

Chapter 3: Methodology

In this thesis I use a historical quantitative survey approach to analyze the future of Sino-Russian relations. In this approach a scholar looks at history using the academic literature, various survey data, media reports, and related books. I chose to use a historical quantitative approach for multiple reasons.

First, I believe that history is a good predictor of the future. Sino-Russian relations have had a complicated history which will provide me ample data to analyze and use to predict the future. I will discuss in detail the history of Sino-Russian relations in order to better predict what the current relationship is likely to be like in the future.

In addition, by using the historical quantitative approach I can easily find materials on Sino-Russian relations. One challenge faced by any major research project is finding enough data to support your thesis. By being able to use data resources that include survey reports, media reports, academic papers, and related books and journals I found plenty of information to support my thesis.

The historical quantitative approach may have some limitations at predicting the future of Sino-Russian relations but I found that it was the best approach for me to use when attempting to do just that in my thesis.