



clarified in any of MAR's reports or categorizations of the cases in the datasets that the author has been unable to find or get access to.

Nevertheless, the article's observations are generally insightful, thought-provoking and worthy of further research by the author, other scholars or collaborative efforts by both.

- Anonymous

Author's Response

I appreciate the encouragements and suggestions by the peer reviewers (a third peer review remains both anonymous and unpublished according to that author's wishes). Admittedly, I may need to approach the authors of the conflict datasets and other sources more often and systematically.

However, I must point out that not all the scholars whose works and data outputs I have consulted, analyzed and used in my article have deigned to respond to any enquiries (about unclarities, uncertainties, etc.) that I did put to them by email months or, in some cases, even years ago. Nevertheless, I will make a renewed effort to reach them in a new round or follow-up of my conflict-pattern analyses and research.

- Caspar ten Dam

NB: do you have any comments on Caspar ten Dam's article and/or the Critical Responses? Please send these to info@ethnogeopolitics.org, or through the contact form at www.ethnogeopolitics.org.

Some of the comments on this and any other contribution the Editorial Board may publish as Critical Responses (maximum 3,000 words) in the next issue of the journal. Extensive critical responses with own source references may be published as full-fledged, separate articles. Please supply your name, contact details, academic and/or other professional titles and affiliations, as well as your research specialisms and any major publications.