FGM was going be used alongside the examination of Ebola to depict urban and rural differences. In this set of data, all African countries surveyed with the exception of Nigeria have higher rates of FGM in rural areas.


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This resource was not included in the scope of the paper. It discusses the perceptions of American presence being motivated by oil and to stop China.


From November of 2012 to December of 2016, the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, A German foundation, carried out nine surveys of Malians concerning the Mali crisis. It particularly asks Malians various questions about their opinion of foreign military presence, including the United States, France, the European Union, the United Nations, and ECOWAS. This was perhaps the most pertinent resource for the paper. Unfortunately it was not included because of the time it would have taken to apply the data to the figure. After roughly translating it (it’s written in French), it became apparent that the questions have significant modifications each iteration. For example, in the first iteration, the poll surveys favorability on American military presence. This later on evolves into opinions of permanent military presence and then duration. In some cases, American military is absent all together from an iteration. There are instances where the same question asked about the American military is in the next iteration but asked about the French. This would have required more time construct and understanding of what occurring longitudinally, because the data shows that opinions shift from any given iteration. To accurately utilize the data, it also would need to be analyzed in the context of the events occurring during that four year span. My advisor encouraged me to not concentrate
excessive amount of time on just this one source. The aspiration is to use that data in a future study to test the validity of the dependent variable constructed in this study. The chief weakness of this paper were the inferences required in making the dependent variable. The polling series by Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung combined with analysis of the 5th and 6th Afrobarometer data can test the validity of the dependent variable.


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women.


"Mali: Report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting (FGC)." U.S. Department of State. Accessed 2017. 


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Examines American and French use of the War on Terror to advance competition for natural resources. This was going to be used to look further at trends of Western military presence on the continent.


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"Seeking recommendation on research subject for African politics class." E-mail to Joshua Tyler Stanley, J.T. and John Smith. September 22, 2017.

Sender of email was a former United States military intelligence official that has worked on high-level strategic interests and supporting special operations. Sender’s name has been changed for privacy. To quotes the email “there are some countries that… will have an outsized influence on the region and possibly cause the US to respond… this is what I think might be worth looking at. Nigeria, Kenya, Mali, Cameroon (maybe), or Tunisia (maybe).”


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