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**THE EFFECTS OF TERRORISM ON STATE GOVERNANCE:  
A Case Study of Armed Struggle in Italy, 1968-1988**

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# Research Puzzle and Research Questions



To what extent does terrorism affect state governance?

What are the differences in the *modus vivendi* and in the *modus operandi* of Italian state governance following the assassinations of Aldo Moro and Fulvio Croce?

# Case Selection



## Within-Case Studies Design

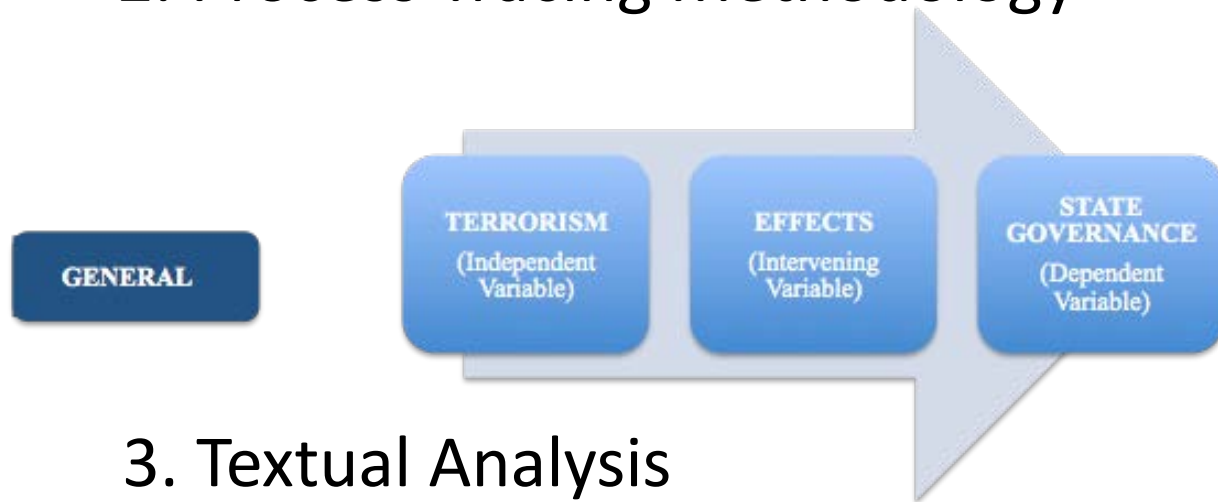
1. Italy
2. The Red Brigades
3. Assassinations of Aldo Moro and Fulvio Croce

