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## **Session 6: Violent Conflict Trends**

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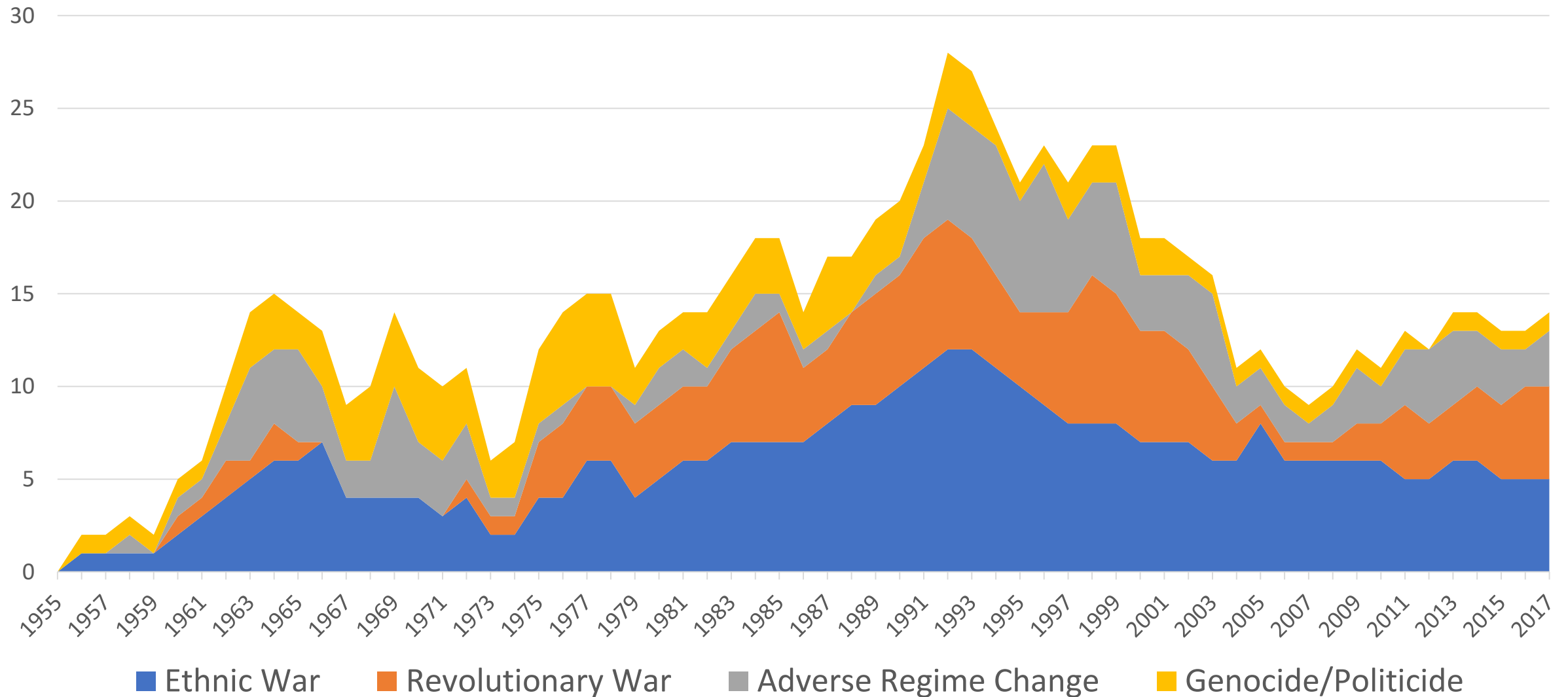
# **WAR & CONFLICT IN AFRICA**



# Conflict Trends in Africa

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George Washington University  
ACSS, June 14, 2019

