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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This article has very little importance for the scientific community. The author neither goes into the theory of soft power nor does the author apply the theoretical lens to the BRI. The article is more a summary of China's BRI rather than an analytic scholarly paper. I would suggest picking one or two case studies and diving deeper into them on the soft power front rather than providing an overview of the BRI, which has been done many times. Given the focus on Africa in the abstract, the case studies can be countries in Africa, or even certain BRI projects and their soft power implications.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	No, as it does not spend much time on the concept of soft power.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	No. In the abstract, the author mentions a focus on Africa. However, in the article Africa gets only a small sub-section.	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Yes	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The author needs to correct using the full form of BRI at every instance after the initial abbreviation.	
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