

# GV103: Introduction to International Relations

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Domestic Politics

# Introduction

- Two goals for this lecture
  - Identify flaws of causal interpretations of democratic peace
  - Discuss alternative interpretation

# Do Democrats Fear Defeat More than Other Leaders?

	% Democrats		% Autocrats	
	Lost Power	Punished	Lost Power	Punished
After Victory	31%	11%	19%	38%
After Defeat	88%	43%	48%	88%
Difference	57%	32%	29%	50%

# Do Democrats Externalise Norms?

- Wars of empire
- Oppression of minorities
- Selective perception of democratic legitimacy, independence

# Data

- Observations: all dyad-years from 1821 to 1913, 1946 to 2007
- $y$ : outbreak of war w/ 2 states on opp sides
  - Taken from Correlates of War interstate war data
  - Excludes those who suffered  $<10\%$  of fatalities on their side, unless that state fought alone for an extended period
- $x$ s: Joint-Democracy, Territorial Claim, Total Cost
  - Joint-Democracy equals 1 iff both democratic
  - Territorial Claim equals 1 iff one state target of claim by other
  - Total Cost based on energy consumption, distance

# Results

	War	War
Joint-Democracy	—*	—
Territorial Claim		+*
Total Cost	—*	—*