

Queens*

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Abstract

Does female leadership influence a state's tendency to engage in conflict? We answer this question by examining European polities over the 15th-20th centuries. In this context, women were more likely to acquire power if the previous monarch lacked a male first-born child, or had a sister who could follow as successor. We exploit these factors as instruments for female rule, and find that queenly reigns participated more in interstate conflicts, without experiencing more internal conflict. Importantly, the tendency of queens to participate as aggressors in conflicts varied based on marital status. Among married monarchs, queens were more likely to participate as attackers than kings. Among unmarried monarchs, queens were more likely to be attacked than kings. These results are consistent with an account in which queens relied on their spouses to assist in managing state affairs, enabling them to pursue more aggressive war policies. Kings, on the other hand, were less inclined to take advantage of a similar division of labor. Thus, this asymmetry in how queens relied on male spouses and kings relied on female spouses plays a key role in explaining why the gender of the monarch mattered for war participation.

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1 Introduction

The role of female leadership in conflict is an issue of growing importance. In recent scholarship, Stephen Pinker (2011) writes “Over the long sweep of history, women have been and will be a pacifying force (p. 527).” Pinker also posits that “...males...take more foolish risks in aggressive attacks...and plan and carry out almost all the wars and genocides (p. 684).” Echoing this view, Fukuyama (1998) suggests that the feminization of political leadership has contributed to the recent democratic peace among developed nations.

This perspective suggests that states under female leadership are less likely to participate in conflict. Yet, others have challenged this view, noting that several major powers have been led by women such as Indira Gandhi or Margaret Thatcher, who engaged militarily to achieve their foreign and domestic policy goals (Ehrenreich and Pollitt 1999). These scholars suggest that female leaders are equally or more willing to partake in conflict as male leaders because they are “forced into male posturing.”

While claims are advanced on both sides, it is empirically difficult to discern how female leadership influences conflict, given plausible endogeneity in the circumstances under which women come to power. For example, women may be disproportionately chosen for office during periods of peace. This challenge applies to systems in which leaders are chosen through elections, as well as hereditary succession.¹

In this paper, we determine how female leadership affects conflict in Europe historically, exploiting features of hereditary succession that enable us to surmount this identification challenge. We cover the late 15th to early 20th centuries, and analyze polities that had at least one female ruler over this period. Within these polities, older male children of reigning monarchs were typically given priority in succession (Monter 2012, p. 36-37). As a result, queens were less likely to come to power when monarchs had a first born child who was male, and more likely to come to power when the previous monarchs had a sister who could follow as successor. Our analysis uses these two factors as instruments for queenly rule.

¹For example, Pinker (2011) notes that “A female-tilted value system may be a luxury enjoyed by a society that is already safe from predatory invasion.”

There are theoretically important reasons why female rule may have influenced war participation during this period. One theory builds on the importance of state capacity. As Tilly (1992) contended of this time, "states made war, and war made states". Wars demanded financing, which required states to become more centralized with a broader fiscal reach (Besley and Persson 2009; Karman and Pamuk 2013; Gennaioli and Voth forthcoming). As a result, states undertaking wars required greater management as a whole. Suppose queens relied on their spouses to help manage state matters, in a way that kings did not. This greater division of labor under queenly reigns would free up time and resources for queens to pursue more aggressive war policies.

Another theory focuses not on queens' capacity for aggressive policies but on others' perceptions of them as easy targets. Female rule was sometimes virulently opposed on exactly these grounds—that women made for weak leaders, who were incapable of leading their armies to war. This perception—accurate or not—would have led queenly reigns to participate more in wars as a consequence of getting attacked by others.

To examine these accounts, we construct an original polity-year level dataset which tracks whether polities participated in conflicts, and whether they were aggressors in conflicts. Our sample covers 184 reigns spanning 17 polities over 1480-1913. Queens ruled in nearly one-fifth of these reigns. We use an Instrumental Variables (IV) strategy based on the first-born male and sister instruments. We also incorporate polity and decade fixed effects. We find that polities ruled by queens were 27% more like to participate in inter-state conflicts, relative to polities ruled by kings. In contrast, queenly reigns were no more likely to experience internal conflicts or other types of instability.

In addition, we find that the tendency of queens to participate as aggressors varied based on marital status. Among married monarchs, queens participated more as attackers than kings. Among unmarried monarchs, queens were attacked more than kings. This pattern is consistent with the increased capacity account, in which a queen's spouse assisted with state matters, enhancing her ability to carry out war. The finding on unmarried monarchs also provides some support to the perceived weakness account, but only for unmarried queens. In other words,

when queens were unmarried they were perceived as weak and attacked by others. When they were married, they had greater capacity to attack.

In conducting our IV analysis, we address and rule out several alternative accounts and potential violations of the exclusion restriction. Previous monarchs with sisters may have had more siblings, which could affect war if siblings contest succession. So we control for the total number of siblings, and show that the effects are robust to eliminating wars of succession. The lack of a first-born male may itself trigger war owing to uncertainty in succession — but we demonstrate that neither instrument affects the likelihood of war in the contemporaneous reign. Moreover, if the lack of a first-born male in the previous reign influenced war through channels besides queens coming to power, we should observe effects on war among polities that never had queens. But using data from an auxiliary sample from 19 such polities, we show that neither of our instruments affects war participation in these areas.

To the best of our knowledge, our paper is the first to examine how female rule historically influenced the policy trajectory of a polity. However, a number of notable empirical studies have examined the relationship between female leaders and conflict in the modern era. These findings have produced a mixed picture. On the one hand, female executives leading their countries in the post-1970 period have been found to favor more military spending and more aggressive conflict behavior (Koch and Fulton 2011). On the other hand, female legislators in Parliaments and Congressional bodies have been found to reduce military spending and vote against their state’s involvement in conflicts abroad (Caprioli 2000; Caprioli and Boyer 2001; Regen and Paskaviciute 2003). These latter studies accord with findings that women, in general, are less likely to support the use of force internationally (Conover and Shapiro 1993; Shapiro and Mahajan 1986; Jelen et al. 1994; Wilcox et al. 1996; Eichenberg 2003). Female leadership and gender equity have also been shown to lower levels of intra-state conflict (Caprioli 2000; Melander 2005; Fearon 2010). We contribute to this literature by utilizing an exogenous source of variation in examining the impact of female leadership.

Our paper is part of a broader literature that asks whether leaders matter (Jones and Olken 2005; Pande 2003), and whether female leaders, in particular, shape public policies. Much

work on this latter question has focused on modern day development outcomes at the sub-national level, including: public goods provision (Duflo and Chattopadhyay 2004); education (Clots-Figueras 2005; Beaman et al. 2012); and corruption (Brollo and Trojano 2014).² In contrast, we focus on a national-level policy in a historical context.

Another related literature examines how female socialization affects male behavior. These studies have documented the impact of mothers on their son’s labor outcomes (Fernandez et al. 2004³); and how having a daughter affects male legislative voting (Washington 2008), party identity (Healy and Malhotra 2013), and judicial decision-making (Glynn and Sen 2013). Others yet have explored the combined effect of ethnicity and female socialization. For example, Iyigun (2013) finds that Ottomans of European matrilineal lineage tended to fight fewer wars against European kingdoms. In contrast to these papers, we examine the direct effects of female decision-making.

