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**AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES ON  
CHINA-AFRICA LINKS**

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**Abstract**

Scholars and the international media often refer to an “African view” of China-Africa links, based only on anecdotal evidence. Using random sample and university-based surveys of African opinion, we have produced the first empirical study of what Africans think of their relationships with China. We reach three conclusions. First, African views are not nearly as negative as Western media make out, but are varied and complex. Second, survey results negate the dominant Western media theme that only African ruling elites are positive about China-Africa links. Third, we find that the main variation in African perspectives is by country; not age, education, gender or other factors. The differences among African countries in attitudes toward China are mainly the result of whether national politicians choose to raise the “Chinese problem” and, secondarily, the extent of Western media influence in African states.

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