

# Data Building

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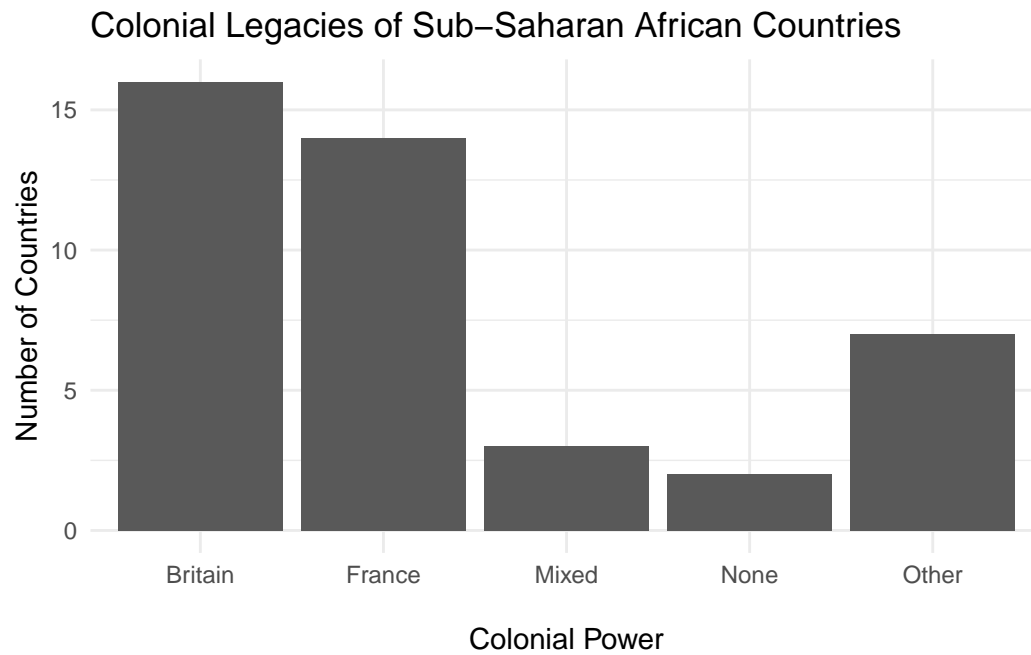
I start with reading in the data.

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party_class <- read_excel(here("data", "data_raw", "partyreg.xlsx"))
colonial <- read_csv(here("data", "data_raw", "COLDAT_colonies.csv"))
```

I construct dummies for the colonial legacies of sub-Saharan African countries from the Colonial Dates dataset (Becker, 2019).

```
col_legacy <- colonial |>
  mutate(ccodecow = countryname(country, destination = "cown")) |>
  filter(ccodecow %in% party_class$ccodecow) |>
  reframe(ccodecow, col.britain, col.france,
    col.other = if_else((col.britain == 0 & col.france == 0)
      & (col.belgium == 1 | col.germany == 1
        | col.italy == 1 | col.netherlands == 1
        | col.portugal == 1 | col.spain == 1), 1, 0),
    col.none = if_else(col.other == 0 & col.britain == 0
      & col.france == 0, 1, 0),
    col.type = case_when(col.britain == 1 & col.france == 0
      & col.other == 0 ~ "Britain",
      col.france == 1 & col.britain == 0
      & col.other == 0 ~ "France",
      col.other == 1 & col.britain == 0
      & col.france == 0 ~ "Other",
      col.none == 1 ~ "None",
      .default = "Mixed"))

ggplot(col_legacy, aes(x = col.type)) +
  geom_bar() +
  labs(title = "Colonial Legacies of Sub-Saharan African Countries",
    x = "\nColonial Power",
    y = "Number of Countries")
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We get that some countries have colonial histories with both Britain and France, either of those a different metropolis, or were not colonized at all.