Our paper also relates to a number of recent works that have carefully examined the nature of European monarchies. These analyses have demonstrated that reigns became elongated with the spread of feudalism and parliamentarianism (Blaydes and Chaney 2013); that hereditary succession promoted economic growth when executive constraints were weak (Besley and Reynal-Querol 2015)⁴; and that succession through primogeniture increased monarch survival over 1000-1800 (Kokkonen and Sundell 2014), when regicide also declined (Eisner 2011).

A large, rich literature has also highlighted the political and economic legacy of warfare. A number of influential works have advanced war as a key explanation for the formation of nation-states (Tilly 1992; Besley and Persson 2009; Gennaioli and Voth forthcoming). Within this area, scholars have also documented how modern day political and economic development reflect internal conflict within states (Acharya and Lee 2015) as well as military competition

²Recent work has also examined how female leadership on firm boards influence their performance (Matsa and Miller 2013; Bertrand et al. 2015).

³Fernandez et al. (2004) use variation in World War II as a shock to women’s labor force participation to demonstrate that wives of men whose mothers worked are also more likely to work. Abramitzky et al. (2011) also use variation stemming from World War I mortality to demonstrate how the scarcity of men can improve their position in the marriage market. This paper highlights the influence past war on marriage related outcomes, while our findings suggest the role of marriage in influencing war related outcomes.

⁴Abramson and Boix (2012) document another channel for European growth, showing that industrialization took place in territories with strong proto-industrial centers, regardless of executive constraints.

between states (Dincecco and Prado 2012; Voigtlander and Voth 2013a, 2013b). In contrast, our focus is on understanding factors that give rise to war, and whether the gender identity of a state's leader influences this consequential outcome.

In the remainder of the paper, we discuss the mechanism through which female leadership can influence war; describe our data; outline the empirical strategy; present the results; and conclude.

2 Mechanisms

2.1 The Administrative Requirements of War

To discern how a leader's gender could have influence war participation, it is useful to recognize the manner in which war was conducted in Europe over the 16th-20th centuries. War was frequent and carried out with the aim of acquiring resources and more territory, in Europe and overseas (Gennaioli and Voth forthcoming).

Wars required substantial administrative and managerial capacity. They were frequently conducted in conjunction with allies, which required managing relationships and coordinating across a number of different partners. Successful military pursuits also required good military leadership, as well as extensive financing. Both of these factors became increasingly important with the "Military Revolution" of the 1500s, which included the advent of military technologies that made war more expensive. For example, the widespread use of cannons spurred the development of stronger fortifications, which were required to withstand cannon fire (Gennaioli and Voth forthcoming).⁵

Army sizes also grew with the use of gunpowder technology and new styles of fortification (Hoffman 2011, Roberts 1956, White 1962, Bean 1973).⁶ The introduction of standing armies and permanent navies, and the professionalization of soldiers trained on an ongoing basis, all

⁵For example, engineers devised the *trace italienne* fortification to protect cities but these were very expensive to construct.

⁶This trend continued into the 19th century, with military size spiking after the introduction of railroads in 1859 (Onorato Scheve and Stasavage 2014).

contributed to rising costs. For example, the armed forces of England grew 3-fold over 1550-1780, while the armed forces of Austria increased 28-fold over this same period (Karman and Pamuk 2010).

The need for financing, in turn, boosted state capacity, giving rise to states with more effective fiscal infrastructure (Gennaioli and Voth 2014 and Karman and Pamuk 2013). Throughout this period European states came to be more centralized and powerful (Tilly 1992), with a fiscal capacity that required management of economic policy alongside management of foreign policy.

2.2 Gender and Reign Capacity

The managerial capacity required for waging European wars highlights an important way in which female rule may have altered a state's belligerence. Female reigns may have had higher capacity to carry out war since queens often put their spouses in charge of official state matters. This division of labor would then have freed up time and resources for queens to be able to focus on more aggressive war policies. In contrast, kings typically were less inclined to put their spouses in official positions through which they aided in managing the polity.

This asymmetry in spousal division of labor emerged in several realms. While male sovereigns were typically also military commanders, this role remained taboo for female rulers (Monter 2012, p. 49). Consequently, queens would often appoint their husbands the head of the military, though kings of course, would not do the same with their wives. As an example, when Queen Doña Maria II of Portugal married Prince Augustus Francis Anthony in 1836, their marriage contract stated that he would serve as commander in chief of the army (Alves 2014, p.166).

Many male spouses played a critical roles in military conquests, even if they were not official heads of militaries. For example, Mary of Burgundy relied heavily on her husband Maximilian, heir to the Holy Roman Empire, for leading successful military campaigns against the French (Monter 2012, p. 89). Ferdinand V, who co-ruled the Kingdoms of Leon and Castile with Isabella I over 1474-1504, also played an essential military role. Ferdinand helped Isabella

defeat her niece, Joan of Castile, who challenged her succession. He also led the Spanish conquest of Granada, expunging the last Islamic state from Spanish soil, and was instrumental in engineering Spain's conquest of the new world.

In addition, some spouses played important parts in carrying out economic reforms and boosting the state's fiscal capacity, which were needed for financing wars. Francis Stephen essentially single-handedly revitalized the financial system of the Austrian monarchy and raised money for an army when his wife Maria Theresa was its ruler during the 1740s (Beales 2014). Male spouses were also involved in other foreign policy matters, including diplomacy and managing relationships with allies.

Others still served as the public relations face of the monarchy. Take the famous case of Prince Albert, who was unofficial consort to Queen Victoria. Albert was Victoria's most trusted advisor, and helped shape her involvement in foreign affairs (Urbach 2014). Though he was never directly involved in planning wars, he was the first to recognize that the monarchy faced competition from politicians as national figureheads, and devised strategies for demonstrating the monarchy's patriotism. Albert also recognized that the empire could be an additional sphere of influence for the monarchs, and he took a particular interest in India, which Victoria subsequently adapted (Urbach 2014).

Though the degree of direct involvement in wars varied from reign to reign, the spouses of queens were typically involved in managing some aspect of state affairs. This division of labor would have boosted the overall administrative capacity of queenly reigns, positioning them to be able to carry out more aggressive war policies. This increased capacity account implies that queens should be observed to participate more in wars in which their polities were the aggressors, particularly if they were married.

2.3 Gender and Perceived Weakness

A different account of how female rulers influenced war participation focuses on others' perceptions that they were weak and incapable of leading their countries to war. During this period

of European history, the legitimacy of female rule was often questioned on these very grounds. When Mary Tudor became queen of England in 1553, many strongly opposed female succession. The Protestant reformer John Knox argued that women were incapable of effective rule for “nature...doth paint them forth to be weak, frail, impatient, feeble, and foolish...(Jansen 2002).”

These perceptions may have led others to view queens as easy targets, and thus attack polities ruled by queens at higher rates. For example, a month after Maria Theresa acceded as monarch of Austria in 1745, King Frederick II of Prussia invaded Silesia, the richest of the central provinces within her territory (Beales, p. 132). Frederick II has been described as a “notorious misogynist” who once exclaimed that “no woman should ever be allowed to govern anything” (Monter, p. 166). As such gender likely played a role in fuelling his perception that Maria Theresa’s territory would be easy to seize. Accounts of perceived weakness, such as the one highlighted in this example, imply that queens should participate more in wars in which they have been attacked.

3 Data and Sample Description

There is no pre-existing dataset which tracks the genealogy of European polities and their participation in wars historically. We construct this dataset for the period spanning 1480-1913, using a number of different data sources. Our sample period is defined based on our war data, which begins in 1480. We end the sample period with the onset of World War I, after which time monarchs had relatively limited power in deciding when their polities should go to war.

