America and China in Africa: Future Competition or Cooperation?

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ABSTRACT

Africa is viewed as having the best potential in the world for economic growth due to favorable demography and the thirty-year expansion of public education throughout the continent. The conventional assessment is that China has strategically targeted Africa to obtain natural resources and that America is losing competitively because it has not aggressively pursued African economic opportunities. A major strategic question is what will be the impact of the world’s two largest economies on the future of Africa?

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