

Review of: "Neoliberalism, Strong State and Democracy"

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I want to make it clear that I am not an expert in this area. My criticisms are therefore of a general nature and are mainly aimed at improving the reader's understanding.

I found this article well written, very interesting and useful. A historical perspective of neoliberalism is essential to its understanding.

I suggest some improvements:

- A clearer definition of "classical liberalism" and "neoclassical liberalism" in the introduction.
- The author talks about the collapse of liberal economic freedoms after the First World War. It would be useful to clarify what he meant by that. Simply talking about the emergence of socialism brings little clarity. Can you give some examples?
- The role of transnational corporations could be expanded by adding some examples of how they regulate political activity.
- What is for the author the position of authoritarian states like Russia and China? The author ends the discussion by mentioning that in these countries Schmitt's ideas have gained adherents. Is this a way of suggesting that these countries adhere to certain elements of neoliberalism? This point should be clarified.