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This study examines the relationship between climate change and political stability. Specifically, does climate change (a decrease in rainfall or an increase in temperature) in conjunction with weak governance and rule of law contribute to a decrease of political stability? This study contrasts other studies, for I focus specifically on the mitigation ability of effective governance and rule of law in offsetting the risk of political instability, while other studies focus on aspects related to resource competition and scarcity. The methodology is composed of a multi-variance linear regression. The case study will be composed of countries within the African continent. Empirical results show that there is an overall weak correlation between simply climate change and political stability. However, with the added factors of government efficiency and rule of law, the significance increases, suggesting there is some link between climate change and political stability, but further research is needed.