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The mineral-rich Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is often portrayed as a victim of exploitation by China, the US and Europe in their competition for its minerals, which are critical for the energy transition. But our research has found that the DRC can influence the shape of the cobalt market, in which it is the single largest producer.

Is the Democratic Republic of the Congo a victim of exploitation?

An artisanal miner holds a cobalt stone at the Shabara artisanal mine near Kolwezi. Junior Kannah/AFP via Getty Images The mineral-rich Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is often portrayed as a victim of exploitation by China, the US and Europe in their competition for its minerals, which are critical for the energy transition.

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With rising investments and exports in the mining sector, driven by improving mineral prices and growing public investment from the EV and battery industries, the DRC is poised to see continued favorable GDP growth over the next decade. In 2023, GDP growth was recorded at 7.8%.

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The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is poised to become a key player in the global electric vehicle (EV) market, with projections indicating a substantial growth from \$370.86 billion in ...

China needs huge quantities of cobalt to turn into batteries or to produce alloys, and Congo has vast resources as well as needs for investment dollars and technical expertise.

Electric vehicles require approximately six times more rare minerals than traditional cars due to their batteries, and China holds significant control over who gets access to these resources and at what cost.

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