **Public Mass Violence** *(public_mass_violence)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event an act of public mass violence or intended to be an act of public mass violence? Public mass violence is defined as an event in which the perpetrator intended to commit, or committed, an attack resulting in four or more casualties (deaths or injuries).

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

16. Variable name: **Other Targeted Violence** *(other_targeted_violence)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: T2V
Variable Description: Was the event an act of other targeted violence or intended to be an act of other targeted violence? Other targeted violence is defined as property crimes targeting critical infrastructure or key resources or low casualty attacks in which the perpetrator intended to commit, or committed, an attack resulting in less than four or more casualties (deaths or injuries).

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

17. Variable name: **Outcome** *(outcome)*
    Variable type: Ordinal
    Source: T2V
    Variable Description: What was the outcome of the event? In order for a plot to be coded as successful, the plot must have actually taken place. If the perpetrator(s) of a plot detonated an explosive device at the target, but the device did not harm any of the victims, it is still considered successful since the perpetrators managed to detonate the device. Therefore, if a weapon was used during the attack, the attack would be successful, with the exception of assassinations. Assassinations are only successful if the intended target of the plot is killed. Failed plots are plots that are stopped due to the actions of the perpetrator(s), such as change in heart/mind of the perpetrator or some type of weapon failure or capability issue. Foiled plots are plots that are halted by any type of outside actor (e.g., law enforcement, an informant, a family member reporting it, etc.)

    > 0 = Foiled plot
    > 1 = Failed attack
    > 2 = Successful attack

18. Variable name: **Abortion Related** *(abortion_related)*
    Variable type: Dichotomous
    Source: GTD
    Variable description: Was the target of the event an individual or facility related to the provision of abortion services?

    > 0 = No
    > 1 = Yes

19. Variable name: **Business** *(business)*
    Variable type: Dichotomous
    Source: GTD
    Variable description: Was the target of the event a business?

    > 0 = No
    > 1 = Yes

20. Variable name: **Education** *(education)*
    Variable type: Dichotomous
    Source: GTD
    Variable description: Was the target of the event a school, college, or university?

    > 0 = No
    > 1 = Yes

21. Variable name: **Government** *(government)*
    Variable type: Dichotomous
    Source: GTD
    Variable description: Was the target of the event an individual or facility related to federal,

state, or local government?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

22. Variable name: *Infrastructure (infrastructure)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event critical infrastructure equipment or facilities?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

23. Variable name: **Journalists & Media** *(journalists_and_media)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event related to journalism or the news media?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

24. Variable name: **Maritime** *(maritime)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event related to maritime activity?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

25. Variable name: **Military** *(military)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event related to the U.S. military?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

26. Variable name: **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)** *(non_governmental_organizations)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event an NGO?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

27. Variable name: **Police** *(police)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD

Variable description: Was the target of the event related to federal, state, or local law enforcement?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

28. Variable name: **Private Citizens: Race/Ethnicity** *(private_citizens_race_ethnicity)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event chosen because of their actual or perceived race or ethnicity?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

29. Variable name: **Private Citizens: Religion** *(private_citizens_religion)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event chosen because of their actual or perceived religious affiliation?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

30. Variable name: **Private Citizens: Sex** *(private_citizens_sex)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event chosen because of their biological sex?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

31. Variable name: **Private Citizens: Sexual Orientation** *(private_citizens_sexual_orientation)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event chosen because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

32. Variable name: **Private Citizens: Other** *(private_citizens_other)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event a private citizen or private property that falls outside of the other private citizen types?

      0 = No

1 = Yes

33. Variable name: **Religious Figures/Institutions** *(religious_figures_institutions)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event a place of worship or religious figure?

    0 = No
    1 = Yes

34. Variable name: **Transportation** *(transportation)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event related to public transportation?

    0 = No
    1 = Yes

35. Variable name: **Other Target** *(other_target)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Was the target of the event a person or property that falls outside of the other target types?

    0 = No
    1 = Yes

36. Variable name: **Unknown Target** *(unknown_target)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Is the target of the event unknown?

    0 = No
    1 = Yes

37. Variable name: **Biological** *(biological)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a biological weapon?

    0 = No
    1 = Yes

38. Variable name: **Blunt Object** *(blunt_object)*
Variable type: Dichotomous l
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a blunt object (e.g., brick, bat)?

