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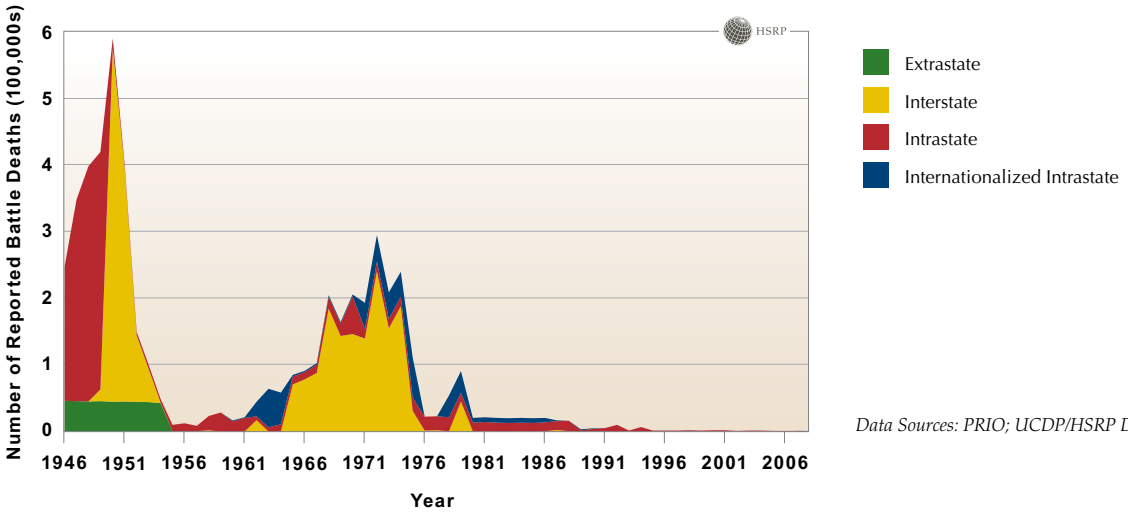
Figure 3.4 Trends in Reported Battle Deaths from State-Based Armed Conflicts in East Asia by Type, 1946–2008



Data Sources: PRIO; UCDP/HSRP Dataset.

Intrastate—or civil—conflicts have been the most numerous, and with the notable exception of the Chinese Civil war, the least deadly form of conflict in East Asia. Interstate conflicts have been the least frequent but the most deadly form of conflict. The Vietnamese struggle against the French was the most deadly anti-colonial conflict, the other extrastate conflicts in the region had many fewer causalities. Internationalized intrastate conflicts—civil conflicts in which armed forces of other states support one or more of the warring parties—have, like interstate and extrastate conflicts, disappeared from East Asia. They were at their deadliest in the 1960s and 1970s.

Note: Figure 3.4 is a "stacked graph," meaning that the number of battle deaths in each category is indicated by the depth of the band of colour. The top line shows the total number of battle deaths of all types in each year.

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