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Project abstract:

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Please summarise your research question in no more than three sentences.

Does foreign aid from an autocratic donor undermine democracy in the recipient nation, and aid from a democratic donor strengthen democracies? In particular, this research attempts to test if changes in democracy levels in recipient nations have responded to changing donor aid through a quantitative regression analysis.

Data collection

Briefly describe the data that will be used, including any secondary sources, noting content, coverage, cost, availability, and terms of use.

S.No	Variable / Data	Secondary Data ?	Source	Content	Coverage	Cost	Availability	Terms of U
1.	Chinese Aid Data	Yes	AidData.org https://www.aiddata.org/data/chinese-global-official-finance-dataset	**GlobalChineseOfficialFinanceDataset_v1.0.xlsx** - Contains offcially financed data on chinese aid made to countries over the period 2000-2014 in 5 regions (Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Central and Eastern Europe), curated at the William and Mary college. The data is decomposed sectorally, by purpose and the amount of aid received, in a country wise panel.	Year coverage: 2000-2014 Geographical Coverage:140 countries	None	Freely available, Open access	Appropriat the READ M GlobalChin
2.	Democracy Index - Freedom House scores	Yes	Freedom In World Survey, 2018 https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/freedom-world-2018	**Country and Territory Ratings and Statuses FIW1973-2018.xlsx** - Freedom House ratings published for countries along 3 parameters - Political Rights, Civil Liberties and Freedom Status, all except the later ranging from a scale 1-7.	Year Coverage: 1972-2018 Geographicl Coverage: 195	None	Freely available, Open access	Appropriat the INDEX Ratings an
3.	GINI index, GDP PC, Adult literacy rates	Yes	World Bank Indicators https://data.worldbank.org/indicator	Indicators as measured by the Worl Bank	Year and Geographical Coverage as per the scope of the project, i.e. 2000-2014 and for 53 countries in Africa	None	Freely available, Open access	Open acce conditions/ Appropriat neverthele
4.	USA Net ODA data	Yes	Aid (ODA) disbursements to countries and regions [DAC2a] available at: https://stats.oecd.org/viewhtml.aspx?datasetcode=TABLE2A&lang=en#	Filtered for Net ODA given by the USA over the period 2000-2014 to Africa	Year and Geographical Coverage as per the scope of the project, i.e. 2000-2014 and for 53 countries in Africa	None	Freely available, Open access	Appropriat the OECD i

Informed consent and anonymisation of primary research data

If you are collecting primary data, describe your process of obtaining informed consent.

N.A

If you are collecting primary data that can identify living individuals, how will you anonymise that data to prevent identification?

N.A.

Research ethics

Does your research involve human participants (living or dead), or involve data about directly identifiable human subjects?

- No

Storage and back-up

How will data be stored and backed up during the research? How will you manage access and security? Is the size of your data likely to be a problem?

Data will be stored in the University's Onedrive space and backed up daily.