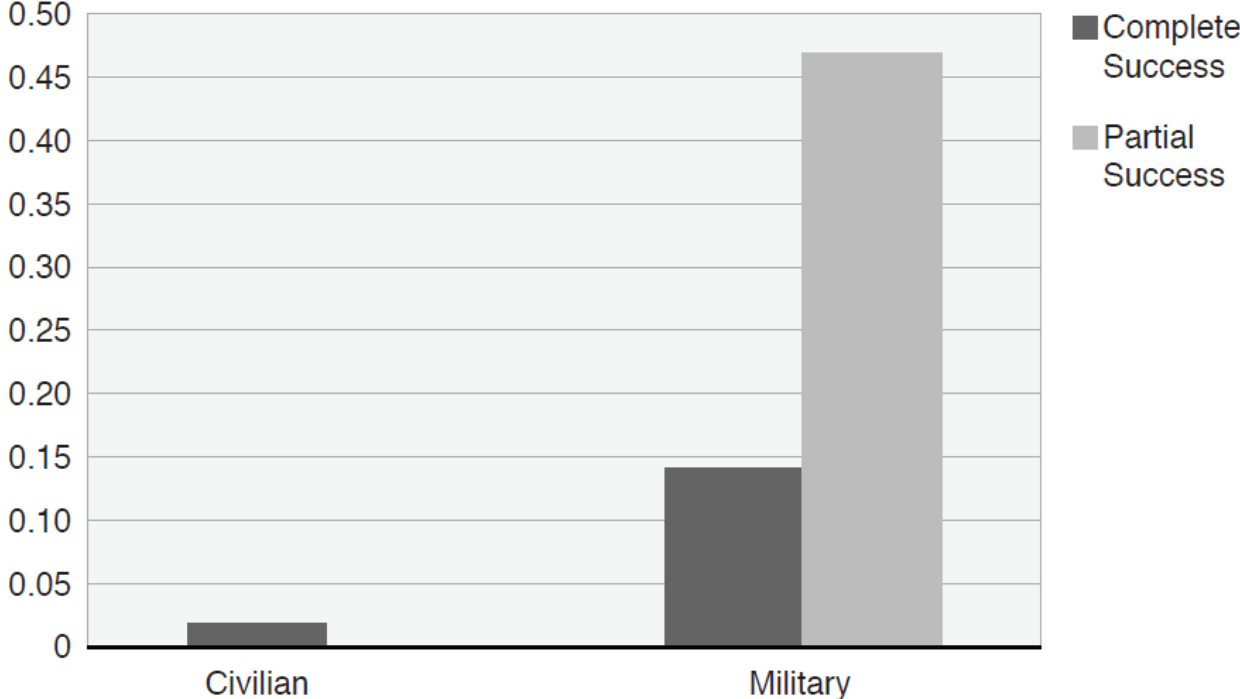


Terrorist Target Selection

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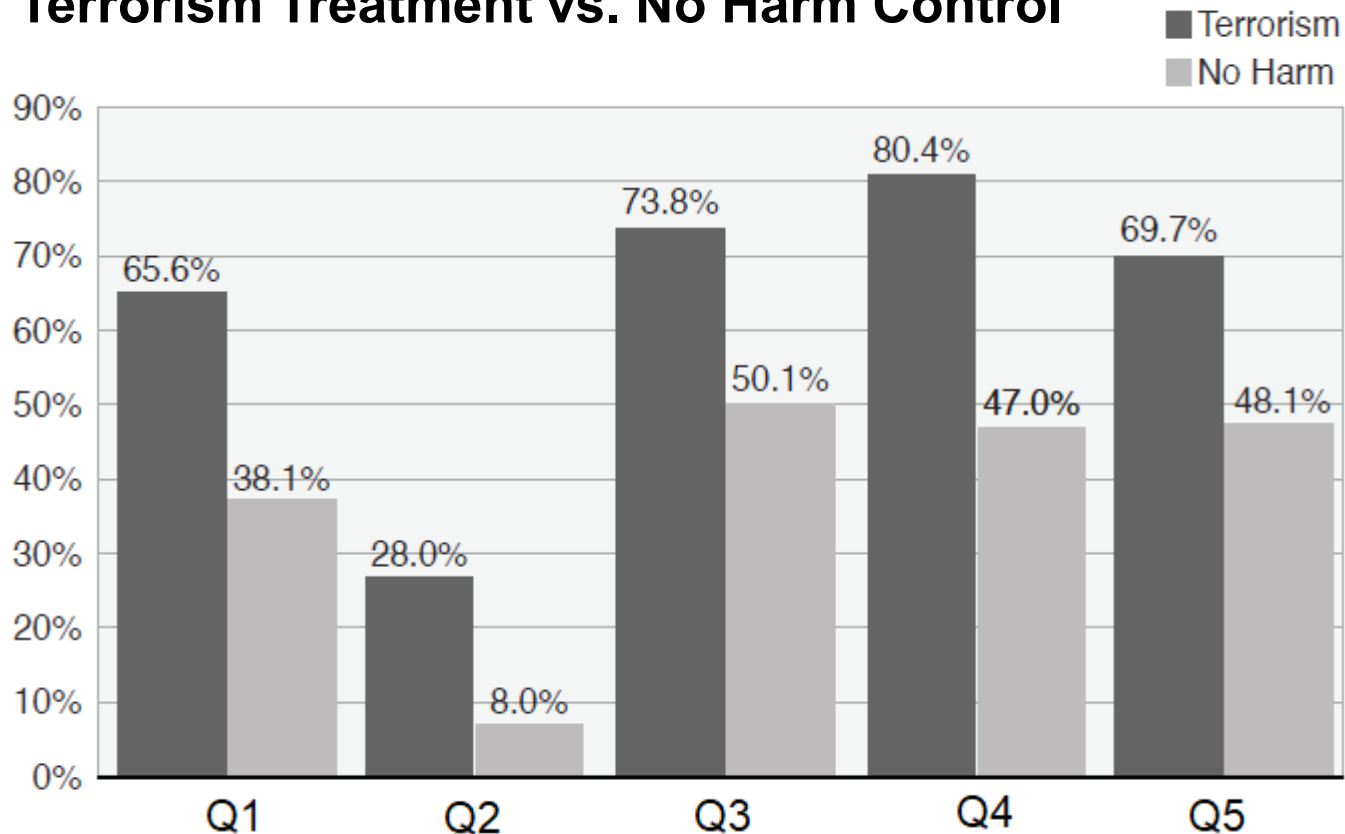
Civilian Attacks Do Not Pay