3.1 Genealogy Data

We use Morby (1989) as our starting point. This source provides a list of European polities that existed on the continent during our sample.⁷ Our main sample has 17 polities that ever

⁷Morby refers to these units as kingdoms. While some of these units — such as the Kingdom of England, the Kingdoms of Leon and Castile, and the Tsardom of Russia — are formally defined as kingdoms, others — such as The Medici and their Successors in Florence or The Principality of Monaco — are more accurately

had a queen over 1480-1913. Table A.1 lists these polities.

Within each polity, Morby provides a chronological listing of rulers, along with the start and end years of their reign. Following this structure, we define a reign as a period in which a given monarch or set of monarchs rule the polity. Our sample includes 184 reigns. In most reigns, there is a single monarch. However, in 16 reigns, multiple monarchs rule simultaneously. Some of these are actual co-rule, from (1) a husband and wife ruling jointly, as in the case of Isabel I and Ferdinand V, who ruled the Kingdoms of Leon and Castile (2) father and son ruling together, such as Ivan III the Great and Ivan the Younger who ruled the Tsardom of Russia as co-regents over 1471-1489.⁸ Given co-rule, a monarch may govern across multiple reigns.⁹

Queens ruled in 33 of the reigns, constituting 18% of the sample. They ruled on their own as "Solo queens" in 23 reigns, and co-ruled with husbands in almost all remaining reigns.¹⁰ Joint rule with husbands typically arose when queens succeeded to the throne, and their husbands were officially declared co-rulers with the title of king. This was not always feasible under the laws of the land. Sometimes women who succeeded were actually designated "kings" – and in that regard they are better described as "female kings" rather than queens (Monter 2012).

A total of 186 monarchs, including 28 queens, governed across the reigns within our main sample. We code genealogy information for these monarchs using the Catalog of Royal Family Lineages (Tompsett 1994), which follows the same polity listing as Morby.

For each ruler, we code marriage year, marriage dissolution year, and spouse birth and death years. This allows us to track who they are married to, and whether their spouses are living during their reign.

In addition, we record the birth and death year of the children and their siblings. This allows us to establish whether the monarch had any siblings, and to discern the birth order of

described as independent states. We use the term polity to encompass both kingdoms and states.

⁸In seven additional cases, there is multiple rule because one ruler governed the polity for less than a year before being deposed. For example, Edward V ruled the Kingdom of England for a part of 1483 before he was deposed and his brother Richard III took over as the monarch.

⁹For example, Queen Suzanne ruled the Duchy of Bourbonnais on her own over 1503-1504. She ruled together with her husband Charles III over 1505-1521. Upon her death, Charles III ruled on his own, from 1522-1527.

¹⁰The one exception occurred when two females — Mary I and Lady Jane Grey ruled the kingdom of England in the same year (1553).

the children. Tompsett (1994) is highly comprehensive, and records those who died as infants. For example, even children with the same birth year and death year are included in the catalog.

The gender of a ruler’s children and siblings are typically not stated separately. However, we use their listed names to establish gender. For most instances, this is obvious based on name. When it is not, we used additional data sources to determine if the individual was male or female. In a few cases, Tompsett (1994) lists the gender but not the name, and for these we simply record gender as listed.

Our empirical approach requires us to examine the impact of siblings and first-born children among the previous monarchs, since these individuals tend to correspond to the previous generation. So in most cases, the previous monarchs are simply those who ruled in the previous reign. However, in 16 cases, co-rule and one monarch ruling across multiple reigns break the correspondence of generations to reigns.

In these cases, our definition of previous monarchs differ from monarchs in the last reign. For example, in the case of Suzanne and Charles of Bourbonnais described above, when Suzanne rules by herself, and Suzanne and Charles rule together, and Charles rules by himself, we take all three reigns, and we designate the previous monarchs to be Suzanne’s father Peter II and his brother Charles II, who ruled together in a year prior to Suzanne’s succession.¹¹

We use this data to generate indicators of whether the monarch(s) in the previous reign had a legitimate first born child who was male, and whether they had a sibling who was female. In the instances where neither name nor gender are provided, we create indicators that the gender of the first born and or siblings are missing. We also create a measure of the total number of siblings among previous monarchs. Additionally, we record the ruler’s age at accession.¹²

¹¹Since Charles is from a different family than Suzanne, instrumenting his reign with Suzanne’s parents will weaken the relationship between the endogenous variable and the instrument. On the other hand, agnostically coding previous rulers, irrespective of whether they are from a different family as the endogenous monarchs, is important for preserving the validity of the instrument.

¹²We favor Morby over Tompsett if they differ in reporting the ruler’s accession year or the relationship with the ruler(s) of the previous reign.

3.2 War Data

We code war information provided by Wright (1942) and match it to our genealogy panel to track when each polity participates in war. Wright provides a comprehensive listing of wars starting 1480. He includes “all hostilities involving members of the family of nations, whether international, civil, colonial, imperial, which were recognized as states of war in the legal sense or which involved over 50,000 troops” (Wright 1942, p.636). He also includes “hostilities of considerable but lesser magnitude, not recognized at the time as legal states of war, that led to important legal results” (Wright 1942, p.636).

Importantly, Wright records when each participant enters and exits each war, which allows us to track when each polity is at war.

This data source also distinguishes between different types of wars, formally defined as:

1. Balance of Power War - war among state members of the modern family of nations
2. Defensive War - war to defend modern civilization against an alien culture
3. Imperial War - war to expand modern civilization at the expense of an alien culture
4. Civil Wars - war within a state member of the modern family of nations

Balance of Power wars took place among European countries. Defensive wars almost exclusively involved Ottoman invasions. Imperial wars were colonial conflicts. We aggregate these together to create a measure of external conflict participation, but also examine each separately.

This data source also provides information on aggressors, i.e., the side that initiated a war.¹³ This is conceptually clear and a meaningful measure in the context of Balance of Power wars.¹⁴ Our main sample includes 69 balance of power wars, 28 imperial wars, 6 defensive wars, and 37 civil wars.

¹³Wright recognizes that coding the aggressor controversial but from looking at some cases where he demarcates the aggressor he looks for who is the “primary belligerent.”

¹⁴In contrast, the colonizing power is always assumed to have initiated imperial wars; rebels are always assumed to have initiated civil wars; and no participant is defined as an aggressor in defensive wars (Wright 1942, p.637).

3.3 Other Data

We also use data on regicide— the killing of monarchs — as coded by Eisner (2011) for most polities in our sample. Finally, we code genealogy and war participation for an auxiliary sample of polities that never had queens, which is used to conduct falsification tests. This sample is comprised of 151 reigns across 19 polities for which we were able to match the units in the war data to units in the genealogy data. For example, this was not possible for the German kingdoms, which typically had multiple houses co-ruling sub-regions within a polity — yet, we are not able to observe which specific rulers was involved in the war.

4 Empirical Strategy

4.1 How did Queens become Queens?

Succession Laws

Whether women were allowed to come to power varied based on laws of succession. Some laws explicitly prevented women from coming to power. Chief among these were salic law, which governed succession in the French monarchy after 1317. As a consequence no queens came to power in France, with the exception of queen consorts (Corcos 2012).

