

“Pakistanis today feel that the socio-cultural and political turmoil plaguing their country is a direct fall-out of the Afghan-run heroin”<sup>1</sup>

# Refugee Displacement: The Violent or The Victims?

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## Abstract

This project examines how civil wars affect refugee flows and forced migration. It looks to see if violence from civil wars enters into refugee flows and how violence ensues due to the opposing ideals in the origin country. This research systematically looks at the 38 countries with the highest counts of violence against refugees to determine which factors cause violence.

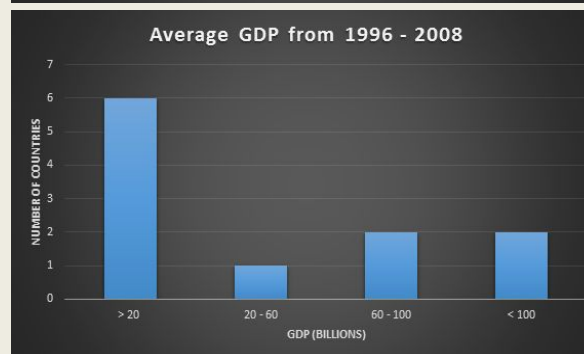
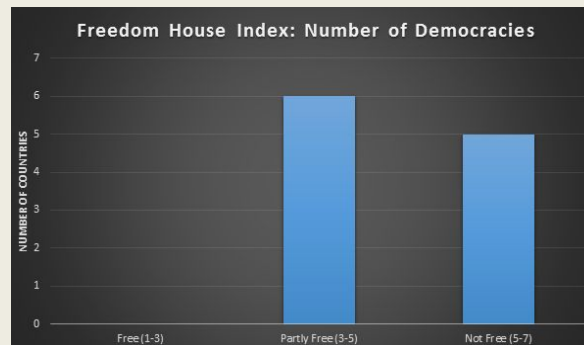
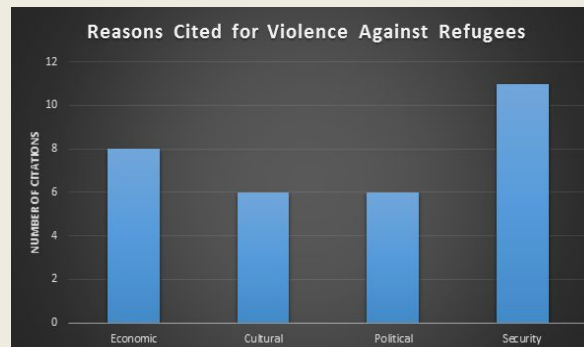
## Research Question

What explains the variation between host countries use of violence against refugees?

## Argument

Violence is a response to security and economic considerations while cultural and political explanations are not as strong.

## Evidence



## Preliminary Findings

- Main reason is security not economics
- Primary economic reason is resources not recession or unemployment
- Primary cultural reason is ethnicity not religion
- 55% of countries investigated have a GDP <\$20 billion
- 45% of countries investigated are considered authoritarian

## Limitations

- Evidence based on 11 out of 38 countries

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<sup>1</sup>Baloch, Hina. "Afghans and Pakistanis; Friends Turned Foes" *Dawn* (Washington D.C.), April 2, 2014.