Historical & Cultural  
Factors  
are  
Constant

# Research Methods

A Mixed-Methods Approach

1. Case Study Analysis
  - Terrorist Attack
  - One Casualty
  - Public Figure
2. Process Tracing Methodology

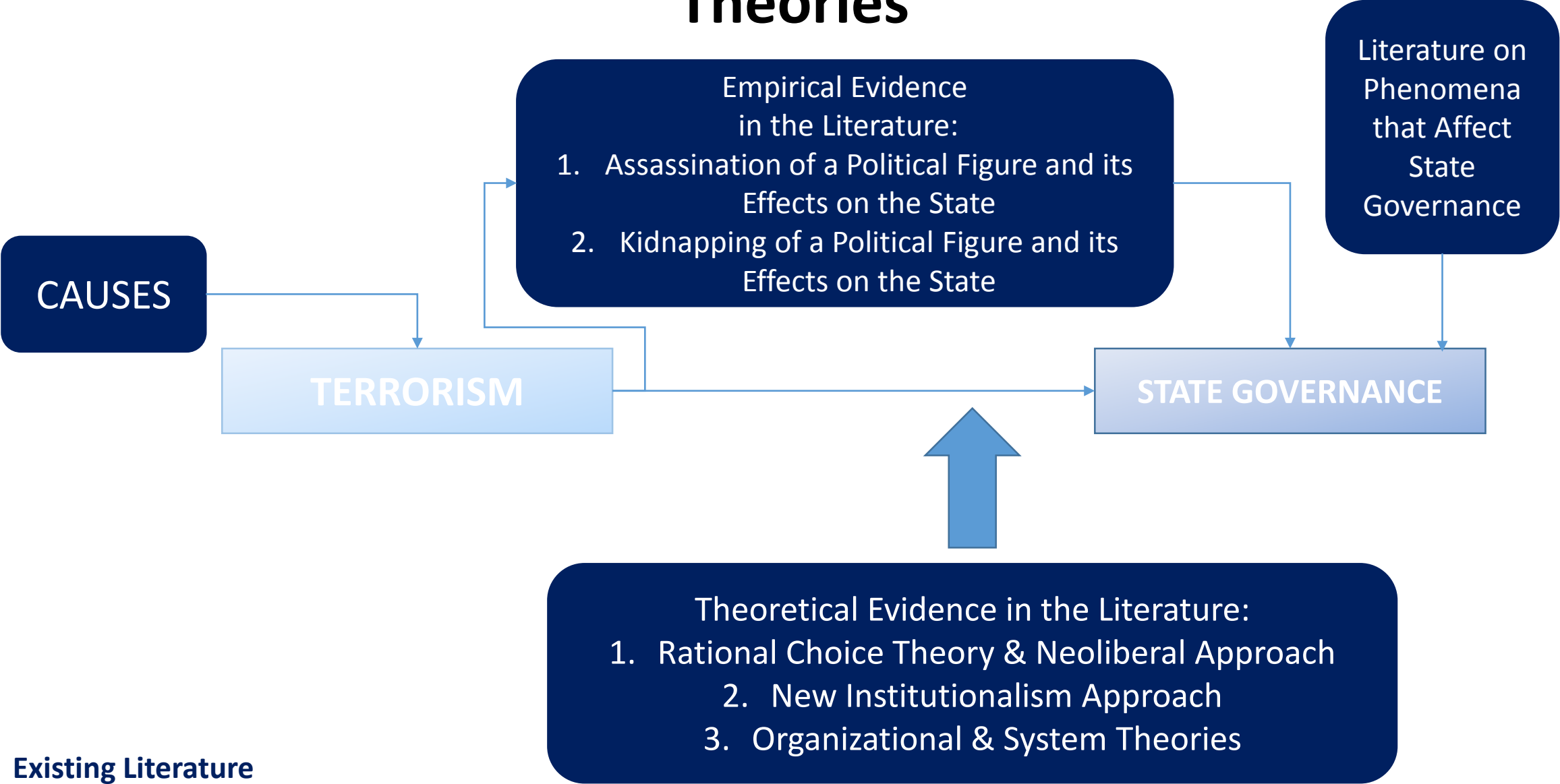


3. Textual Analysis
  - Content Analysis

# Sources

1. Department for Internal & Territorial Affairs
2. Criminal Proceeding Code
3. Media & State Documents
4. World Bank

# Theories



Empirical Evidence  
in the Literature:

1. Assassination of a Political Figure and its Effects on the State
2. Kidnapping of a Political Figure and its Effects on the State

Literature on  
Phenomena  
that Affect  
State  
Governance

Theoretical Evidence in the Literature:

1. Rational Choice Theory & Neoliberal Approach
2. New Institutionalism Approach
3. Organizational & System Theories

- Existing Literature
- Independent Variable
- Dependent Variable

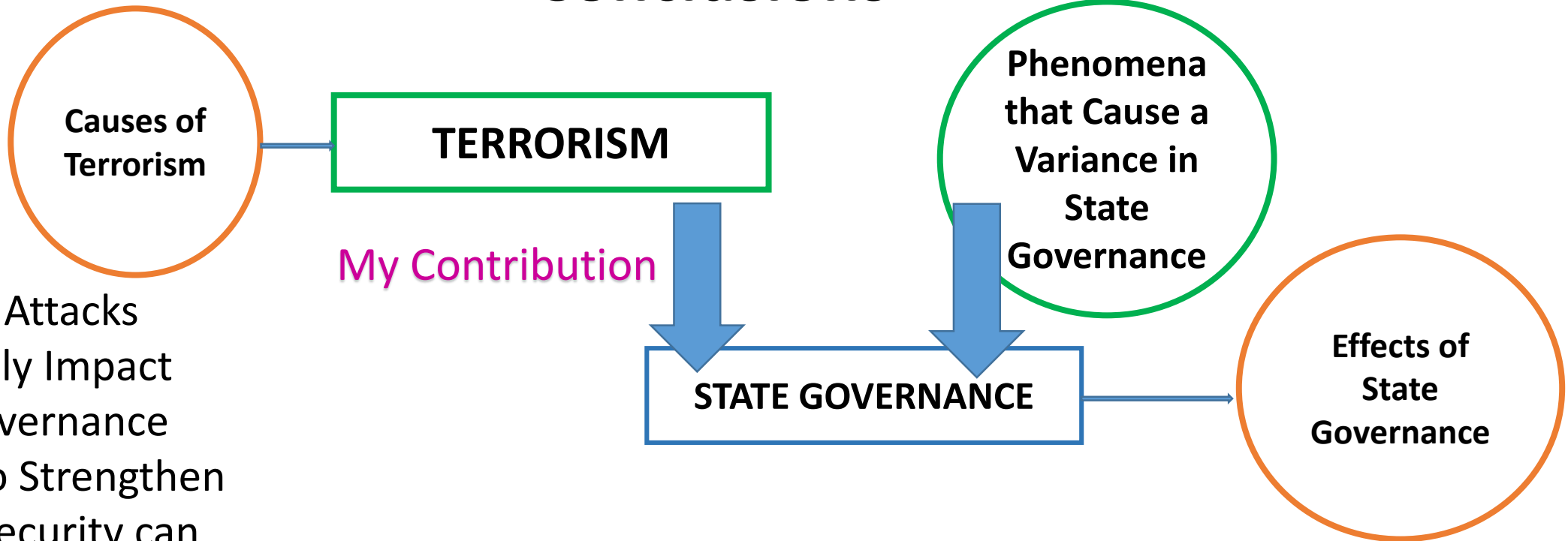
# Findings



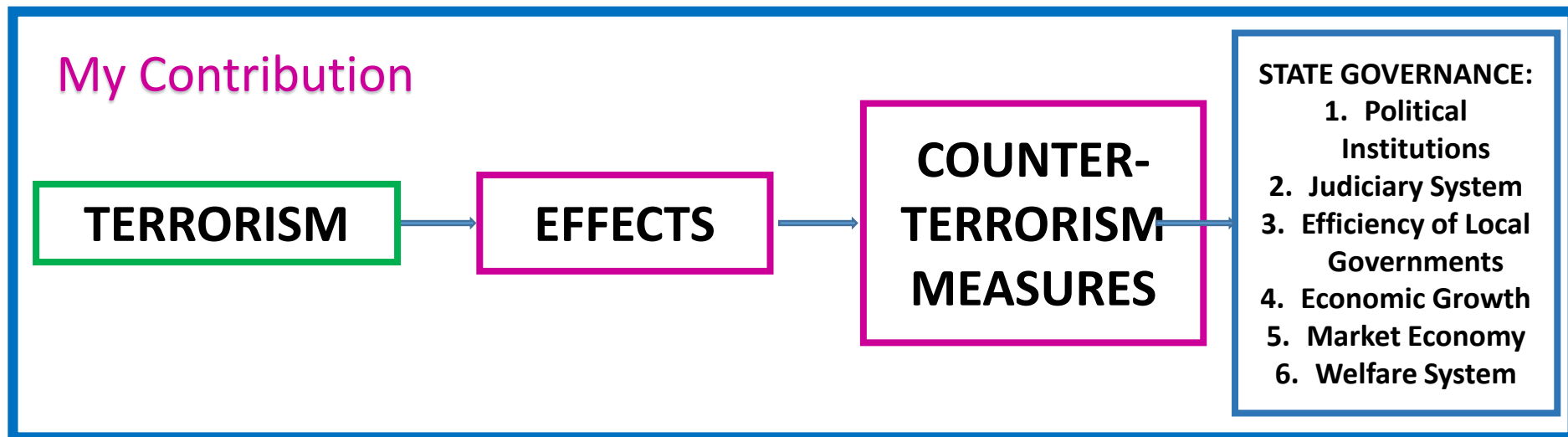
“Against Provocation, Unity is Always the Strongest Weapon of the Workers”

Factors	Measures	Literature #L1; #L2	Terrorist Attack #T1; #T2	Variance	Sources
Political Institutions	Participation of a Political Party to the Legislature	X <sup>#L1</sup>	#T1	HIGH	Dipartimento per gli Affari Interni e Territoriali
Judiciary System	Enactment of Counter-Terrorism Laws	X <sup>#L2</sup>	#T2	HIGH	Criminal Proceeding Code
Efficiency of Local Governments	Regional Uprisings		#T2	LOW	Media & State Documents
Economic Growth	GDP (current US\$) & GDP Growth (Annual %)	X <sup>#L2</sup>	#T1; #T2	MEDIUM	World Bank
Market Economy	Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) & Inflation	X <sup>#L1</sup>	#T1; #T2	LOW	World Bank
Welfare System	Government Consumption Expenditure / Military Expenditure		#T1; #T2	MEDIUM	World Bank

# Conclusions



1. Terrorist Attacks Negatively Impact State Governance
2. Efforts to Strengthen Citizen Security can result in Increased Domestic Instability
3. Deterrence Policies endanger the Ability of a Nation-State to carry out Domestic Policies



# Implications and Future Research



1. Theories of State Capacity and State Efficiency
2. Call into Question the Effectiveness of the Implementation of Counter-Terrorism Measures
  - Phenomena that Affect State Governance