Another system of succession that effectively barred women from coming to power was election. During the period we study, polities did not utilize broad-based elections as in the modern era; rather, the elite voted for a monarch among a pool of selected candidates, who were typically all from royal families (Kokkonen and Sundell 2014). This succession law was used perhaps most famously in the Holy Roman Empire, where seven prince-electors would choose an emperor.¹⁵ This system essentially prevented female rule. In fact, no female was ever *elected* to head a European government until Margaret Thatcher was elected prime minister in 1979 (Monter 2012, p.40).

It is only possible for us to identify effect of queens on conflict among polities that had

¹⁵It was also used in the kingdom of Poland after 1572 and the kingdom of Bohemia over 1618-1740, among others.

at least one queen historically — i.e., among polities where female succession was allowed at some point in time. Laws that allowed women to come to power under particular circumstances included primogeniture, which broadly speaking, is the principle of letting the oldest son inherit power. For example, under male preference primogeniture, “[i]f the male line of particular heir fails, then the eldest daughter of the most recent male sovereign may succeed to the throne” (Corcos, p. 1604). This system preferred males but allowed females to succeed. Absolute primogeniture, where the oldest child inherits regardless of gender, was not practiced in any monarchy during our sample period.¹⁶

While in sweeping terms, we can say that England, Portugal and Russia practiced primogeniture for large parts of their history, in actuality, succession laws changed substantially over time. These changes may have arisen endogenously, in response to the conditions such as external wars, or the availability of male heirs. For example, the Austrian monarch Charles VI (who ruled from 1711 to 1740) had no sons or close male relatives. In 1713 he put forward a document called the Pragmatic Sanction, which declared that his daughter Maria Theresa — and, failing her — his younger daughter Maria Anna should succeed him as monarch (Beales, 2014, p. 127). The Kingdom of Sweden also reversed itself on the question of female rule several times. It prohibited female inheritance from 1654 until 1683 and again after 1720 (Monter, p.34).

Note that the endogeneity of these laws make it problematic to exploit them for identifying the effect of female rule. Moreover, no source systematically tracks which polities had which types of law in place in each year covered in our study. Though laws varied tremendously across polities and years, Monter (2012, p. 36-37) succinctly summarizes that:

Four general principles governed dynastic successions to major states almost everywhere Christian Europe – they were (1) legitimate birth (2) masculine priority (3) direct over collateral descent and (4) primogeniture.

David Chambers, in his 1579 treatise on female rule also wrote, “it is a general rule that

¹⁶It was first adapted only in 1980, by Sweden.

women succeed in the absence of males” and “If a deceased king anywhere else [but France] left legitimate daughters but no legitimate sons, the oldest surviving daughter took precedence over more distantly related males.” These guiding principles motivate our empirical strategy. Since the oldest son of a monarch had priority in succession, we exploit whether the first born legitimate child of the previous monarch was male as one of our instruments for female rule.

Gender Variation in Siblings and First-born Children

Several examples suggest that being the sole or oldest daughter of a monarch was one path to becoming a queen. For example, Mary succeeded as queen of Burgundy and the Low Countries in 1477 — she was the only child of the previous monarch, Charles the Rash. Similarly, Marie Adelaide came to rule the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg in 1912 — she was the eldest child of William IV. In addition, Figure 1 shows that among the 28 queens appearing in our sample, 22 (in green) are cases where the previous monarchs had no male first born child, including eight in which the monarchs had no children.

Many queens were also siblings of reigning monarchs. Particularly if the monarch had no brothers or no legitimate children, the throne would often pass to a sister. This motivates us to use the presence of a sister as a second instrument for female rule. For example, when Charles XII was king of Sweden (1697-1718), he never married or had children. All of his brothers had also passed away by the time he died, so the throne passed to his younger sister, Ulrika Eleanora. Queen Isabella I of Castile also came to rule in 1474, upon the death of her brother.

The Tudors of England are yet another example. Mary I was Queen of England (over 1553-1558), and the fourth of the Tudor monarchs. She wanted to prevent her younger half-sister Elizabeth from succeeding her, as she feared Elizabeth would reverse her restoration of Roman Catholicism to England. Mary tried to have children with her spouse, Philip of Spain, but was never able to produce an heir. Upon her death, Elizabeth I did succeed her (and in fact did establish the Protestant Church as one of her first acts in power). Figure 1 also shows that the previous monarch(s) had at least one sister in 23 of the 28 queen cases (as highlighted in purple).

4.2 Instrumental Variables Approach

We use a Instrumental Variables (IV) strategy to estimate the effect of queens on their polity’s conflict participation. We instrument whether a queen ruled with indicators of whether the previous monarchs had a first born child who was male, and whether they had a sister.

The second stage of the IV estimation is given by:

$$Y_{prd} = \alpha_p + \tau_d + (\widehat{Queen}_{pr})\delta + \mathbf{X}'_{pr}\phi + \varepsilon_{prd} \quad (1)$$

where Y_{prd} are war-related outcomes in a polity p , reign r and decade d ; α_p denotes polity fixed effects; τ_d denotes decade fixed effects; and \mathbf{X} is a vector of controls that vary at the reign level (detailed below). \widehat{Queen}_{pr} is the instrumented indicator of whether a queen rules during a given reign.

The first stage is given by:

$$Queen_{pr} = \alpha_p + \tau_d + (First-Born\ Male_{pr-1}) + (Sister_{pr-1})\theta + \mathbf{X}'_{pr}\rho + \omega_{prd} \quad (2)$$

Here, $Sister_{pr-1}$ is an indicator of whether the monarch(s) in the previous reign had a female sibling; and $First-Born\ Male_{pr-1}$ is an indicator of whether the previous monarch(s) had a legitimate first born child who was male.¹⁷ We use Two-Stage Least Squares to estimate equations (1) and (2) together in a one-step procedure. Since a single ruler can span across multiple reigns within a kingdom, we cluster our standard errors at the polity level.

The *First-Born Male* variable is defined to be zero if the previous monarchs had no legitimate children. Thus we additionally control for whether they had any children with two variables — one indicates if they had any children for whom birth years are not missing, and another indicates if they had any children with missing birth years. This disaggregation helps account for measurement error since we can most accurately identify who is first born when there are no missing birth years.

¹⁷We exploit the gender of the first born, rather than gender of the oldest surviving child at the time of accession, since there may be selection bias in who survives. For example, if aggressive children survive harsh conditions, they may also subsequently adapt more aggressive policies during times of war.

Similarly, we control for whether the gender of the sibling and gender of the first-born are missing. As discussed above, we identify gender based on name. When the name was missing from Tompsett (1994), we first conducted an exhaustive search to see if we could locate it from other sources. After searching, we were still unable to find the name of five first-born children. We believe these are very likely to be girls — as Jansen (2002) documents in detail, it is common royal genealogies to provide limited information about female children. However, our empirical strategy also controls separately for missing gender first borns. We additionally control for whether our search filled in missing genealogy information. These controls, with the any children indicators, comprise the "main controls" utilized in all IV specifications. Some specifications also control for the total number of siblings of past monarchs.

Table 1 examines our two instruments at the level of the reign. As shown here, conditional on the previous monarchs having children, there was a male first born in 53.9% of our sample. The naturally occurring sex ratio at birth is 52% male (Grech et al. 2002). Since the missing gender cases are likely to be female, this figure is within the margin of error around the naturally occurring sex ratio. Table 1 also shows that the previous monarchs had a sister in 71.3% of the cases.