Proportion of Successes by Target



Why Civilian Attacks Do Not Pay

Terrorism Treatment vs. No Harm Control



Q1 Group hates Americans and wants to harm them

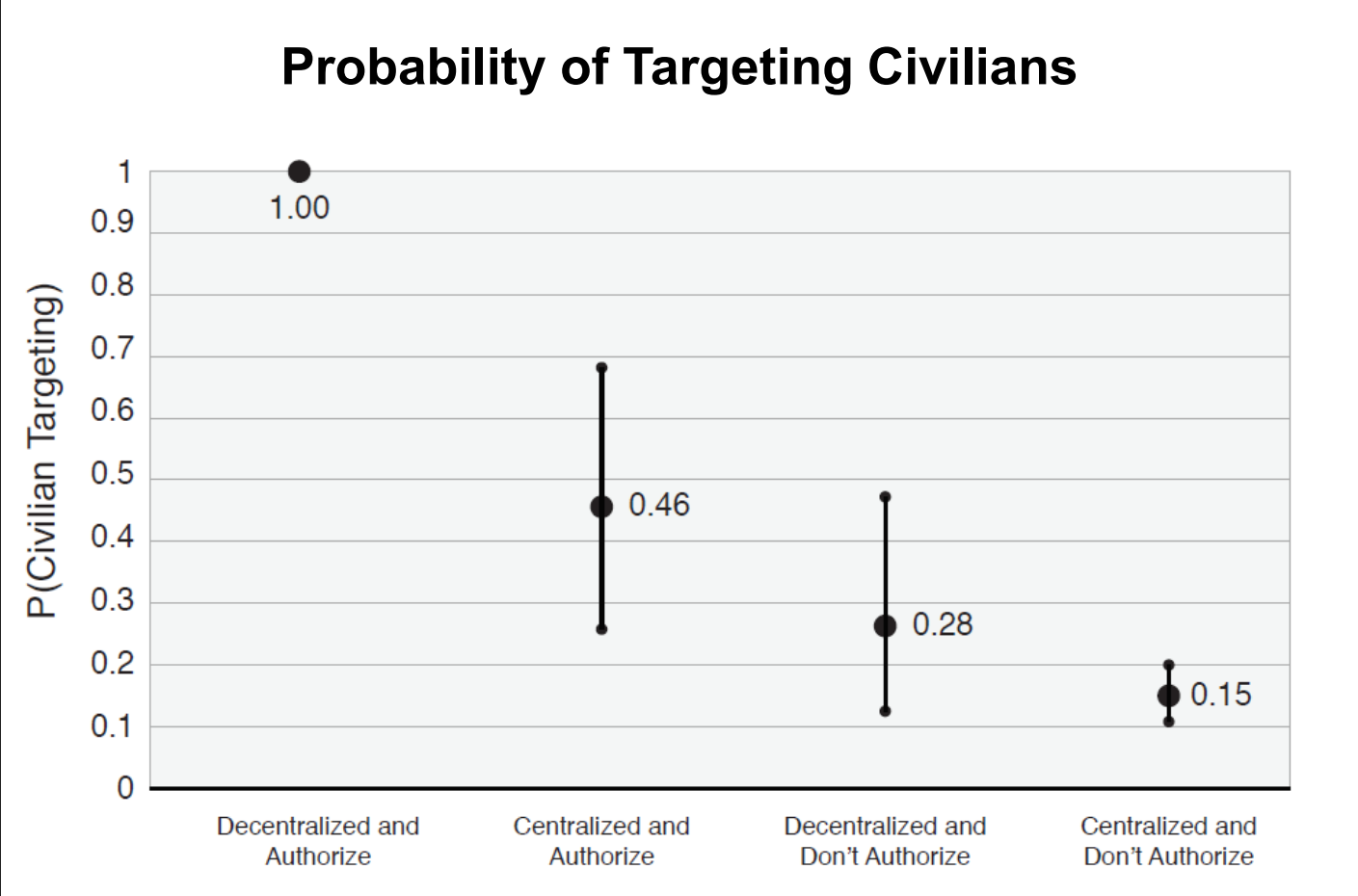
Q2 Group is most extreme on 7-point scale