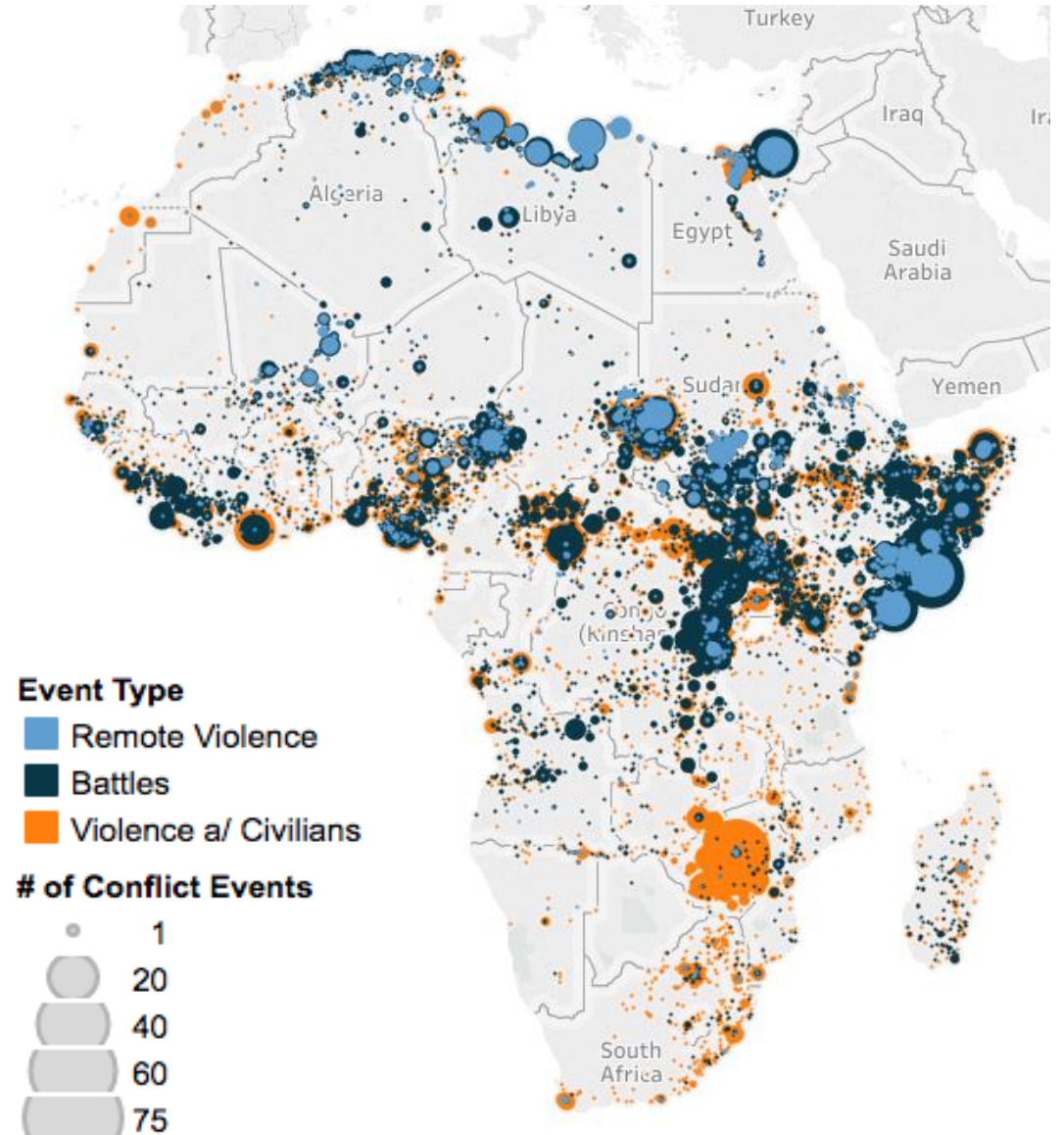
# State Failure Events in Africa, 1955-2017



