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Abstract

This research paper focuses on the territorial disputes which have occurred between the DRC and 7 out of its 9 neighbors. Being a security situation, understanding territorial dispute can assist in explaining the extremely long period of political instability and violent armed conflicts that have created havoc in most of the DRC's post-independence era. The aim here is to uncover the causes underscoring the variations in territorial disputes outcomes as not all of them resulted in violent conflicts. I use an analytical framework based on core tenets of the Third world security Dilemma to test how it answers my research question.