Q3 Group would not demobilize upon achieving demand

Q4 Group would gain satisfaction from Americans harmed in unrelated incident

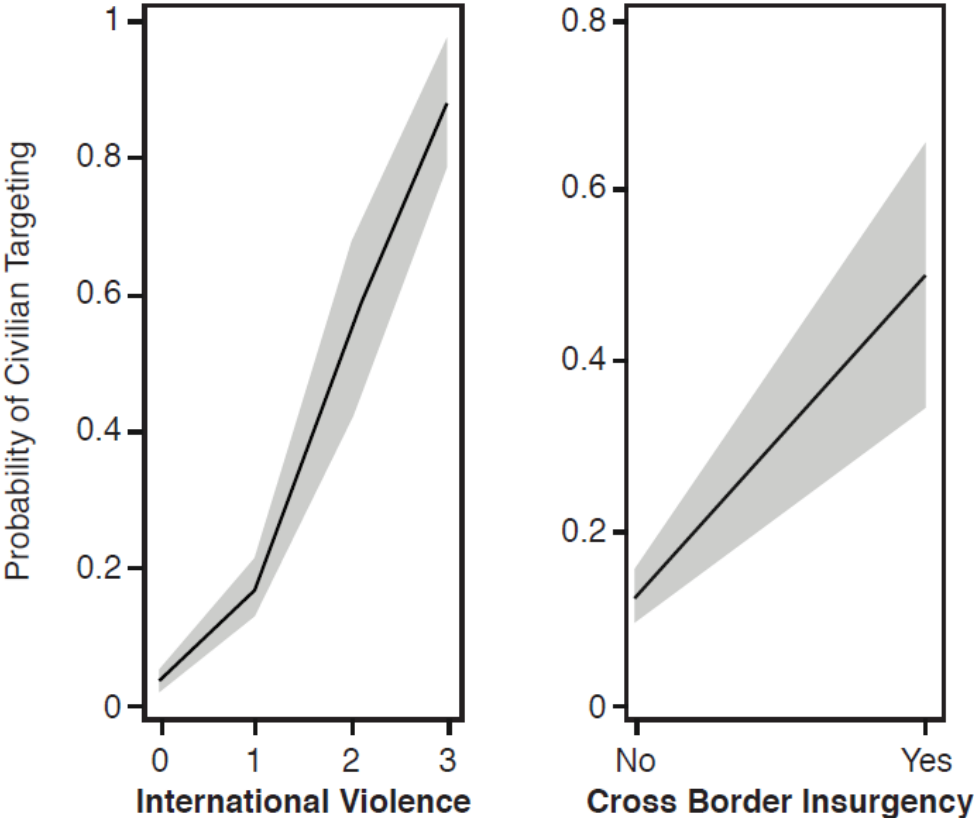
Q5 Group would continue same actions upon discovering less extreme tactic to achieve demand

