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Title: Human Security implications of China's principle of non-interference on Zimbabwe.

Abstract:

Many studies have examined China's growing influence in Africa (Ado and Su 2016). Nevertheless, most of the work considers economic impacts on national level. This study asks, "What is the impact of China's claimed 'non-interference' approach on human security in Zimbabwe?" The research's primary objective is to identify and examine the impact of China-Zimbabwe's bilateral relations on the well-being of ordinary citizens. It builds on work including the legal and policy obstructions to human security in Africa (Abass 2010), the conceptual relevance and application of the human security concept in the contemporary developing world (Christou 2014, Martin and Owen 2014), and the implications of human security concept in China's foreign relations (Wu 2013, Dittgen, Lalbahadur et al. 2016). The rationale of this study project is to better understand and accentuate the operationalization of human security concept, and China's non-interference stance towards African regimes, and how these two areas intersect. This study has substantial impact potential for scholars and policymakers working in foreign policy and security, aid, and development in authoritarian governments and countries with relations to China around the globe.