Source: Political Instability Task Force

# Political Conflict in Africa, 2000-2016

Source: ACLED

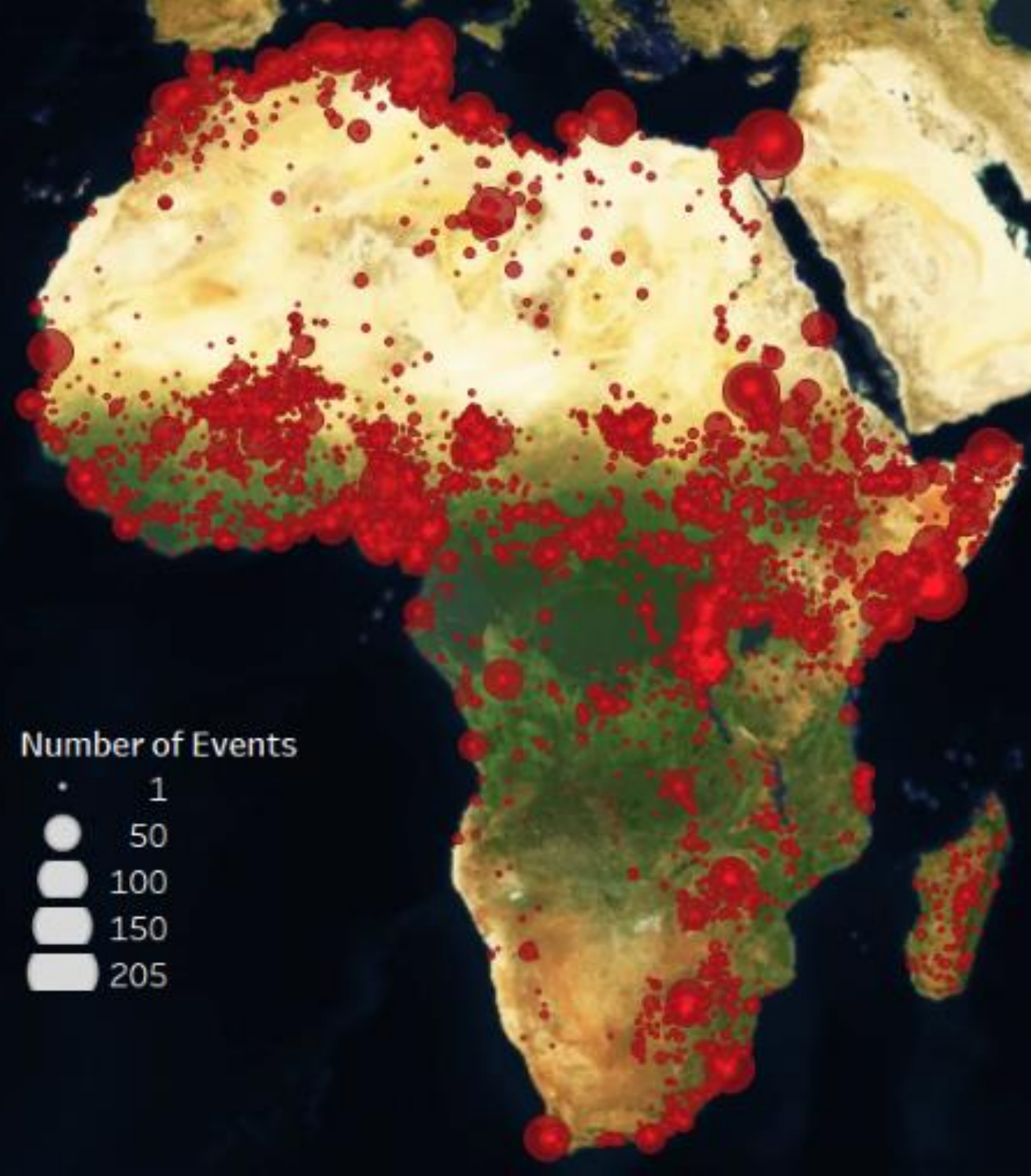




# Political Violence & Protests in Africa

