

A CRITIQUE OF FRENCH AND BRITISH DECOLONISATION IN AFRICA:

Why are so many African countries turning towards Russia and China?

Colonialism: a practice of domination involving the subjugation of one group of people by another, particularly the process of European settlement, possession, and domination of countries in the Global South

WHY ARE THEY TURNING TOWARDS RUSSIA AND CHINA?

1. Russia and China offer an alternative to the neocolonialism African countries have been subject to
2. Real European decolonisation has not occurred yet
3. The feeling of being a real investment opportunity rather than being patronised

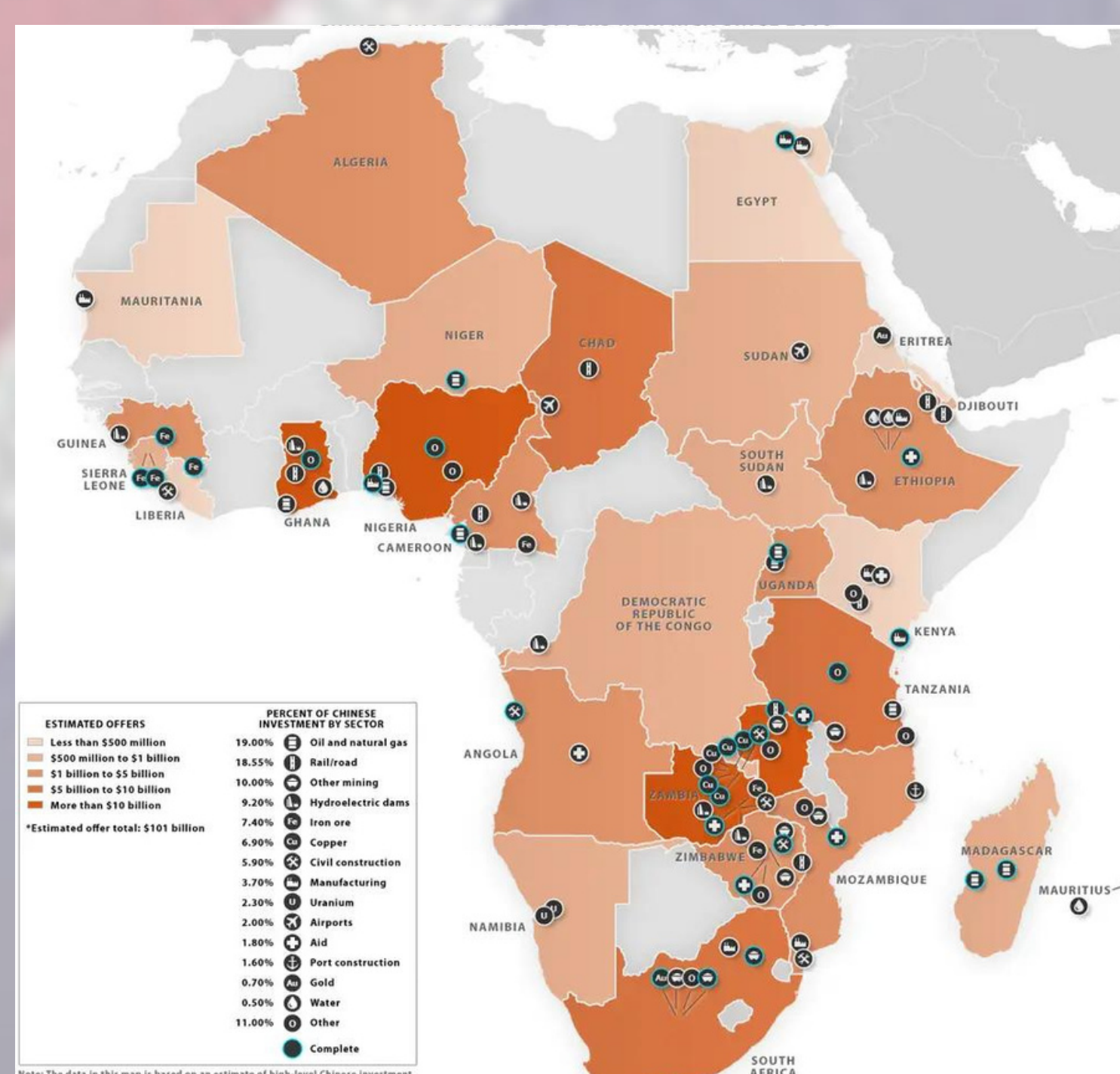


A snapshot of the frustration mounting in African countries over how they have been treated by organisations managed by the Global North:

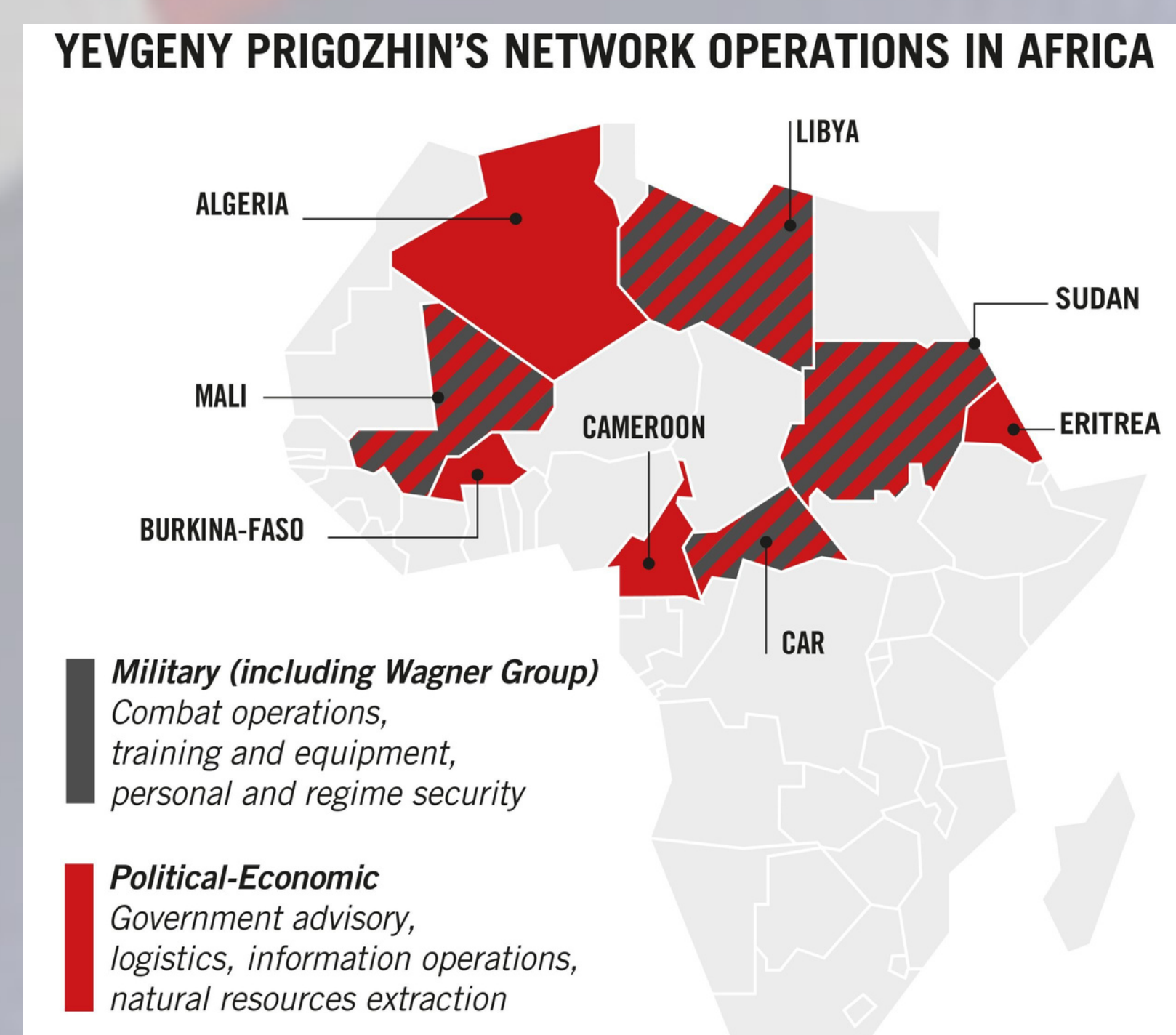
- the **British Commonwealth**, which has 56 members across the globe.
- **la Francophonie**, whose primary aim is to spread the French language.
- French **CFA franc zone**, which removes financial sovereignty from 14 countries in Western and Central Africa.
- **the IMF**, which holds former colonies in inescapable cycles of debt.

These organisations have perpetuated neocolonial and patronising attitudes even after former colonies were granted independence.

Chinese Economic Influence In Africa



Wagner Groups Influence In Africa



THE RUSSIAN AND CHINESE ALTERNATIVE

- Belt and Road Initiative: China is investing \$1 trillion into the continent by 2025.
- China is Africa's largest trading partner.
- Russia has supported anti-democracy movements and authoritarian regimes in Africa by signing 19 military agreements.
- Russian mercenary groups, such as the Wagner Group, have supported military coups in Africa against governments propped up by the Global North



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