Comprehensive Analysis of Global Crude Oil Market Dynamics: Leveraging Hierarchical Clustering to Explore Country-Level Patterns and Strategic Decision-Making Trends

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This study delivers an in-depth analysis of the global crude oil industry, focusing on unveiling complex patterns in production, exports, active oil rigs, and demand dynamics from 2012 to 2022. The study addresses the significant challenges of various factors, such as market conditions and geopolitical tensions, influence the industry. This study employs hierarchical clustering and robust statistical techniques to identify distinct groupings of countries based on their rig count dynamics, production patterns, and demand. The analysis reveals that these groupings are closely tied to market volatility and geopolitical events, offering a nuanced understanding of the global crude oil industry. Additionally, the study examines varied consumption trends across different regions, highlighting the impact of divergent energy policies and economic growth trajectories. The findings suggest that these trends are crucial for stakeholders looking to make informed strategic decisions in fluctuating market conditions. By offering a comprehensive examination of the global crude oil market, this research contributes valuable insights that can aid in navigating the industry's inherent volatility. The study emphasizes the importance of comparative studies and reserve distribution analysis, suggesting that these approaches are essential for understanding the broader implications of global oil dynamics. Ultimately, this study provides a critical foundation for stakeholders to enhance their strategic planning and decision-making processes within the complex global crude oil market.

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