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The Effect Of GDP On A Country's CO2 Emission.

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ABSTRACT

The environment has sparked a lot of interest recently. Countries are now collaborating to solve environmental issues, such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. Carbon dioxide emissions are one of the most significant contributors to worldwide environmental problems. This study examines the relationship between a country's development and the increase in CO₂ emissions, hypothesizing a positive relationship. Single and multiple regression models show that there are some substantial positive connections between CO₂ emissions and increases in GDP per capita, implying that when countries seek growth, they produce more CO₂.

INTRODUCTION

Sustainable development has now become one of the most essential phrases in the global economy. The world has changed dramatically since the industrial revolution as a result of the use of fossil fuels. However, the trend has shifted since many of the difficulties associated with using fossil fuels, which emit CO₂, have resulted in major issues that threaten human survival, such as climate change. Many countries began to recognize the dangers of CO₂ emissions to the environment and began to limit them. Countries have agreed to work together under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to prevent long-term dangers, as indicated by the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreements. In reality, many of the world's most developed countries have begun to impose legal restrictions on CO₂ emissions.

Unlike industrialized countries, which can reduce CO₂ emissions through education or technology, most poor countries believe that they must continue to release massive amounts of CO₂ because alternative energy sources are too expensive to employ. Many of these countries feel that restricting their use of fossil fuels is unfair after industrialized countries have used their reserves and achieved rapid economic expansion. They further contend that rich countries, not developing countries, are responsible for a large

percentage of overall CO₂ emissions, hence prohibiting CO₂ emissions from developing countries is unfair.

Energy is a critical aspect in a country's development, and despite the fact that numerous renewable energies are already in use, fossil fuels still account for a large portion of total energy output. This means that the more the country's ability to create energy, the greater the country's economic growth. Because fossil fuels account for a large share of most energy sources utilized on Earth, it is easy to infer that wealthier countries emit more CO₂ than impoverished countries. The purpose of this article is to determine the true relationship between a country's GDP and CO₂ emissions. If the argument made by most of those developing countries is valid, it is theorized that the higher GDP country will release more CO₂ since it has more capability to do so.

IMPACT AND MEASUREMENT OF VARIABLES

To construct a better regression model with multiple regression, this paper used renewable energy consumption, access to electricity, percentage of manufacturing factor in GDP, and urban population as explanatory variables. The consumption of renewable energy was chosen for the simple reason that if more renewable energy is consumed, there is a greater chance that a country will use less energy that releases CO₂. As previously said, low-income countries may have difficulty getting renewable energy sources, which can lead to a variety of outcomes. In terms of access to power, it is possible that countries with limited access to electricity will experience a lack of energy, resulting in low CO₂ emissions. With regard to the proportion of manufacturing factor, it is reasonable to assume that a country with a high percentage of manufacturing factor will have a greater number of factories, resulting in an increase in CO₂ emissions. The number of urban residents was chosen since cities typically consume more energy than rural areas. When a result, it is believed that as the population of a city grows, more energy would be consumed, resulting in increased CO₂ emissions. A dummy variable is added to the developed and developing countries, depending on whether the country is an OECD member or not. The five important partner countries are also included in the OECD dummy variable.

summ logco2

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
logco2	148	10.07386	2.064254	5.736572	16.14896

summ log_gdppc

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
log_gdppc	148	8.769104	1.412213	6.165321	11.66648

summ renewable

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
renewable	148	32.75393	27.74344	0	96.3837

summ accelec

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
accelec	148	85.0282	25.32235	0	100

summ manuf

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
manuf	148	12.81661	6.472073	1.687851	39.91328

. summ log_urbanpop

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
log_urbanpop	148	15.65014	1.676542	12.07343	20.52947

summ oecd

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
oecd	148	.2702703	.4456074	0	1

For the simple regression model between **logco₂** and **log_gdppc**, and for the multiple

regression model with more variables the **Classical Linear Model (CLM)** assumption should be verified.