Some of our polities changed boundaries substantially over this period — some may have come to an end as one unit, and re-emerged as a part of another unit after unification or capture by another kingdom. For example, the Kingdoms of Leon and Castile are present in our sample as a polity from 1480 until the first decade of the 1500s, at which point Spain emerges as another political entity which lasts through to 1913.

We address this issue in two ways. First, we include polity fixed effects, and look only at changes over time within a given polity. Under this approach, we exploit variation over time within the Kingdoms of Leon and Castile when it is in existence, and over time Kingdom of Spain after it comes into existence. Second, while we are unable to observe high-frequency boundary changes, Morby (1989) records when polities end, and if they end via unification, partition, or transformation into a republic. Thus we are able to observe if queenly reigns predict any of these outcomes. Table 2 provides the descriptive statistics of key variables used

in our analysis, at the panel level.

5 Results

This section presents evidence of how queenly reigns affect war participation. We begin by showing the OLS and IV results. We next address instrument validity. We then disaggregate wars by type, and present evidence of our causal account. We close by examining alternative accounts.

5.1 Queens and War: Main Results

Table 3 examines the OLS relationship between queens and war participation. The first two columns show the effects on external wars, while the latter two columns show the effects on internal civil wars. The even numbered controls include our standard controls. These are not needed for the OLS specifications, but we include them for comparability to the IV specifications.

The results show that polities led by queens participated in external wars more relative to polities led by kings. The estimate in column (2) indicates a differential war participation rate of 8.2%. The results also show that there was no greater tendency for queens to participate in civil wars. In other words, female leaders did not face higher rates of internal revolt. With the controls, the effect on civil wars even appears to be negative.

However, these OLS estimates may be biased — for example, the elite may have allowed queens to come to power more during times of stability, or prevented them from coming to power during times of war. In fact, even some reigning queens articulated the view that women should not govern if they had to lead armies into battle. This was the position of Ulrika Eleonora who asked that the Swedish Riksdag that her husband Frederick be made co-regent. When the Riksdag refused, she abdicated in his favor (Persson 2014). Accounts such as this one would imply a downward bias on the OLS estimates.

To account for this potential bias, we present the IV estimates in Table 4. The second-stage

results again demonstrate that queens participate in external wars more than kings, but do not participate in internal conflicts to a greater degree. The coefficient in column (1) suggests that the likelihood of external conflict is 27% higher for queens relative to kings. The larger coefficient on the IV estimate relative to the OLS estimate is consistent with endogeneity in leadership exerting downward bias on the OLS estimates.

The bottom of Table 4 shows that the instruments together make for a strong first stage: the Kleibergen-Paap F-statistic is 21.4, exceeding the relevant Stock-Yogo critical value. Individually, each instrument also has a statistically significant effect on the likelihood of a queen coming to power. If the previous monarchs had a first-born male, this reduces the likelihood of a queen coming to power by 16.9%. In contrast, if they had a sister, this increases the likelihood of queen coming to power by 19.6%.

In Appendix Table A.2, we present results using several other variants of the instrument set. Since the presence of a sister may matter more for queenly accession when the monarchs lack a first-born male, the instrument set in column (1) includes an interaction between the sister and first-born male variables. Also, whether the first child is female may matter less if there is more than one child. (For example, if the second child is male this might reduce chances of the first born female acceding). So, in column (2) we introduce an interaction between the first-born male variable and an indicator for whether the previous monarchs had two or more children. In columns (3), we include just the first-born male instrument. This instrument has the advantage that gender of the first child should be determined by a coin flip and is thus unaffected by the fertility behavior of the parents of previous monarchs (two generations ago), which may influence whether the previous monarchs had a sister. And in column (4), we conversely utilize just the sister instrument.

As shown in these columns, all instrument sets yield second-stage coefficients of approximately the same magnitude. This demonstrates that the results are not highly dependent on any one particular IV approach. However, the strength of the first stage and precision of the second stage estimates vary across specifications. The first-stage F-statistics range from 7 to 18. We use both the first born male and sister instruments since this yields the strongest first

stage among various potential instrument sets.

5.2 Instrument Validity

In this section, we address two potential concerns around the validity of our instruments. First, the previous monarchs were more likely to have had a sister if their parents had a larger number of children. This would correspond to a larger number of total siblings. If these siblings were potential contenders for the throne, they may have initiated wars aimed at seizing power. These wars of succession would serve as an alternate channel affecting conflict, violating the exclusion restriction.

In Table 5, we take two steps to address this concern. First, we control for the total number of siblings, which closes off this alternative channel. As an additional robustness check, we identify and remove wars of succession from the sample.¹⁸ Table 5 shows that the queen variable remains statistically significant and increases in magnitude under both changes. This provides assurance that our estimates are not driven by siblings contending the throne. Going forward, we continue to control for the number of total siblings in all remaining specifications.

A second potential concern lies in the use of the first born male instrument. The lack of a first born male could spur war if it signals uncertainty in succession. Other monarchs may choose to attack the kingdom if they see that the first birth did not yield a male heir. If so, queens would inherit kingdoms that are already participating in more wars. If these wars continue into their reign, this would present an alternative path through which the instrument affects war participation.

In Table 6, we examine if these effects hold. In columns (1) and (2) we determine if monarchs who have a first born male end up fighting more in their current reign. We see no evidence of such effects. The coefficients are insignificant, small in magnitude, and display varying signs.

We conduct a second, broader falsification. If the presence of a first born male (or a female sibling) in the last reign affects war through some other channel beyond queenly accession, these variables should also affect war participation in polities which never had queens. To examine

¹⁸These five succession wars are all external wars since they involve more than one European power.

this idea, we test whether the presence of a first-born male and sister in the past reign affected conflict in the non-queen polities. We find no evidence of such a relationship in columns (3) and (4). These two falsifications further bolster the validity of our instruments.

5.3 Disaggregated War Effects

In this section, we disaggregate the effect of queens on war participation based on several factors, including the type of war and the type of queen.

First, we disaggregate external war participation by type of war. As shown in Table 2, balance of power wars are by far the most prevalent form of external conflict. On average, polities were engaged in this type of war during 21% of the polity-year observations. In contrast, they were engaged in imperial and defensive wars 3.4% and 1.1% of the times, respectively. Table 7 shows that when the overall war participation effect (in column 1) is disaggregated into these three types of wars (columns 2-4), the queen effect is largest and most precisely estimated for balance of power wars.

The effect on balance of power wars can be further disaggregated along two dimensions. First, participation can stem from new wars that the reign initiates, or from the continuation of wars that were started previously. Columns (2)-(3) Table 8 show this decomposition. Note that the coefficients on these two outcomes add up to the coefficient in column (1). The magnitudes suggest that reign entry into new wars and reign continuation of old wars contribute almost equally to participation in the Balance of Power wars.

To distinguish between the capacity and perceived weakness accounts, we next disaggregate whether queens participate more in wars in which their polity attacked, or in which their polities were attacked. We draw on Wright's coding of who initiated the conflict. Since the aggressor coding is missing for some observations, column (4) shows the queen effect on aggregate war participation in this sub-sample. Columns (5)-(6) show the disaggregated effects. The coefficients indicate that the largest and most precisely estimated effect is for the polity attacked variable. This is important because it establishes that queens did not lead to more

war participation solely because they were attacked by other monarchs.

