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...

Relationship between Military Spending and Distance to Moscow
as % of GDP in 2021