Introduction

Problems

- Religious conflict widespread, worldwide
- Is an important contributor to national, international instability
- May be localized or widespread
- Small incidents can snowball
- Little is known, data is widely scattered.

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We present:

A tool set for collection of micro-scale religious conflict events

- characterizes, geo-locates and dates microscale religious conflict events, e.g. from, including web news agencies
- operates on any ASCII text data or video annotations
- does not require precision english grammar, can be used with output of translation software.
- Supervised and unsupervised learning; operates on initial training set of search terms from expert users
- can trained to find anything.
- can be programed in near natural language by subject matter experts
- uses social computing concepts for information enrichment, validation

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