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*Presidents, Kings, Dictators, and Wars: Leader Risk and International Politics*

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**Abstract**

This project attempts to bring leaders, the decision makers who start wars and make the peace, back into our core understanding of international politics. It challenges the assumption of traditional international relations research, demonstrating that leaders matter, and importantly their observable early life experiences shape their subsequent preferences and propensity to use military force in systematic ways.

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