Predicting Civilian Attacks By Leadership Stance & Structure

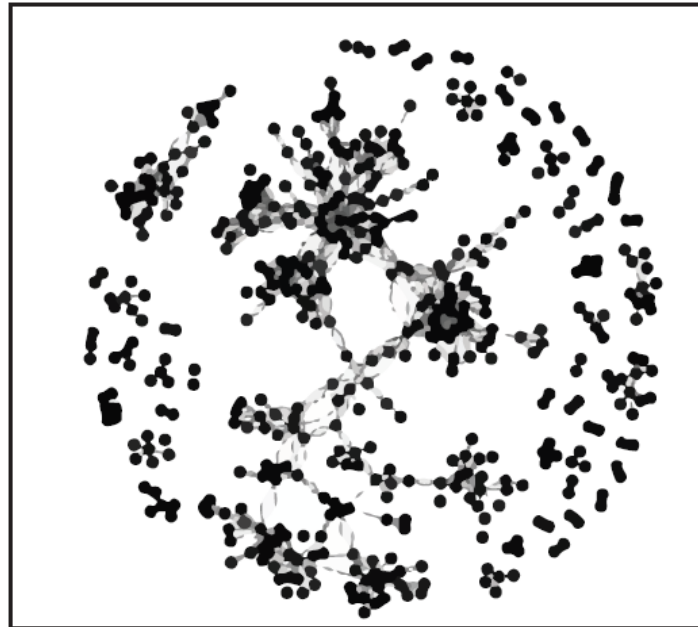


Predicting Civilian Attacks By Distance

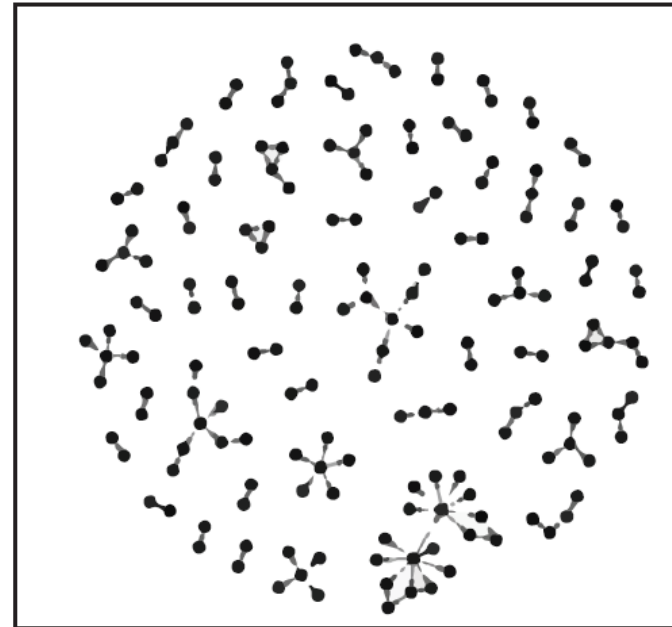
