## The Kremlin Effect: How Geographical Proximity to Russia Affects Military Spending

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## **Project**

Does **Capital Distance to Moscow** influence a countries **Military Spending?** - A Bayesian Regression Analysis

## Literature and Data

- Nordhaus et al. (2012) The Effects of the International Security Environment on the National Military Expenditures: A Multicountry Study
- Böhmelt and Bove (2014) Forecasting Military Expenditure
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIRPI) "SIPRI Military Expenditure Database gives the annual military spending of countries since 1949"
- Correlates of War (COW) dataset

## Methods

- Multiple Bayesian Regression (Time Series and Cross-Sectional)
- · Bayesian Model Averaging
- Possible control variables: Nato, Border Threat, Colonial History, Military Industry Percentage, Navy Expenditure, Conscription, Political Neutrality...

