

Review of: "Recognition Ambiguity! Kenya's Foreign Policy Towards Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Israel, And Palestine Under Moi Era (1978-1990)"

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Abstract

Review – aim, methodology adopted, key or anticipated findings, conclusion and recommendations

Grammar – cornerstone is one word

History of Kenya and Moi

First few sentences should be appropriately referenced. Also instead of beginning the paragraph with the History of Kenya, it should re-introduce the aim of the paper followed by the history.

Review grammar. For example, under history of Kenya there are two sentences which start with 'it attempts...', and it has been criticized...'. These two sentences should be merged into one.

Stansifer page references should not be included. The content within the paragraph to me does not seem to be a direct quote. Therefore, p.251-272 should be dropped.

References should be consistent. For example, (Munene, 1997) normal text while (Nyamura, 1992, p.12) in italics. Also insertion of page numbers normally associated with direct quotes. Otherwise, author(s) may paraphrase.

Referencing

Review referencing formats and use one style. For example, on page 4, (Hull, Reuters. 2007) is incorrect.

The United States

That section should be removed from the paper. The study aim in the abstract, which is consistent with the title, focuses on the Middle East but suddenly the author mentions US. Its value is not made clear.

Research parameters

This section should also be included under the Moi literature.

Conceptual framework

There is too much content, which is unnecessary. What is important in a conceptual framework are the concepts or variables of interest and for easy readability, it is advisable to put these concepts in a figure, then provide a brief explanation.

Organization of African Unity

This should not be a section but rather a short paragraph on the linkage between Kenya and OAU on foreign policy.

Literature review

The paper should not have a section on literature review. Most of the content is already on literature review. The use of this phrase 'literature review' appears to be too academic.

Moi as the Chief Architect

This section should already be under the history of Kenya. There is too much of Moi as if this paper is about Moi rather than Kenya's foreign policy.

Fifth President

There is no need to have a special section on this item. The title of the paper is about the period up to 1990. So, focus on events between 1978 and 1990 on foreign policy.

Methodology

Methodology should be reflected in the abstract. Need for an appendix or a table summarizing the materials that were used and also justification for their use. In other words, the methodology should be properly justified.

Findings

Should be properly supported and discussed. This is not the case in the present paper.