Civilian Attacks Abroad



Network Graphs of Militant Group Relationships

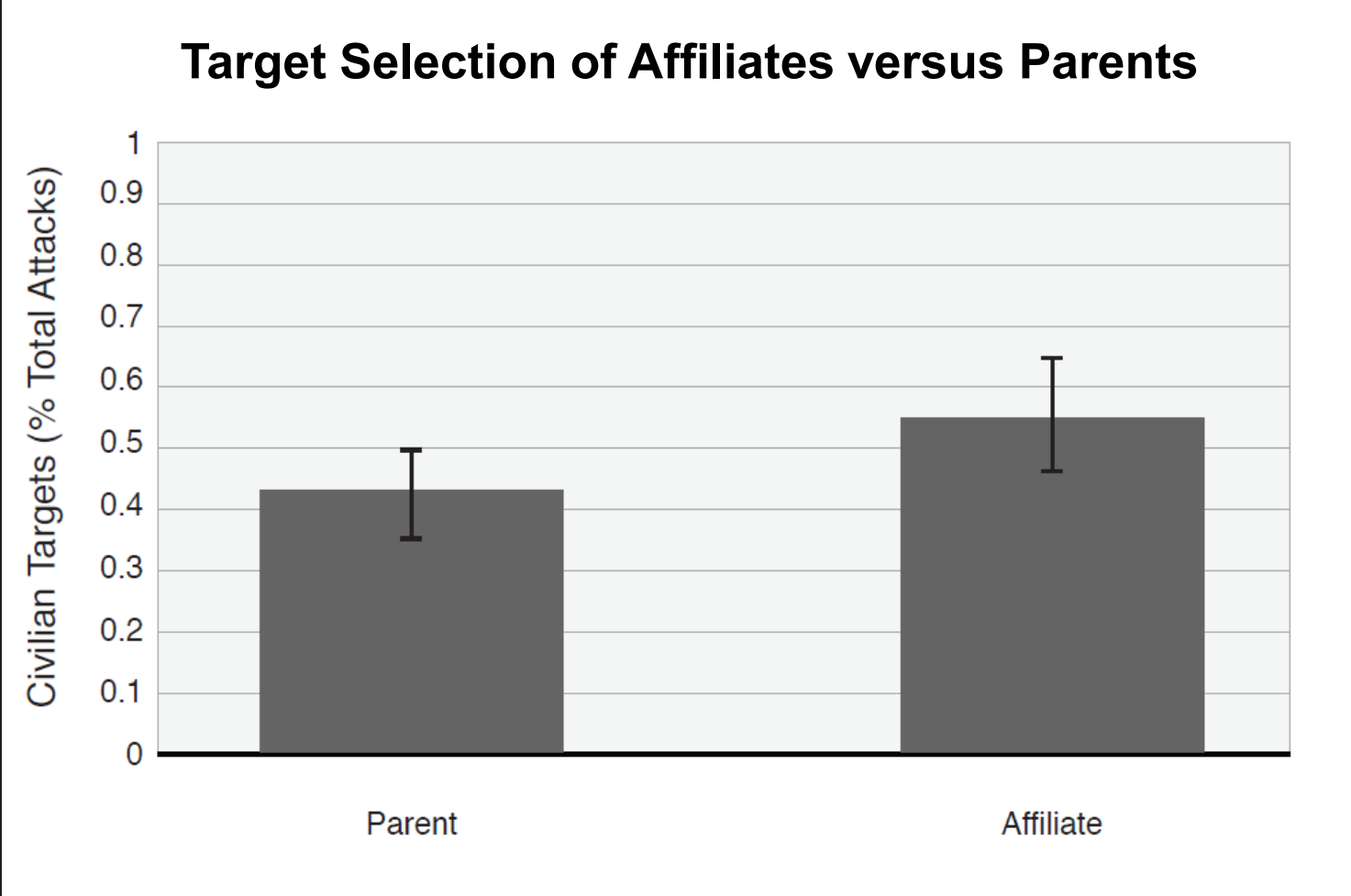


All Relationships
(Undirected Network)