The assumptions are as below:

Assumption 1: Linear in parameters

The model will follow the assumption that is linear in parameters, as below

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$$

Assumption 2: Random Sampling

Since the data were obtained from the World Bank, they were all gathered in a random population and samples from throughout the world, therefore achieving the assumption.

Assumption 3: No perfect collinearity

It is found that there is no perfect collinearity that the value equals to 1. However, there were some high values that were approaching near to 1, therefore more analysis in the robustness testing part would be required.

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(obs=148)
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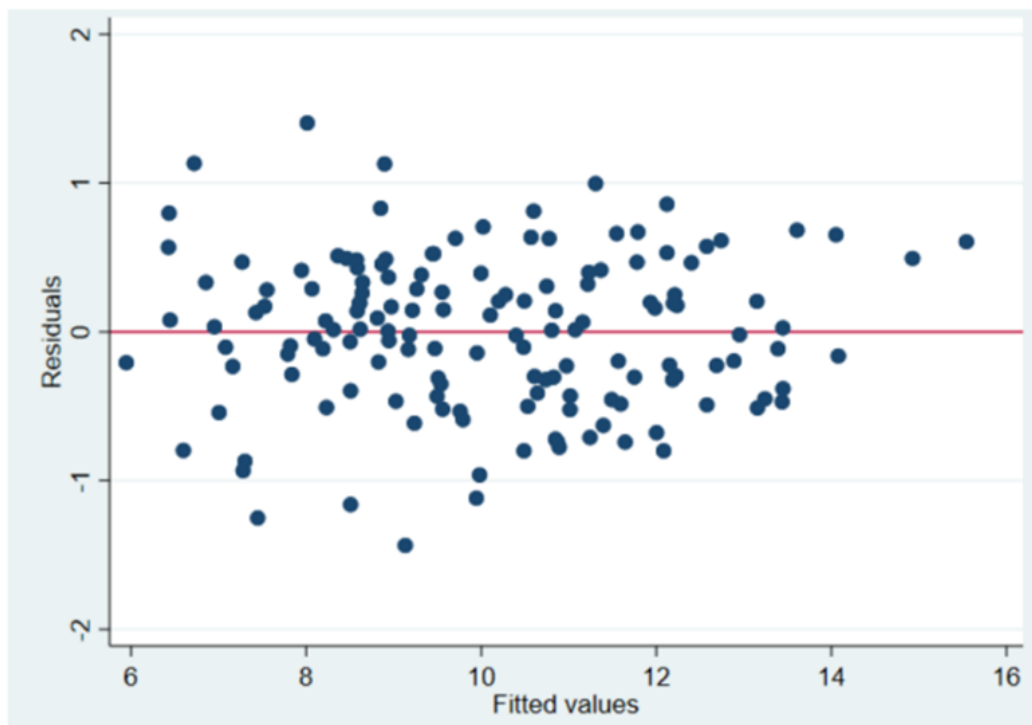
	log_gd~c	renewa~e	accelec	manuf	log_ur~p
log_gdppc	1.0000				
renewable	-0.5976	1.0000			
accelec	0.7011	-0.7360	1.0000		
manuf	0.1499	-0.1423	0.2242	1.0000	
log_urbanpop	0.0087	-0.1245	0.0720	0.2634	1.0000

Assumption 4: Zero conditional mean

True, there will be numerous variable factors that will influence the variables. However, for the multiple linear regressions employed in this study, it is assumed that the residuals have a zero conditional mean, which means that $E[u|x_i] = 0$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The omitted variable bias i may be used to determine all slopes from the variables. If the bias value is positive, there will be an overestimation, if the bias value is negative, there will be an underestimation.

Assumption 5: Homoskedasticity

Similar to assumption 4, it is assumed for multiple linear regression that the expected variance of residual u is constant for each given dependent variable, implying that $V(u|x_i) = \sigma^2$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.



The spread of residual is shown to be equidistantly separated from the zero line within the value of 1. Those points with a value greater than 1 must be carefully studied.

