Data Analysis #2: Government, Sanctions, and United Nations Datasets
Due at the Beginning of Class November 14, 2017
No Late Work Accepted

The following questions are designed to get you familiarized with four common datasets used in international relations research: the Threat and Imposition of Sanctions (TIES) database, Archigos, Polity, and U.N. General Assembly Voting Data. However, the final write up must be entirely your own work.

1) Open the TIES database (version 4.0). Find the sanctions episode that targeted Israel that began most recently. What was the month and year of the incident? Who was the primary sender of the threat? What states joined the threat? (Remember that COW's country codes can help.)

2) What was the issue area in dispute?

3) What types of sanctions were imposed? (For example, was it a total economic embargo? Was it just partial? Was there a blockade? Was there a travel ban?)

4) How did the episode end? With or without sanctions? Did Israel concede the issue or did its opponent(s) give up? Or did they reach a settlement?

5) Open up the ideal point estimates of U.N. General Assembly Voting data. (Select IdealpointsPublished.tab for download.) What was the distance between the lead sender's ideal point and Israel's? How does that compare to the distance between Israel's ideal point and Syria's?

6) Find the sanctions episode involving Israel that took place in 2002. Who was the primary sender of the threat? What states joined the threat?

7) Open up Archigos by going to the website and downloading version 4.1. (**Hint**: If you save a .txt file and open it with Excel, Excel will automatically organize tab-separated columns into a clean spreadsheet. Who were the leaders of each country at the time of the crisis?

8) What were the names of the previous leaders of Israel's opponent? How was he related to the previous leader of that country? (**Hint**: The Archigos website has a useful case description file.) What was the name of the following "leader" of Israel's opponent?

9) Open up Polity. What was Israel's POLITY score? What was its opponent's? Use Polity's codebook to interpret the meaning of those scores.