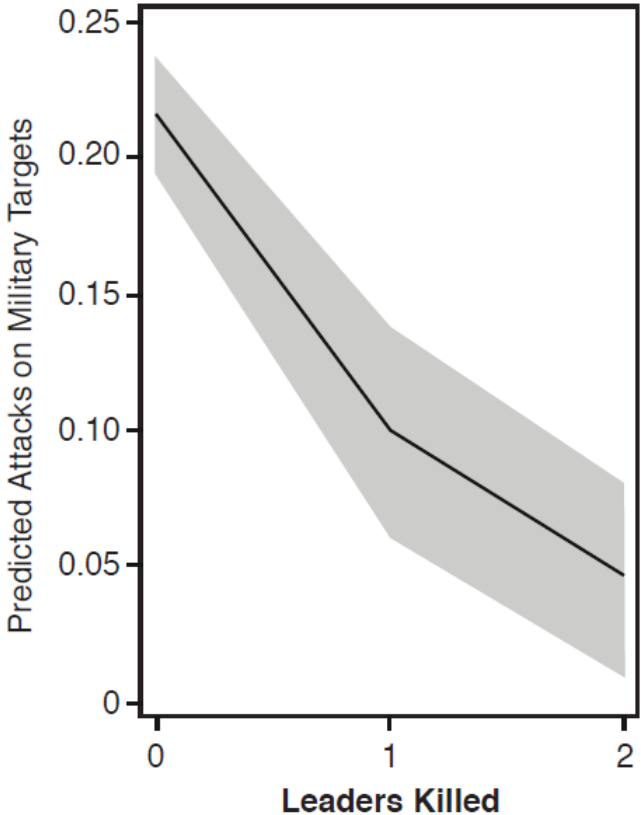
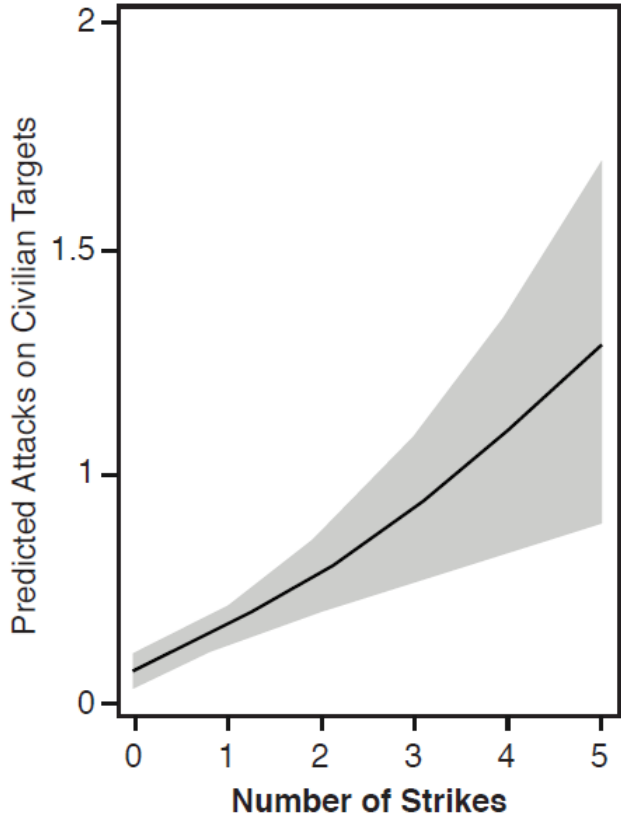
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Predicting Civilian Attacks Of Parent Versus Affiliate Groups

