

STAT 225: LINEAR MODELS

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RESEARCH QUESTION

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What is the relationship between terrorist activity and the political orientation of the head of government?

VARIABLES

Dependent Variable.

- **terrorist activity:** the number of attacks on a country by a recognized *domestic* terrorist group.

Research Variable.

- **political orientation:** the left-right orientation.

Control Variables.

- **head of government:** the president (in a presidential system) or the prime minister (in a parliamentary or mixed system) [0/1 variable].
- **economic strength:** the change in GDP per capita for the previous year