

Empowerment Rights in relation to Colonization, Polity & National Wealth

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IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESEARCH

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights lists a series of fundamental rights that should be followed by all nations.
- Some nations do not follow these guidelines, and the empowerment rights of humans specifically is at risk.
- Are **empowerment rights** affected by a nation's Colonial Past, Polity, or Wealth?
- Determining this could help us better understand **empowerment rights** and find grounds for improvement.

LITERATURE REVIEW

- Ralf Dahrendorf's (1979) work demonstrates that life chances are influenced social structures.
- Kathryn Sikkink's (2017) work on human rights illustrates the global human rights trend.
- Mann (2013) argues that the increase in so called democracies may result in an "erosion of civil liberties." These new "democracies" often have emerged from former colonies.

METHODS



The quality of government dataset from the University of Gothenburg was used.



Analyses used Pooled Time Series regression and Ordinary Least Square regression.



The **Empowerment Index** is predicted by previous Colonization, Polity, and GDP/capita.

FINDINGS



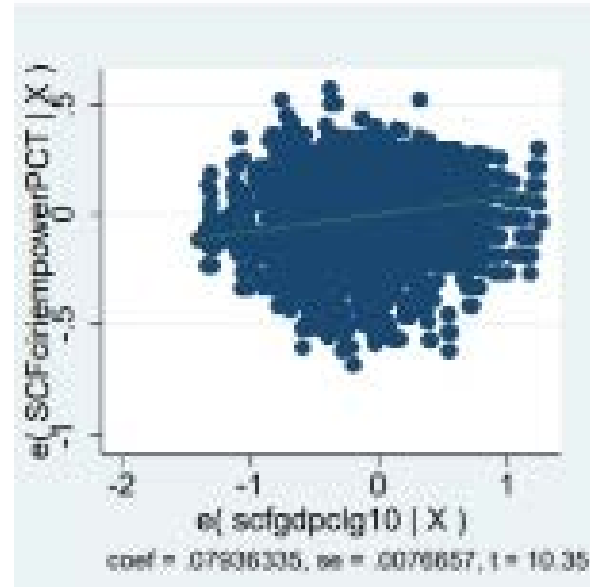
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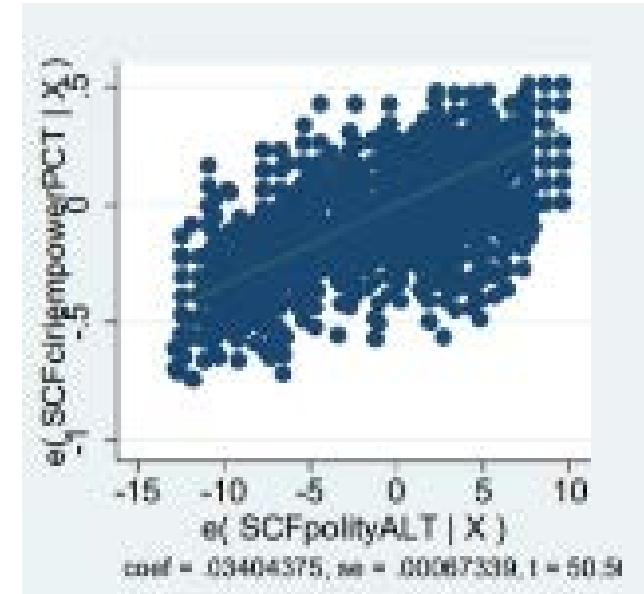
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Empowerment Index, GDP/c & Polity

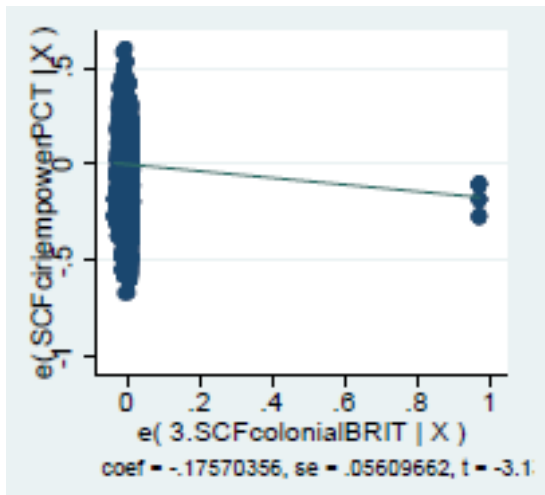
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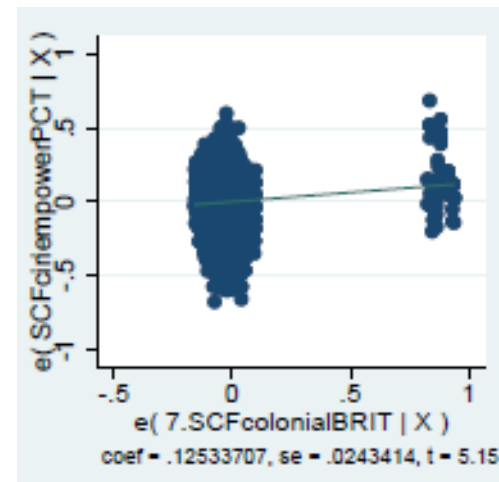
Empowerment by GDP/c (logged)



Empowerment by Polity (logged)



Empowerment by former Italian Colonies



Empowerment by former Portuguese Colonies

Empowerment & Colonialization

Former Italian colonies have worse
Empowerment Rights than the
never colonized countries, former
Portuguese colonies have better
Empowerment Rights.

CONCLUSION



National wealth (GDP per capita) helps promote **Empowerment Rights**.



Democratic nations tend to promote **empowerment rights** more than non-democratic nations.



Some countries previously colonized by Portugal have better **empowerment scores**, however some former Italian colonies have lower **empowerment scores**.

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