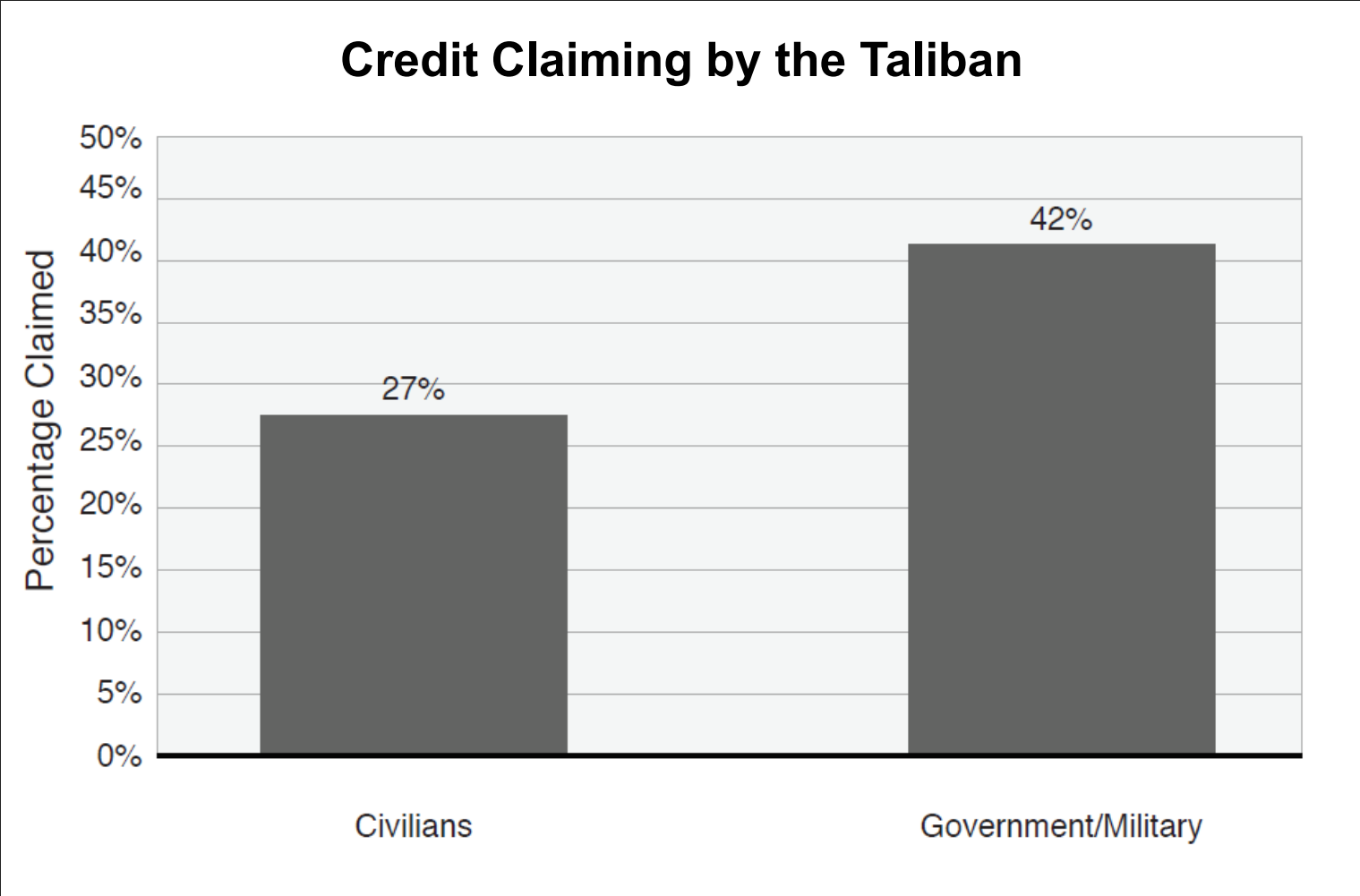


Predicting Civilian Attacks After Attacking Militant Leaders

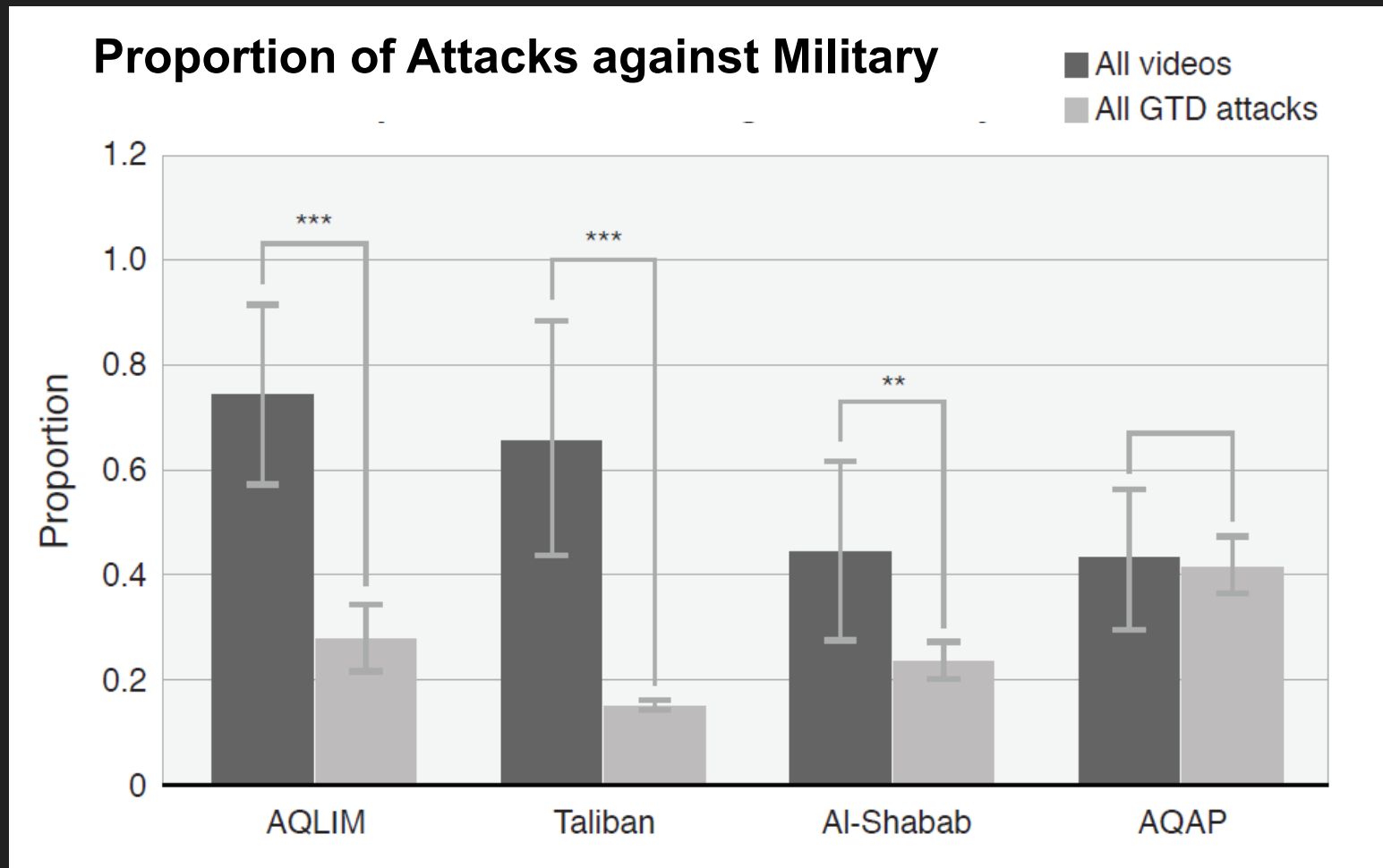
Civilian and Military Targeting



How Civilian Attacks Affect Credit Claiming



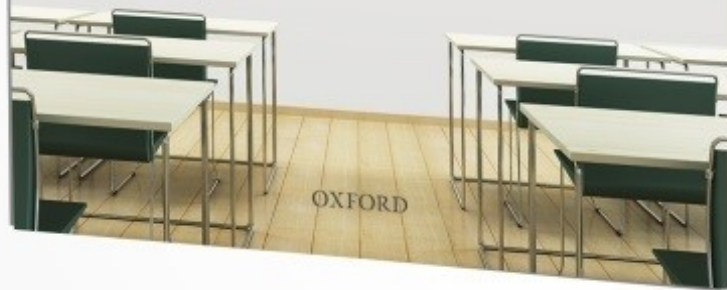
Differences in Target Selection Between Propaganda & Attacks



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