Title: Rhetoric as Repression: The Roles and Effects of Government Framing

This project examines how the public statements issued by governments aid them in resisting demands for reform made by protesters. It argues that these statements allow governments to reduce or delay the support protests receive from the domestic population and international community. It tests the relationships between rhetoric and repression, protest, and international attention. I find that a government's public statements reduce the need to use force against dissidents, reduces protest, and can delay the extension of international support from states.