Did these effects vary for queens who ruled by themselves — i.e., for queens who were either single or whose husbands did not hold the title of co-regent? Appendix Table A.3 shows that the same pattern of results holds for these "Solo Queens." Generally, all the coefficients are more precisely estimated and larger in magnitude for the solo queen variable, as compared to the queen variable. This firstly provides assurance that the effects are not driven by cases of co-rule, and decisions made by kings in these cases. It secondly reinforces the finding that effects are strongest for participation in wars in which the kingdom attacked.

These results are consistent with the reign capacity argument, since queenly reigns participated more as aggressors. However if aggressive war participation reflects support from spouses, these effects should emerge particularly among married monarchs. To examine this account further, Table 9 tests whether a queen's proclivity to attack or be attacked varies based on marital status. We define a monarch as married during the reign if he or she had a (living) spouse during any year of their reign. (In cases of co-rule, we consider if both monarchs had a spouse during the reign). We interact this variable with the Queen indicator, the instruments, and the control variables. 66% of the rulers are married to a spouse who is alive over their reign. (This figure is 50% for the female monarchs). Since marital status varies by age, we also control for equivalent age at accession interactions. Finally, to account for missing values, we control for both whether the marriage and accession age information are missing, again including interaction terms with the endogenous variable, instruments and controls.

Columns (1) and (2) show that amongst married monarchs, queens were more likely to participate as attackers relative to kings, but among unmarried monarchs, queens were more likely to be attacked than kings. The differential tendency of queens to participate as attackers among married monarchs supports the view that the spouses of queens enhanced their reign capacity, enabling them to pursue more aggressive war policies. However, the differential tendency of queens getting attacked among unmarried monarchs also provide some support for the perceived weakness account — i.e., the results suggest that queens may have been perceived as weak and particularly vulnerable to attack when they lacked a spouse to provide additional

support.

Do these results imply that aggressive war participation under queenly reigns simply reflect the dictates of a queen’s husband? We present evidence against this in two ways. First, we posit that this scenario is most likely to occur for cases in which queens and their husbands co-ruled together. But when we eliminate co-ruling queens and examine the impact of solo queens in columns (3)-(4), we find that the same pattern of results continue to hold. This suggests that even married queens who ruled alone were supported to fight aggressively, while unmarried queens were relatively vulnerable and tended to be attacked more.

Second, qualitative accounts indicate that queens who involved their spouses in state matters did not necessarily retract in those matters. Historical records show that ruling husbands and wives often disagreed over major policy issues. For example, when Isabella succeeded, Ferdinand tried to assert his rights to become king. They clashed on this matter, but eventually, Isabella prevailed. They embarked on “joint government by two monarchs” but Isabella was the queen regnant and Ferdinand was her king-consort. Importantly, the succession law specified that if she died the throne would pass to their daughter Isabel, not Ferdinand (Jansen 2002, p. 15).

Though Ferdinand played a critical in military confrontations, Isabella never withdrew from this realm. During the internal conflict against Juana, she rode throughout her territory to garner support for her cause—and one of these rides even led to a miscarriage (Jansen 2002, p. 21). Her military role only expanded during the war against Granada:

An “accomplished strategist,” she ultimately moved out from behind the scenes to center stage, taking the field with the Castilian army in Cordoba, Malaga, Baeza, and, at last, in Granada, where she appeared wearing armor and mounted on a warhorse (*ibid*).

In short, though Isabella relied on her husband, her authority and independence were apparent, and few would have described her as Ferdinand’s subordinate.

Finally, its worth noting the signs on the married in reign variable in Table 9. This coefficient captures the effect of being married for kings. It is positive in columns (1) and (3), and

significantly so in the latter column, indicating that married kings attacked more than unmarried kings. Conversely, it is negative in columns (2) and (4), indicating that married kings were attacked less than unmarried kings, though this effect is not significant. This pattern suggests that even married kings may have enjoyed some division of labor benefits based on having a spouse. However, the smaller marital effect estimated for kings is consistent with the idea that female monarchs relied more on their spouses than male monarchs.

Overall, our results support the view that asymmetry in the extent to which kings relied on their female consorts and queens relied on their male consorts played a key role in determining why queenly rule corresponded to higher war participation.

5.4 Addressing Alternative Accounts

In this section we consider and present evidence against a number of alternative accounts.

The first alternative account posits that queens may have chosen to display greater aggression in warfare in order to signal their strength, and to counter perceptions that they would be militarily weak. It would be most advantageous to send this signal earlier in the reign, to maximally curb potential attacks. So if queens were signaling, we should observe more aggressive war participation earlier in their reign. In Table 10, we test this idea by introducing an interaction between the queen variable and an indicator of the second half of a monarch's reign. In these specifications, we control for the overall length of reign. For all war-related outcomes, the interaction term is statistically insignificant and also positive in sign (suggesting more war later). In Table A.4, we demonstrate that other measures of timing – including year of reign and an indicator of the first two years of the reign – produce similar effects. These results present evidence against the idea that the queen effects on war arise from signaling.

Another account suggests that aggressive actions undertaken during a queen's reign may reflect the actions a foreign minister, rather than the queen herself. This conjecture is based on two assumptions – first, that foreign ministers are more aggressive than monarchs, and second, that women rulers are more easily influenced by ministers than male rulers.

Scholars throughout history have questioned the second assumption. In 1630, Gregorio Leti, who produced a biography of Elizabeth I, wrote:

I do not know why men have conceived such a strange and evil opinion of women so as to consider them incapable of conducting important business . . . if men see a person of that sex govern a state with prudence and success they will inevitably take the glory away from her and attribute it to her favorites and ministers. (Monter, p. 153).

Although this assumption has been questioned, if female rulers were in fact more easily influenced by male ministers, these effects should be larger if they acceded to the throne at an early age. This is when they were the most impressionable, and may not have developed clear policy positions of their own. To test this idea, we introduce interactions of age at accession with the queen variable. Table 11 indicates that there are no differential effects of the extent to which queens fought in wars based on the age at which they came to power. This casts doubt against the idea that ministers behind the scenes were making all war-related decisions.

This is also consistent with evidence that queens did not passively receive the advice of ministers. When Frederick invaded Silesia, Maria Theresa's elderly ministers advised her to make concessions— she refuted their advice and fought back as she wanted retain all of her territory (Beales, p. 133).

Finally, we examine the account that queens pursued external war strategically because they faced greater internal instability and sought to unify the polity against an external threat (Ostrom and Job 1986). Table 12 shows that having a queen did not differentially impact the length of a monarch's reign. Moreover, it had no significant impact on the likelihood that a monarch was killed. It also didn't bring about the demise of the kingdom: there were no large-scale shifts in whether a kingdom ended, either through unification or capture with another kingdom, or through its transformation into a republic. This suggests that greater internal instability was unlikely to be a key motivating factor.

6 Conclusion

There is growing interest in understanding how female leaders affect their state's conflict behavior. We answer this question by focusing on European polities over 1480-1913. We exploit gender of the first-born and presence of a sister in the previous reign as exogenous determinants of whether queens come to power. We find that queenly reigns tend to participate more in inter-state war, but do not participate more in internal wars.

Notably, queens engage in wars in which their polity is the aggressor, though effects on aggressive war participation vary based on marital status. Among married monarchs, queens participate as attackers more than kings. Among unmarried monarchs, queens tend to be attacked more than kings. These results are consistent with an account in which married queens rely on their spouses to aid in conducting official state business, which allows them to pursue more aggressive war policies. Married kings in contrast, do not utilize this type of spousal division of labor to the same degree.