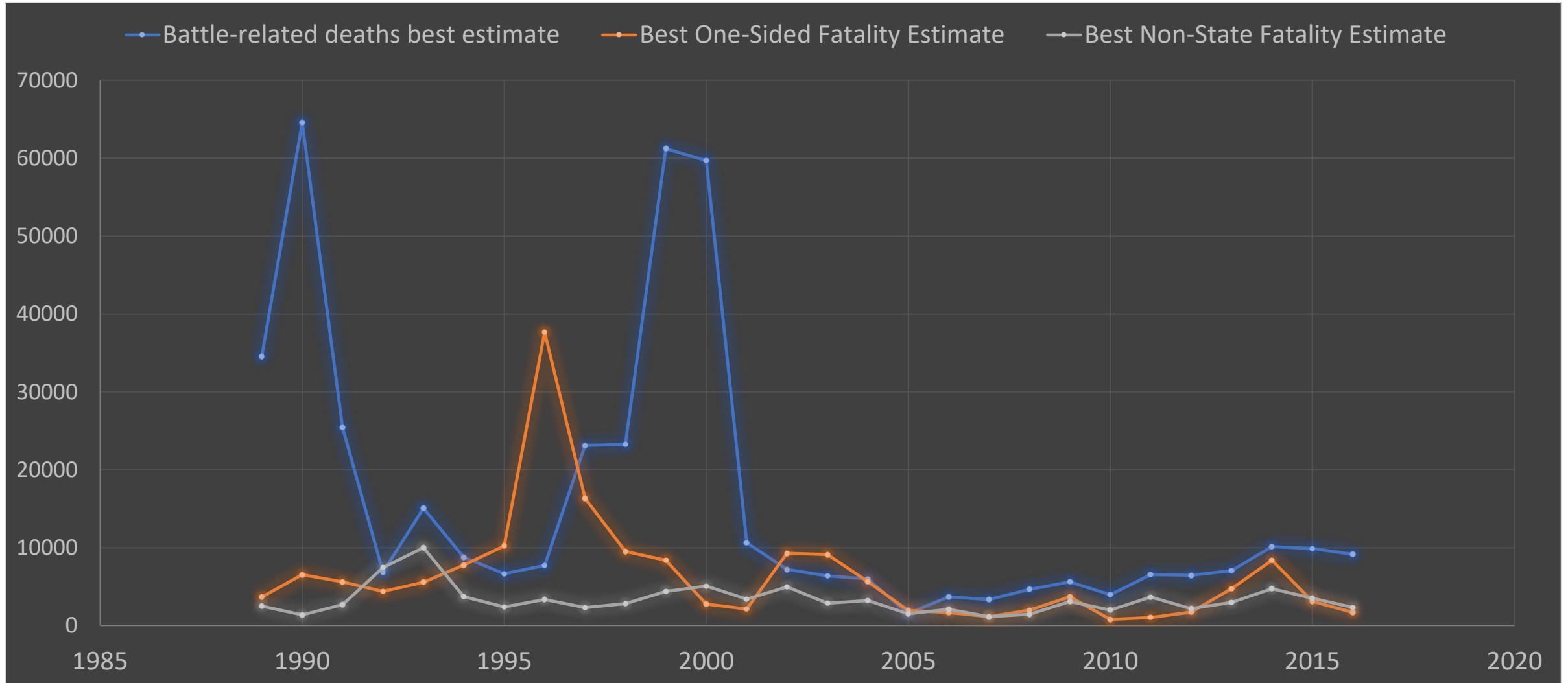
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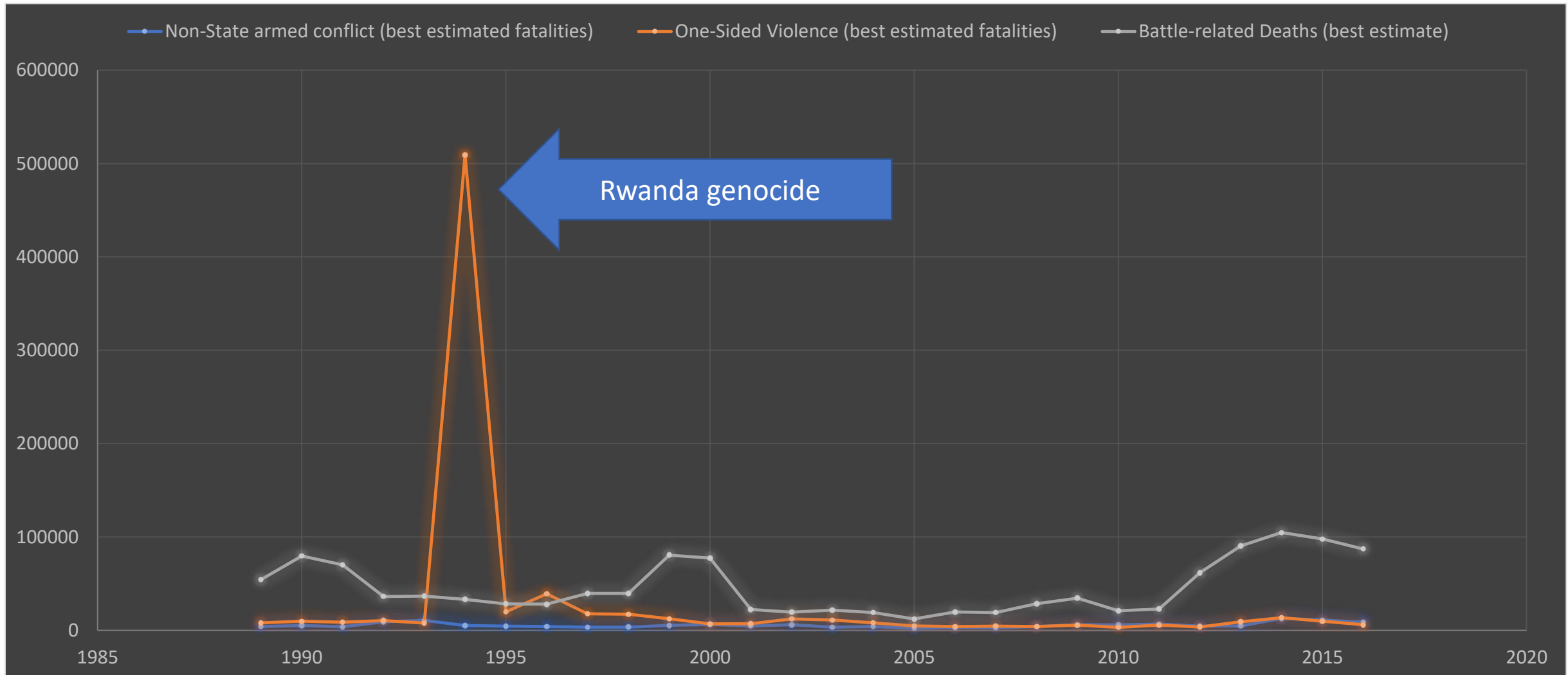
# Africa: Total Organized Violence Fatalities, 1989-2016

