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“How Corrupt Countries Attract Foreign Investment: Anti-Corruption Campaigns and FDI”

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Despite what appear to be concerted efforts to eradicate corruption, anti-corruption campaigns have had little effect. Corruption prevails throughout much of the world. Recent scholarship has realized that anti-corruption campaigns are often never designed to reduce corruption. Instead, regimes initiate anti-corruption campaigns for entirely different reasons altogether. I argue that corrupt regimes implement anti-corruption campaigns to mobilize foreign investors rather than fight corruption. Foreign investors prefer to avoid corrupt countries, while regimes in those countries want foreign investment. At the same time, regimes themselves are corrupt and prefer to maintain similar levels of corruption. In order to attract foreign investors, corrupt regimes enact anti-corruption campaigns that satisfy the concerns of foreign investors without ever intending to fight corruption. Preliminary findings suggest that anti-corruption campaigns increase foreign investment.



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