Our results uncover no differential effects on war participation earlier in the reign, which suggests that queens do not fight to signal their strength. We also do not observe larger effects among younger monarchs, which casts doubt on the idea that foreign ministers dominate all decisions about queens going to war. Taken together, our results suggest that asymmetry in how kings and queens relied on their spouses played an important role in determining why polities ruled by female monarchs participated more in war.

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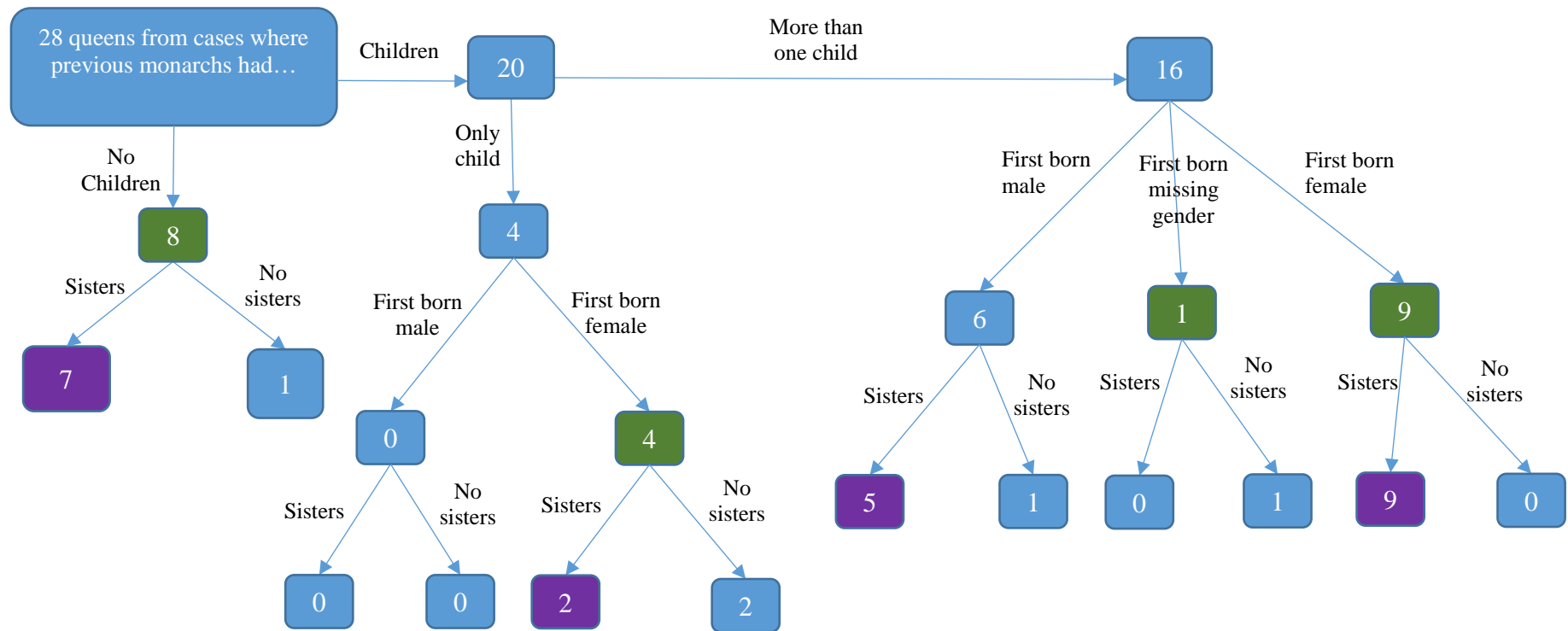
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Figure 1
Circumstances under which Queens Came to Power



Notes. This figure documents the circumstances of the previous monarchs for each of the 28 queens that came to power in our sample. As an example, the previous monarchs had children in 20 of 28 queen cases and lacked children in 8 cases. Among these 8 cases, the previous monarchs had sisters in 7 cases and had no sisters in 1 case. Purple cells show all the cases in which there was at least one sister among previous monarchs. Green cells show all the cases in which there was no male first born child among previous monarchs.

Table 1
The Instruments

Male First Born (previous monarchs)			Sister (previous monarchs)		
Yes	83	53.9%	Yes	137	71.3%
No	71	46.1%	No	55	28.7%

Table 2
Summary Statistics of Key Variables

Variable	Obs.	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
<i>Dependent Variables:</i>					
In Civil War	3586	0.070	0.255	0	1
In External War	3586	0.248	0.432	0	1
In Imperial War	3586	0.034	0.181	0	1
In Defensive War	3574	0.013	0.114	0	1
In Balance of Power War	3577	0.214	0.410	0	1
In Balance of Power War - Kingdom Attacked	3563	0.086	0.281	0	1
In Balance of Power War - Kingdom was Attacked	3563	0.124	0.330	0	1
In Balance of Power War - Reign Entered	3577	0.164	0.370	0	1
In Balance of Power War - Reign Continued	3577	0.050	0.219	0	1
Reign Length	3586	30.830	15.612	1	66
Monarch Killed	3058	0.145	0.352	0	1
Polity Ends in this Reign	3586	0.085	0.279	0	1
Polity Unites with Another	3559	0.051	0.219	0	1
Polity is Partitioned / Captured	3559	0.017	0.128	0	1
Polity becomes a Republic	3559	0.001	0.029	0	1
<i>Independent Variables:</i>					
Queen	3586	0.160	0.366	0	1
Solo Queen	3586	0.131	0.337	0	1
Married in reign	3333	0.825	0.380	0	1
First-born male (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.502	0.500	0	1
Sister (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.740	0.438	0	1
Total Siblings (of previous monarchs)	3586	4.302	4.145	0	22
First-born missing gender (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.019	0.137	0	1
Missing gender sibling (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.064	0.245	0	1
At least one child with missing birth year (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.118	0.323	0	1
At least one child without missing birth year (of previous monarchs)	3586	0.821	0.383	0	1

Table 3
Queens and War: OLS Results

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In External War	(3) In Civil War	(4) In Civil War
Queen	0.078*** [0.029]	0.082** [0.039]	-0.024 [0.017]	-0.027* [0.015]
Observations	3,377	3,377	3,377	3,377
R-squared	0.220	0.223	0.153	0.173
Number of polities	17	17	17	17
Specification	OLS	OLS	OLS	OLS
Standard Controls		Y		Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 4
Queens and War: IV Results

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In Civil War
Queen	0.272** [0.120]	0.030 [0.091]
Observations	3,377	3,377
R-squared	0.200	0.168
Number of polities	17	17
Instruments	FBM _{t-1} & Sister _{t-1}	FBM _{t-1} & Sister _{t-1}
Standard Controls	Y	Y

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	Queen
FBM _{t-1}	-.169* [.081]
Sister _{t-1}	0.198** [.056]
Observations	3,377
R-squared	0.259
Number of polities	17
Standard Controls	Y
Kleibergen-Paap F-statistic	21.4

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. FBM denotes First-Born Male. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 5
Siblings and Wars of Succession

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In Civil War	(3) In External War	(4) In External War
Queen	0.338** [0.168]	0.041 [0.086]	0.376*** [0.144]	0.435* [0.227]
Observations	3,377	3,377	3,377	3,377
R-squared	0.184	0.165	0.151	0.129
Number of polities	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y		Y
Sample	All Wars	All Wars	No Succession Wars	No Succession Wars

