



EPR-TEK

Transnational ethnic connections

Transborder Ethnic Kin Dataset

Codebook

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1 Overview

The Trans-border Ethnic Kin (EPR-TEK) dataset records all politically relevant ethnic groups living in at least two countries, i.e. ethnic groups with transnational ethnic connections and whose settlement area is split by an international border.

The EPR-TEK dataset identifies trans-border ethnic groups based on a nominal matching of all ethnic groups included in the EPR dataset (Cederman, Wimmer and Min, 2010). Thus, groups in two different countries are coded as trans-border kin if they share the same ethnographic name, including synonyms. Each transnational ethnic group has a unique TEK group code.

Where an ethnic group included in the core EPR dataset refers to an umbrella group, containing several sub-groups, the EPR-TEK data code a maximum of three trans-border ethnic connections for these sub-groups.

The present data set is sorted by TEK group.

When using this dataset in your research, please include the following reference:

- Vogt, Manuel, Nils-Christian Bormann, Seraina Rüegger, Lars-Erik Cederman, Philipp Hunziker and Luc Girardin. 2015. "Integrating Data on Ethnicity, Geography, and Conflict: The Ethnic Power Relations Dataset Family." *Journal of Peace Research* 59(7):1327-1342.

An application of a previous version of the TEK data can be found at:

- Cederman, Lars-Erik, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Idean Salehyan and Julian Wucherpfennig. 2013. “Transborder Ethnic Kin and Civil War.” *International Organizations* 67(02):389-410.

2 Description of variables

- **TEK**

Description: TEK group ID

Type: Integer

Value range: $\mathbb{N}$

- **gwcode**

Description: GW code of the country

Type: Integer

Value range: $\mathbb{N}$

Source: GW

- **statename**

Description: Name of country

Type: String

Source: GW

- **groupname**

Description: Name of ethnic group

Type: String

Source: EPR

- **gwgroupid**

Description: Unique ID of ethnic group

Type: Integer

Value range: $\mathbb{N}$

Source: EPR

3 Coding examples

3.1 Transnational ethnic group

The Kurds who live mainly spread among the borders of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria are politically relevant minorities in all of these countries and are a classic example of a border-crossing ethnic group.

3.2 Umbrella group

For example, the Northerners (Mande and Voltaic/Gur) in the Ivory Coast are an umbrella group with TEK connections to several countries: The Mande (TEK code 507) are ethnic kin of the Malinke in Guinea, the Mandingo in Liberia and the Mande in Mali; the Voltaic/Gur (TEK code 520) are ethnic kin of the Gur in Burkina Faso and the Voltaic in Mali.

References

- Cederman, Lars-Erik, Andreas Wimmer and Brian Min. 2010. "Why Do Ethnic Groups Rebel? New Data and Analysis." *World Politics* 62(1):87–119.
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