\* Excluding one-sided violence in the 1994 Rwandan genocide



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# Organized Violence Global Fatalities, 1989-2016



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# A Typology of Organized Violence in Africa



Intrastate Armed Conflicts



Interstate Armed Conflicts



Non-State Armed Conflicts



One-Sided Violence



Military Coups



Electoral Violence



Livelihood Struggles

Colonial  
Legacies

Post-  
Colonial  
Elites

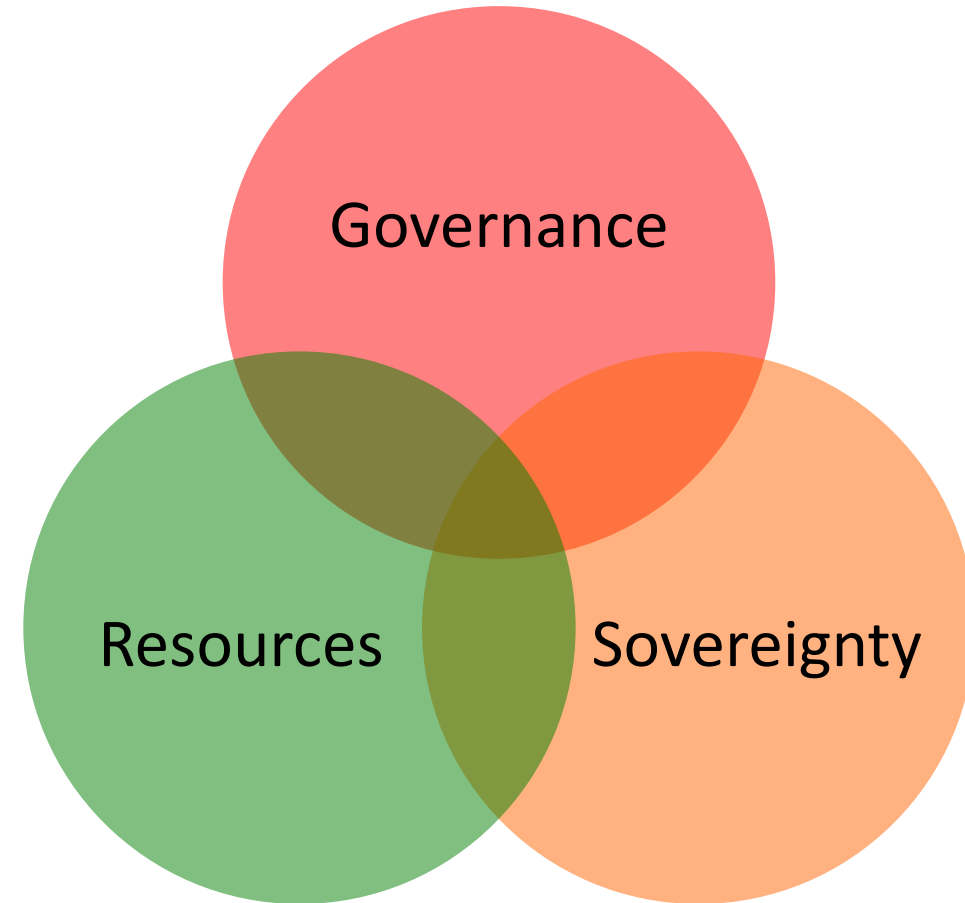
Greedy  
Warlords

Ethnicity Kills

Clash of  
(religious)  
Civilizations

Resource  
Wars

## Key Drivers?





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