Project: International Expansion

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## Step 1: Key Decisions

*Briefly explain the key decisions and the type of data that you need to conduct this analysis (250 word limit).*

### Key Decisions:

*Answer these three questions*

1. What decisions needs to be made?
2. What data is needed to inform those decisions? Please include 2 examples in each of the following categories: Economic, Environment, Education

## Step 2: Explore and Cleanup the Data

*Explore and cleanup your dataset. Data is provided in a CSV file for 215 countries with 77 variables (250 word limit)*

Here are some guidelines to help you cleanup your data:

1. Country records where most of the variables missing might not be appropriate to be included in the analysis. The lack of accurate reporting could indicate that these countries are probably not similar to the United States. You should remove any country with fewer than 25 missing data points. HINT: You should be left with 144 countries.
2. Some variables are closely related and may be candidates for variable reduction through Principal Components Analysis.
3. Some variables seem irrelevant for the given analysis involving economy, demographics, education, and environment. Which variables seem irrelevant?

*Answer these questions:*

1. *How many countries did you reduce your dataset to? Please include a bar chart of number of non-null data points by country, sorted from most to least.*
2. *Which data categories will be used for Principal Components Analysis (PCA)? There should be three categories that are targeted for PCA.*
3. *Which variables did you decide to be irrelevant for this analysis? Only variables under the education, economic, and environment categories should be included. Hint: There should be a total of nine variables removed from the dataset.*

Step 3: Determine Clusters and Methodology

*Determine the optimal clustering method and create four clusters. (100 word limit)*

*Answer this question:*

1. *What clustering method did you decide to use? Please justify your answer.*

## Step 4: Run the Data and Visualize

*Run the data through your clustering algorithm and visualize the clusters. (250 words limit)*

*Include at least 2 visualizations to show the clusters that you came up with. At least one of you visualizations should be a Tableau map.*

*Answer this question.*

1. Do the clusters make sense?
2. What are the four countries in USA’s cluster that are closest to the USA in terms of Total Tax Rate by ATM Machines? **Hint:** Create a scatterplot to graph the relationship between these two variables and color the markers by cluster.

## Step 5: Recommendation

*Provide your recommended list of countries and justify your recommendation using data from your analysis (250 words limit)*

*Please list out the country codes in this section here with this format in alphabetical order.*

*………..*

*Australia*

*Belgium*

*Canada*

*………..*

*Answer this question:*

*1. Why did you decide to choose these countries?*

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