

# Event Data and the Construction of Reality

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## Interesting “Facts”

- GDELT records 947 *successful* assassinations (CAMEO 186) of President Obama between April 2008 – March 2016.
- Between January – February 2015, Phoenix records 10 suicide bombings, ICEWS: 443, GDELT: 5194.
- Between January – February 2015, the United States is the country with the 6<sup>th</sup> most suicide bombings according to GDELT with 252.

## Methodology

- Over a two month period (January – February 2015)
- Compare successful suicide bombings
- Across five datasets: GDELT, ICEWS, Phoenix, Global Terrorism Database (GTD-START), Suicide Attack Database (SAD-CPOST)
- New dataset systematically matches all cases across five datasets, notes inconsistencies and reasons for inconsistencies
- Metrics: % Duplicates; Precision; Recall; F-measures