Each regression models will provide the equation and the standard error for each parameter inside the parentheses. Also, the n stands for number of observations and R^2 as the sum of squared residuals.

First, this is a simple regression model that identifies the direct association between CO₂ emissions and GDP per capita in the absence of any other factors. This will show the effect of GDP growth on the rise of CO₂ emissions.

Simple Regression Model 1: $\log_{CO_2} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log_gdppc + u$

Regressing logco₂ on log_gdppc, the equation results as below.

$$\text{Equation 1: } \log_{CO_2} = 4.38 + 0.65 (\log_gdppc)$$

$$(0.96) \quad (0.11)$$

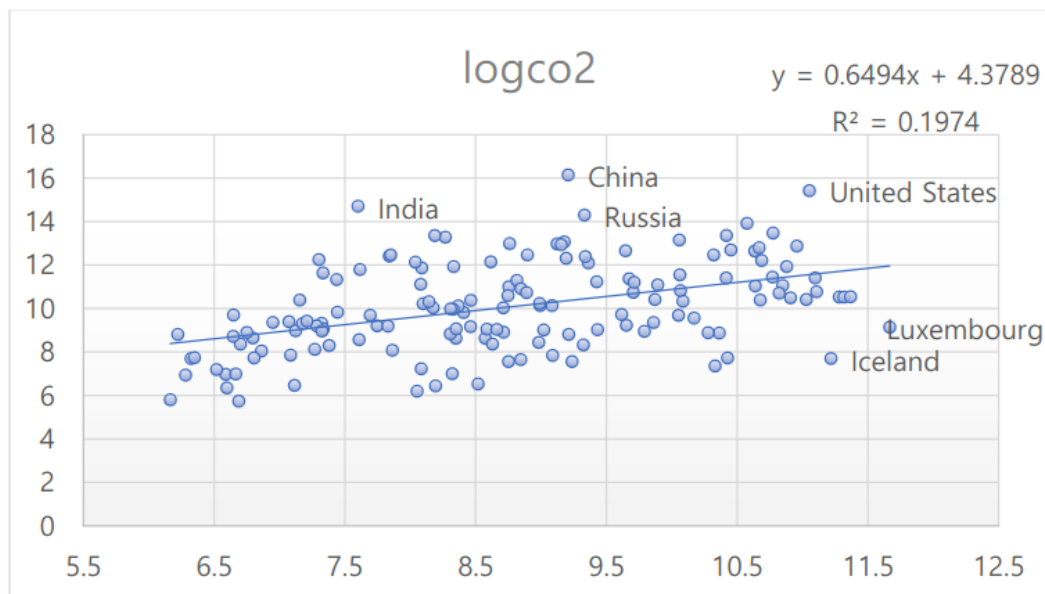
$$n = 148 \quad R^2 = 0.20$$

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. regress logco2 log_gdppc
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	148
Model	123.648035	1	123.648035	F(1, 146)	=	35.91
Residual	502.740166	146	3.4434258	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.1974
				Adj R-squared	=	0.1919
Total	626.388201	147	4.26114422	Root MSE	=	1.8556

logco2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
log_gdppc	.6494337	.1083769	5.99	0.000	.4352436	.8636239
_cons	4.378911	.9625309	4.55	0.000	2.476617	6.281205

This equation illustrates the relationship between CO₂ emission and GDP per capita. There is a positive association between the two, with a 1% rise in GDP per capita resulting in a 0.65% increase in CO₂ emissions. This shows that when a country's economy increases, it emits more CO₂ to support its growth. The R-squared value is 0.20, indicating that the regression accounts for 20% of the variance in CO₂ emissions. Furthermore, log_gdppc has a t-value of 5.99 and a p-value of 0.00. This suggests that this regression model is statistically significant at a level of less than 1%, which is highly promising.



