

Terror-Crime Convergence Explored Through Latin American Case Studies: A Neopositivist Analysis

Research Question

What explains the increasingly common crossover between transnational criminal organizations and terrorist groups?

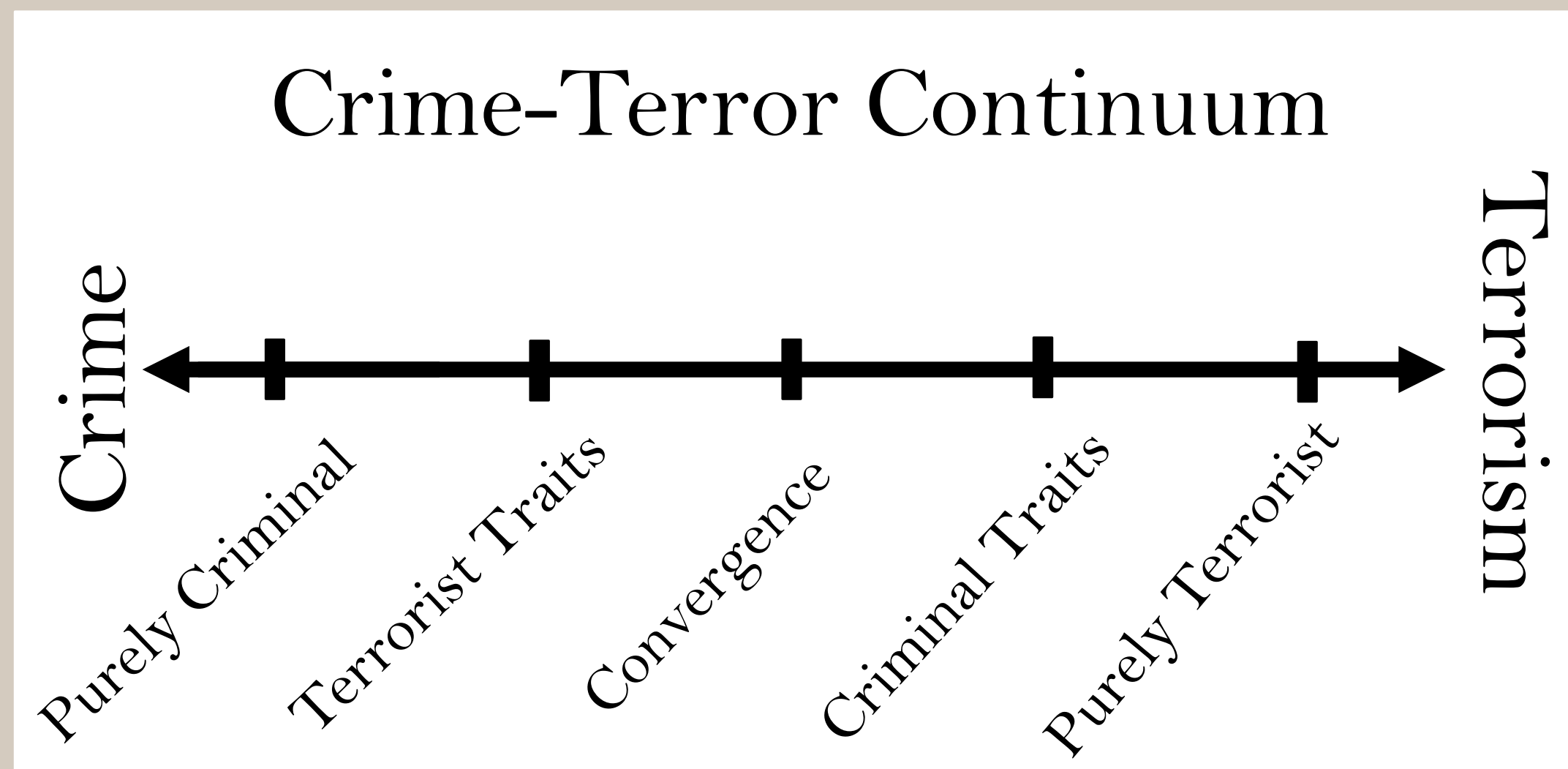
Methodology

DV: *Crossover*

IV I: *Changing Security or Survival Concerns (External Pressure)*

IV II: *Shifting Ideology (Internal Shift)*

IV III: *Institutionalization*



Cases

- The Sinaloa Cartel/Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación

- Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia

Key Findings

- I. External Pressure is most important
- II. Political to financial crossover is related to external pressures
- III. Financial to political crossover is related to internal shifts
- IV. The presence of institutionalization
- V. The importance of adaptability

Variable	Presence	
	FARC	Sinaloa
DV: Crossover	Yes	Yes
IV I: Changing Security or Survival Concerns	High	High
IV II: Shifting Ideology	Yes	Yes
IV III: Institutionalization (Political/Criminal)	No/Yes	Yes/Yes

Implications and Institutionalization

- I. National Security
- II. Legitimacy
- III. Subversive survival