Statement of Work

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The “Access and Influence? U.S. and Chinese Military Presence and Popular Support in Host Countries” project studies how states exert power abroad to influence the international system. The project seeks to make research contributions relating to how great power competition between the U.S. and China is redefining the concepts of basing and access, comparing military versus civilian methods of influence, and contrasting views of the U.S. and China abroad. The project will produce a new theory on these topics and test it using quantitative and qualitative methods, including survey experiments. As deliverables, the project will create a series of peer-reviewed journal articles, general audience articles and blog posts, and publicly available survey data.

Dr. Allen, professor of Political Science at Boise State University, will contribute to all aspects of the project. As an expert on U.S. foreign policy, specifically on great power competition in the military basing agreements and deployments, Dr. Allen provides insight into how actors choose where to put military assets and how actors win over domestic populations. Dr. Allen’s research has been published in crucial Political Science journals and is frequently cited by those studying military basing. Dr. Allen has experience interviewing military members in his previous research and communicating his research to military audiences, given his multiple talks at military bases and meetings. Dr. Allen has compiled data on the presence of the U.S. overseas, unique survey data on how people view the U.S. presence and qualitative data from interviews with military personnel and host-state civilians. Given his experience, Dr. Allen uniquely contributes to the project, including theory development, data collection, and data analysis.

Dr. Michael A. Allen, professor of Political Science at Boise State University, will contribute to all aspects of the project. Dr. Allen will be co-authoring manuscripts related to these topics and engaging in theory building, writing, research design, and quantitative and qualitative analysis. This work will also include instrument design and implementation for the surveys and the interviews. He will conduct fieldwork in Djibouti. Boise State University provides Dr. Allen with office space and all software and computer equipment necessary for the analysis.