Multiple Regression Model 2: $\log \text{co}_2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log_gdppc + \beta_2 \text{renewable} + \beta_3 \text{accelec} + \beta_4 \text{manuf} + \beta_5 \log_urbanpop + u$

The first multiple regression equation is as below

$$\text{Equation 2: } \log \text{co}_2 = -8.62 + 0.32 (\log_gdppc) - 0.014 (\text{renewable}) + 0.012 (\text{accelec}) +$$

$$(0.60) \quad (0.044) \quad (0.0024) \quad (0.0030)$$

$$0.0085 (\text{manuf}) + 0.97 (\log_urbanpop)$$

$$(0.0072) \quad (0.027)$$

$$n = 148$$

$$R^2 = 0.94$$

. regress logco2 log_gdppc renewable accelec manuf log_urbanpop						
Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	148
				F(5, 142)	=	418.49
Model	586.581398	5	117.31628	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	39.8068025	142	.280329595	R-squared	=	0.9365
				Adj R-squared	=	0.9342
Total	626.388201	147	4.26114422	Root MSE	=	.52946

logco2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
log_gdppc	.3169329	.0442575	7.16	0.000	.2294442	.4044215
renewable	-.0138719	.0023777	-5.83	0.000	-.0185722	-.0091715
accelec	.0123838	.0030017	4.13	0.000	.0064501	.0183175
manuf	.0085263	.0071881	1.19	0.238	-.0056832	.0227359
log_urbanpop	.9713176	.027276	35.61	0.000	.917398	1.025237
_cons	-8.616073	.6027351	-14.29	0.000	-9.807566	-7.424579

This equation demonstrates the link between a country's CO₂ emissions, GDP per capita, renewable energy consumption, access to electricity, manufacturing factor proportion, and urban population.

The R-squared value improved to 0.94, indicating that all explanatory variables of log_gdppc, renewable, accelec, manuf, and log_urbanpop can explain 94 % of the dependent variable.

This considerable rise in R-squared value can be attributed to the additional explanatory factors. Unlike the link between GDP per capita, which is 0.32 (meaning that a 1% rise leads to a 0.32 % increase in CO₂ emissions), renewable energy consumption has a negative association with CO₂ emissions, with a 1% increase resulting to a 0.014 % drop in CO₂.

This data is intriguing since it appears that the rise in renewable energy has less of an influence on the reduction of CO₂ emissions. This section may be researched further to determine the true impact of renewable energy consumption on CO₂ emissions. The t-values and p-values of each variable may be used to determine the statistical significance of this model. With the exception of manuf, which had a p-value of 0.238, indicating that this is significant at the level of 23.8 % (showing not quite insignificant),

all other variables had 0.00 p-values, indicating that everything else is generating promising statistical conclusions.

Independent variables	Model 1	Model 2
log_gdppc	0.65*** (0.11)	0.32*** (0.044)
renewable		-0.14*** (0.0024)
accelec		0.12*** (0.0030)
manuf		0.0085 (0.0072)
log_urbanpop		0.97*** (0.027)
Intercept	4.38*** (0.96)	-8.62*** (0.60)
Number of observations	148	148
R-squared	0.20	0.94
Adjusted R-squared	0.19	0.93

Checking for Heteroskedasticity

First we selected our dependent and independent variables.

Dependent var.—CO2 emmission

Independent var--GDP per capita, Renewable energy consumption, Access to electricity, Manufacturing factor, urban population

We then performed brush pagon test to find out if there is any heteroskedasticity present or not.

Brush pagon test:

We found out that $f \ll 0.1$ hence heteroskedasticity was detected.

We took log of dependent and independent variables. And after that we again followed the same procedure to detect heteroskedasticity in the rectified model and found significance f to be greater than 0.1. Hence heteroskedasticity was rectified from the model.

those countries can be useful in determining how a country might maintain low CO₂ emissions while growing economically.

Finally, because the cross-country research in this paper was limited to data from 2018, there must be a constraint in determining how trends develop over time. As a result, time series analysis among the countries can be added, resulting in a more difficult expansion of the panel data analysis of these countries. Panel data analysis will provide a better knowledge of the actual trend of CO₂ emissions and economic development in countries.