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 6
Falsification Tests

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In Civil War	(3) In External War	(4) In Civil War
First-Born Male _t	-0.038 [0.043]	-0.003 [0.025]		
Sister _t	0.054 [0.047]	-0.032 [0.027]		
First-Born Male _{t-1}			-0.047 [0.068]	-0.007 [0.026]
Sister _{t-1}			-0.021 [0.065]	0.014 [0.018]
Observations	3,110	3,110	3,112	3,112
R-squared	0.245	0.171	0.202	0.081
Number of polities	17	17	19	19
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sample	Queen polities	Queen polities	Non-Queen polities	Non-Queen polities

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 7
Disaggregation by Type of External War

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
VARIABLES	In External War	In Defensive War	In Imperial War	In Balance of Power War
Queen	0.338** [0.168]	-0.023 [0.045]	0.114 [0.124]	0.369*** [0.141]
Observations	3,377	3,365	3,377	3,368
R-squared	0.184	0.148	0.046	0.215
Number of polities	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 8
War Entry and War Aggression

VARIABLES	(1) In Balance of Power War	(2) Reign Entered	(3) Reign Continued	(4) In Balance of Power War	(5) Polity was Attacked	(6) Polity Attacked
Queen	0.369*** [0.141]	0.185 [0.142]	0.184 [0.161]	0.380*** [0.139]	0.022 [0.192]	0.358* [0.189]
Observations	3,368	3,368	3,368	3,354	3,354	3,354
R-squared	0.215	0.164	0.156	0.205	0.203	-0.005
Number of polities	17	17	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 9
Queens and War: Effects by Marital Status

VARIABLES	(1) Polity Attacked	(2) Polity was Attacked	(3) Polity Attacked	(4) Polity was Attacked
Queen	-0.376 [0.301]	0.738** [0.299]	- -	- -
Queen x Married in Reign	0.871** [0.422]	-0.802*** [0.292]	- -	- -
Solo Queen	- -	- -	-0.570** [0.289]	0.865*** [0.329]
Solo Queen x Married in Reign	- -	- -	0.907** [0.406]	-0.829** [0.341]
Married in Reign	0.090 [0.072]	-0.035 [0.058]	0.133* [0.075]	-0.068 [0.068]
Observations	3,354	3,354	3,250	3,250
Number of polities	17	17	16	16
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y
Control Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y
Control Accession Age	Y	Y	Y	Y

Sample Restriction?	Omit reigns w/ co- ruling queens	Omit reigns w/ co- ruling queens
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Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 10
Effects based on Timing

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
VARIABLES	In External War	In Balance of Power War	Polity Attacked	Polity was Attacked	In Civil War
Queen	0.261** [0.122]	0.275** [0.132]	0.263** [0.132]	0.013 [0.132]	-0.003 [0.085]
Queen X Second Half of Reign	0.186 [0.146]	0.240 [0.201]	0.204 [0.219]	0.064 [0.133]	0.091 [0.086]
Observations	3,377	3,368	3,354	3,354	3,377
R-squared	0.175	0.201	-0.022	0.208	0.157
Number of polities	17	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reign Length	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 11
Effects based on Age

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In Balance of Power War	(3) Polity Attacked	(4) Polity was Attacked	(5) In Civil War
Queen	0.315* [0.172]	0.333** [0.140]	0.275* [0.156]	0.067 [0.167]	-0.048 [0.068]
Queen x Age at Accession	-0.009 [0.012]	-0.010 [0.013]	0.014 [0.015]	-0.024 [0.023]	0.019 [0.020]
Observations	3,377	3,368	3,354	3,354	3,377
Number of polities	17	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Control Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table 12
Queens and Internal Instability

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
VARIABLES	Reign length	Monarch killed	Polity ends	Polity unites	Polity partitioned / captured	Polity becomes republic
Queen	3.501 [14.562]	-0.435 [0.396]	0.130 [0.295]	0.293 [0.228]	-0.220 [0.171]	-0.006 [0.006]
Observations	3,377	3,058	3,377	3,350	3,350	3,350
R-squared	0.183	0.184	0.288	0.192	0.055	0.032
Number of polities	17	17	17	16	16	16
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses.
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Table A.1
Polities with Queens

Burgundy and the Low Countries
Portugal
Spain
The Duchy of Bourbonnais
The Duchy of Brittany
The Duchy of Lorraine
The Farnese and Bourbons in Parma
The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg
The polity of England
The polity of Navarre (Pamplona)
The polity of Scotland
The polity of Sweden
The polities of Leon and Castile
The Medici and their Successors in Florence
The Modern Netherlands
The Principality of Monaco
The Tsardom of Russia

Table A.2
Alternative Instrument Sets

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In External War	(3) In External War	(4) In External War
Queen	0.275** [0.109]	0.250** [0.104]	0.291 [0.294]	0.262 [0.198]
Observations	3,377	3,377	3,377	3,909
R-squared	0.200	0.207	0.195	0.170
Number of polities	17	17	17	17
Instruments	FBM _{t-1} , Sister _{t-1} , FBM _{t-1} X Sister _{t-1}	FBM _{t-1} , Sister _{t-1} , FBM _{t-1} X At least Two Children _{t-1}	FBM _{t-1}	Sister _{t-1}
First Stage F-statistic	18.0	17.0	6.6	9.4

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. FBM denotes First-Born Male. In column (5), the instrument set includes the First Born Male and Sister variables, as well as their interactions with an indicator of whether the polity ever had a queen. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table A.3
Solo Queens

VARIABLES	(1) In External War	(2) In Civil War	(3) In Balance of Power War	(4) Reign Entered	(5) Reign Continued	(6) Polity Attacked	(7) Polity was Attacked
Solo Queen	0.454** [0.221]	0.054 [0.116]	0.494*** [0.186]	0.253 [0.191]	0.241 [0.218]	0.486* [0.264]	0.022 [0.261]
Observations	3,377	3,377	3,368	3,368	3,368	3,354	3,354
R-squared	0.136	0.163	0.159	0.149	0.111	-0.116	0.202
Number of polities	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.

Table A.4
Alternative Reign Timing Measures

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
VARIABLES	In External War	In Balance of Power War	Polity Attacked	Polity was Attacked	In Civil War	In External War	In Balance of Power War	Polity Attacked	Polity was Attacked	In Civil War
Queen	0.374** [0.174]	0.388*** [0.146]	0.364* [0.189]	0.038 [0.173]	0.053 [0.095]	0.137 [0.219]	0.265 [0.225]	0.314* [0.175]	-0.076 [0.164]	-0.100 [0.134]
Queen X First Two Reign Years	-0.319 [0.328]	-0.170 [0.256]	-0.086 [0.168]	-0.100 [0.172]	-0.138 [0.191]					
Queen X Log Year of Reign						0.102 [0.096]	0.063 [0.093]	0.026 [0.113]	0.056 [0.096]	0.057 [0.060]
Observations	3,377	3,368	3,354	3,354	3,377	3,377	3,368	3,354	3,354	3,377
R-squared	0.178	0.215	-0.002	0.205	0.160	0.166	0.199	0.017	0.204	0.158
Number of polities	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Specification	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Standard Controls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Total Siblings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reign Length	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes. Variables not shown include polity and decade fixed effects. Robust standard errors clustered at the polity level are shown in parentheses. *** is significant at the 1% level, ** is significant at the 5% level, * is significant at the 10% level.