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Congratulations on a well-reseached and certainly a very thought-provoking manuscript.

Following are a few suggestions which may further enhance the usefulness of this research -

- If the authors' contention is indeed valid, why is foreign development aid still very popular among the poor countries? In fact the idea of Multilateral Development Banks- meant to provide such aid- is very much thriving, with more and more such banks being set up. Many such banks are being set up by developing countries themselves (for instance, the New Development Bank founded by the BRICS countries). It would add to the value of this article if the authors try to answer this question.
- 2. It is difficult for the readers to interpret the figures in the Discussion section unless some explanatory notes are provided by the authors.
- Is it possible to use professional proof-reading service for the authors since some sentences are too long for the readers to comprehend easily, there are some grammatical mistakes and some sentences need to be rewritten to make them more easily decipherable.
- 4. Abstract requires considerable rewriting.