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# China-Venezuela Relations

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The Chinese government had extremely close relations with Venezuela during Hugo Chávez' presidency. It was a mutually beneficial relationship, with Chávez receiving billions of dollars in loans with few strings attached and China oil. Chávez was able to keep getting more Chinese loans and investments despite a weakening economy. The death of charismatic Hugo Chávez, the country's slip into economic crisis and falling oil prices have challenged the China-Venezuela relationship. President Maduro was initially rebuffed in his request for more loans, but China has found a way to remain engaged and supportive of Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution. In this talk I will enumerate the challenges for China, review how it has responded and highlight the advantages and disadvantages for China in continuing to support the Maduro administration.

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