

Note on data used in *Rethinking Rape*

In the decade since I collected these data as an early graduate student I've come to realize that these data are not very reliable nor comprehensive, especially when compared with group-level participation and violence data available today. They are limited in key ways due to the difficulty in data collection, my lack of experience at the time with the topic, and coding choices: blunt measurements of hard-to-find comparative data, aggregation of multiple types of groups (militias, pro-govt-agenda forces, etc.) into single categories, high inclusion thresholds, incomplete record keeping, inexperience with systematic research. Taken together, I feel these data are comparatively unreliable for use in future studies. I do not think that others' research should use these data to draw reliable conclusions and therefore find it irresponsible to share the dataset or recommend its use.

Today we have much improved data on gender and war. I recommend several available data sources for group-level data on women's participation in armed groups and sexual violence:

[Women's Activities in Armed Rebellion \(WAAR\) Project](#)

[Women in Armed Rebellion Dataset \(WARD\)](#)

[Data on Women's Participation in NATO Forces and Operations](#)

[EuroMil Survey, Gender Equality/Women in the Armed Forces](#)

[Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict dataset \(SVAC\)](#)

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