

Codebook for Ferguson International News Dataset

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This is the codebook for the Ferguson International News dataset (`Ferguson International News.csv`) used in *Quantitative Social Science Data with R: An Introduction* (2nd Edition). This dataset includes variables on international newspaper coverage of the 2014 Ferguson, Missouri protests following the police killing of Michael Brown; along with a few country-level variables. Information about the variable values is provided when necessary.

- **country**: country of newspaper.
- **amount**: number of articles on Ferguson.¹
- **gini**: Gini coefficient. The Gini coefficient measures a country's level of income or wealth inequality, where higher numbers indicate greater inequality.²
- **efrac**: ethnic fractionalisation. The level of ethnic fractionalisation measures ethnic heterogeneity in a country, where higher numbers indicate greater ethnic heterogeneity.³
- **soc_safe**: societal safety. Societal safety is an index that measures the safety and security of a country, where higher numbers indicate lower levels of safety and security.⁴

¹Author collected.

²Data from the World Bank, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI>.

³Cassy Dorff, 2011, "Replication data for: Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War by Fearon and Laitin", <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QB3BFP>, Harvard Dataverse, V2.

⁴Data from Institute for Economics & Peace. 2015. "Global Peace Index". <https://www.visionofhumanity.org/>.