

# Review of: "Liberalism Caused the Great Enrichment"

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The author considers the effect of liberalism and innovation on the enormous economic growth occurred since the Industrial Revolution from various aspects. His references are very diversified, and the cases used are very well directed. But in my view the subject discussed is not very original, since it is very much argued in economic history and used when comparing the growth of the United Kingdom and other industrialization cases. The UK achieved to be the first in industrialization because the business climate is far more liberal when compared with France. Capitalism of course is not the cause of growth, but it enabled the innovations to be implemented to the production process. The second point is that the language used by the author is very informal. In fact, anyone who read can think of it as a newspaper column. No doubt it is somehow related to the publishing policy of the journal to evaluate it. The third point is about the length of the research. In my opinion, researches done in the field of social sciences should be too simple to be understood by the readers from different levels of education. One of the determinants of it is the length of the study. There are 22,000 words in the study, and one may lose the focus of it when reading. It should be shortened in order to focus the main hypothesis. I think the author can deal with it in a short time. Thus, in my point of view, the study needs minor revision.