Civil War

Concept of Civil War
- “multiple sovereignty”: control of sovereign polity contested by competing factions (Tilly)
- often but not exclusively establish state elite facing challenge to its rule
- violent, organized resistance to existing state or quasi-state
  - may involve armed forces of other states
- various goals of actors
  - total control of state apparatus
  - secession from territorial state
  - autonomy within territorial state

Are civil wars more severe or prevalent since end of Cold War?
- Conventional wisdom: yes
- Fearon & Laitin and Kalyvas: no