0 = No
1 = Yes

39. Variable name: **Chemical** *(chemical)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a chemical weapon (e.g., pepper spray)?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

40. Variable name: **Explosive Device** *(explosive_device)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of an explosive device?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

41. Variable name: *Firearms (firearms)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of firearms (e.g., handgun, rifle, airsoft gun)?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

42. Variable name: **Incendiary** *(incendiary)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of an incendiary weapon (e.g., Molotov cocktail, gasoline)?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

43. Variable name: **Melee** *(melee)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a melee weapon (e.g., hands or feet)?

      0 = No
      1 = Yes

44. Variable name: **Nuclear** *(nuclear)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a nuclear weapon?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

45. Variable name: **Radiological** *(radiological)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a radiological weapon?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

46. Variable name: **Sabotage Equipment** *(sabotage_equipment)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of sabotage equipment (e.g., bolt cutters)?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

47. Variable name: **Sharp Object** *(sharp_object)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a sharp object (e.g., knife, axe)?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

48. Variable name: **Vehicle** *(vehicle)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a vehicle as a weapon?

       0 = No
       1 = Yes

49. Variable name: **Other Weapon** *(other_weapon)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of a weapon other than those listed above?

0 = No
1 = Yes

50. Variable name: **Unknown Weapon** *(unknown_weapon)*
Variable type: Dichotomous
Source: GTD
Variable description: Did the event involve the use or planned use of an unknown weapon type?

0 = No
1 = Yes

51. Variable name: **Plot Type** *(plot_type)*
Variable type: Categorical
Source: DOJ and PIRUS-Plots
Variable description: What type of plot did the perpetrator intend to carry out? A mass casualty incident is defined as an event in which the perpetrator(s) intended to or successfully killed or injured four or more people, not including themselves, in an attack. Property crimes include arsons where the perpetrator knew that no people were present at the time of the attack and intended property destruction. The most severe outcome is recorded; for example, a mass casualty event that included damage to property is coded as mass casualty.

1 = Property crime
2 = Low casualty incident
3 = Mass casualty incident

52. Variable name: **Successful Mass Casualty Attack** *(successful_mass_casualty_attack)*
Variable type: Categorical
Source: DOJ and PIRUS-Plots
Variable description: Did the perpetrator(s) successfully carry out a mass casualty attack? A mass casualty incident is defined as an event in which the perpetrator(s) successfully killed or injured four or more people, not including themselves, in an attack.

0 = No
1 = Yes

53. Variable name: **Total Killed** *(total_killed)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of confirmed fatalities that occurred in the event. This number includes **both victims and perpetrators** who died as a direct result of the attack. Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

54. Variable name: **Perpetrators Killed** *(perpetrators_killed)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of perpetrators killed as a direct result of the event.

Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

55. Variable name: **Victims Killed** *(victims_killed)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of victims (excludes perpetrators) killed as a direct result of the event. Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

56. Variable name: **Total Wounded** *(total_wounded)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of confirmed non-fatal injuries that occurred as a result of the event. This number includes both victims and perpetrators who were injured as a direct result of the attack. Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or was non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

57. Variable name: **Perpetrators Wounded** *(perpetrators_wounded)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of perpetrators injured as a direct result of the event. Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or was non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

58. Variable name: **Victims Wounded** *(victims_wounded)*
Variable type: Numerical
Source: GTD
Variable description: Enter the total number of victims (excludes perpetrators) injured as a direct result of the event. Only record a value for plots that were carried out. If the plot was foiled before being carried out or was non-violent (property crime), enter 0. If unknown, enter -99.

59. Variable name: **Federal Criminal Charges** *(federal_criminal_charges)*
Variable type: Categorical
Source: PIRUS-Plots
Variable description: Did the event result in federal charges for any of the perpetrators involved?

        0 = No
        1 = Yes

60. Variable name: **State/Local Criminal Charges** *(state_local_criminal_charges)*
Variable type: Categorical
Source: PIRUS-Plots
Variable description: Did the event result in state or local charges for any of the perpetrators

involved?

