

# STAT 225: LINEAR MODELS

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THESIS STATEMENT

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As the head of government becomes more conservative, terrorist activity decreases.

## UNIT OF ANALYSIS

The unit of analysis is the State.

## VARIABLES

- **Dependent variable:** Number of terrorist attacks.
- **Research variable:** Left-Right orientation of the head of government.
- **Control variables:**
  - Population of the state
  - Democracy level in the state
  - Presence of terrorist activity in the previous year