

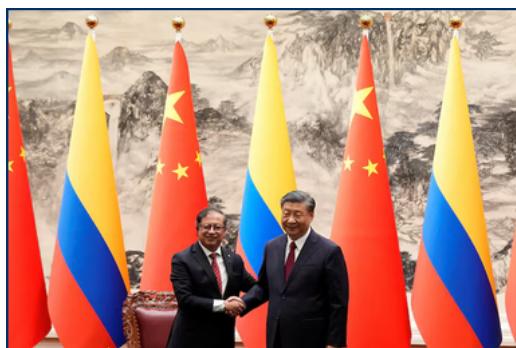


# America's Influence Shrinks, China's Surges: The Real Cost of USAID Cuts

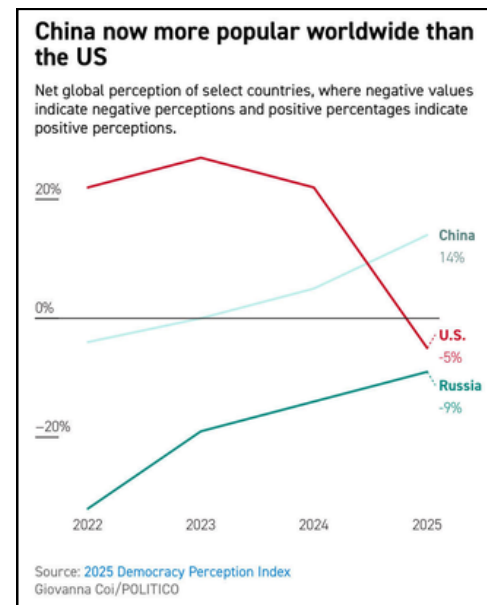
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**Uzbekistan:** The China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) met with Government of Uzbekistan representatives to expand the list of projects in the country, including modernizing research institutes, developing telecommunications networks, and establishing a metrology laboratory ([UZ Daily](#), Apr 14)

**Bangladesh:** The People's Republic of China (PRC) will provide a 1 billion RMB (138 million USD) grant for economic and technical cooperation, including constructing hospitals and setting up surgical units across the country ([The Daily Star](#), Apr 20)



**Colombia** signs Belt and Road cooperation pact with the PRC ([Reuters](#), May 14)



The Democracy Perception Index report ([Nira Data](#))  
US popularity collapses worldwide ([Politico](#), May 12)



**The Gambia:** CIDCA is working with the Gambia Red Cross Society and the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) on a project to reduce malaria prevalence and improve health outcomes in the Gambia ([The Point](#), Apr 28)

**Serbia:** Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic met with Chinese President Xi Jinping to strengthen Belgrade's strategic ties with Beijing amid rising global tensions ([MSN](#), May 9)

**Giving up on foreign assistance is a lose-lose:** Without USAID, critical programs vanish—and the PRC doesn't need to match our investments dollar for dollar to win hearts, minds, and influence.