> 0 = No
> 1 = Yes

61. Variable name: **Court Martial** *(court_martial)*
    Variable type: Categorical
    Source: PIRUS-Plots
    Variable description: Did the event result in a court martial for any of the perpetrators involved?

    > 0 = No
    > 1 = Yes

62. Variable name: **No Criminal Charges** *(no_criminal_charges)*
    Variable type: Categorical
    Source: PIRUS-Plots
    Variable description: Did the event result in no charges for any of the perpetrators involved (e.g., the perpetrator died or was never arrested/charged)?

    > 0 = No
    > 1 = Yes

The T2V database uses the following coding scheme for classifying target types:

Abortion Related
- Clinics (family planning facility, pregnancy crisis center, etc.)
- Personnel
- Anti-Abortion/Pro-Choice Demonstrators

Business
- Gas/Oil/Electric
- Restaurant/Bar/Café
- Bank/Commerce
- Corporation
- Industrial/Textiles/Factory
- Medical/Pharmaceutical
- Retail/Grocery/Bakery
- Hotel/Resort
- Farm/Ranch
- Mining
- Entertainment/Cultural/Stadium/Casino
- Construction
- Private Security Company/Firm
- Legal Services
- Trucking company
- Co-Workers (at place of business)

Education
- Teacher/Professor/Instructor/Students
- School/University/Educational Building
- Other Personnel

Government
- Judges/Attorneys/Courts
- Politician or Political Party Movement/Meeting/Rally
- Head of State
- Government Personnel (excluding police, military)
- Election-Related
- Intelligence
- Government Buildings/Facility/Office
- Diplomatic Personnel
- Embassy/Consulate
- International Organization (peacekeeper, aid agency, compound)

Infrastructure
- Gas
- Electricity
- Oil
- Food Supply

- Water Supply
- Radio
- Television
- Phone
- Internet Infrastructure

Journalists & Media
- Newspaper Journalist/Staff/Facility
- Radio Journalist/Staff/Facility
- Television Journalist/Staff/Facility
- Other (including online news agencies)

Maritime
- Civilian Maritime
- Commercial Maritime
- Oil Tanker
- Port

Military
- Military Barracks/Base/Headquarters
- Military Recruiting Station/Academy
- Military Aircraft
- Military Maritime
- Non-combatant Personnel
- Military Personnel (soldiers, troops, officers, forces)
- Military Transportation/Vehicle
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Veteran Groups/Lodges

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Domestic NGO
- International NGO
- Domestic Not-for-Profit (including homeless shelters and community centers)

Other
- Ambulance/EMS/Emergency Dispatchers
- Fire Fighter/Truck/Station
- Waste Transfer Station

Police
- Police Buildings (Headquarters/Stations/School)
- Police Patrol (including vehicles and convoys)
- Police Security Forces/Officers
- Prison/Jail

Private Citizens: Sex
- Biological Female

- Biological Male

Private Citizens: Sexual Orientation
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity

Private Citizens: Race/Ethnicity
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Arab
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Multiple Races, Group
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
- White

Private Citizens: Religion
- Buddhist
- Catholic
- Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Jehovah's Witness
- Jewish
- Mormon
- Multiple Religions, Group
- Other Christian
- Other Religion
- Protestant
- Sikh
- Atheism/Agnosticism, etc.

Private Citizens: Other
- Unnamed Civilian/Unspecified
- Named Civilian
- Private Vehicles/Transportation
- Civilians Outside of Businesses
- House/Apartment/Residence
- Procession/Gathering (funeral, wedding, birthday, religious)
- Public Areas (e.g., Public garden, parking lot, garage, beach, public buildings, camps)
- Memorial/Cemetery/Monument
- Museum/Cultural Center/Cultural House
- Protesters (excluding abortion related demonstrations)
- Co-Workers (away from place of business)

Religious Figures/Institutions
- Religious Figure
- Place of Worship (e.g., church, synagogue, mosque, etc.)
- Affiliated Institution

Transportation
- Aircraft
- Airline Officer/Personnel
- Airport
- Bus
- Train/Train Tracks/Trolley
- Bus Station/Stop
- Subway
- Bridge/Car Tunnel
- Highway/Road/Toll/Traffic Signal
- Taxi