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Review of: "National Security and Economy Decoding the Friendship"

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The article “National Security and Economy: Decoding the Friendship” offers a timely and pertinent analysis of the intricate relationship between economic strength and national security. It effectively argues that national security extends beyond mere military capacity, encompassing economic resilience, industrial capability, human capital, foreign exchange reserves, employment levels, political stability, and social welfare. This broad conceptualization underscores the multifaceted nature of security in contemporary contexts. A notable strength of the article lies in its comprehensive framing, illustrated through diverse country examples including Japan, South Korea, India, Ukraine, Syria, Pakistan, Nigeria, and the United States. These cases demonstrate that economic capacity significantly influences a nation’s ability to invest in defense infrastructure, diplomacy, social stability, and crisis management. The authors convincingly contend that weak economic conditions can exacerbate internal instability, militancy, reliance on external actors, and susceptibility to conflict, thereby highlighting the practical implications of economic fragility on national security. The article’s integration of secondary sources such as the Global Peace Index, SIPRI, RAND Corporation, and related literature enriches the analysis by linking peace, business environment, terrorism, military expenditure, and GDP indicators. Particularly valuable is the discussion on the economic costs of violence, which frames insecurity not only as a political or military challenge but also as a significant economic burden. However, the article would benefit from a more rigorous empirical approach. Given that the economy is posited as the independent variable influencing national security as the dependent variable, the inclusion of a clearer analytical framework, specific measurable indicators, comparative country data tables, and statistical analyses such as correlation or regression would enhance the study’s robustness. This would clarify the distinction between correlation and causation, especially considering the potentially bidirectional relationship whereby security conditions also facilitate economic growth through investment, trade, and employment. Further improvements could be made by refining language, grammar, formatting, and

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citation practices to elevate academic rigor and readability. Strengthening source attribution with updated datasets and precise references would reinforce the article's credibility. Additionally, incorporating a limitations section acknowledging other influential factors—such as governance quality, geography, institutional frameworks, alliances, technology, demographics, and leadership—would provide a more nuanced understanding of national security dynamics.

Overall, the article presents a meaningful and policy-relevant argument that economic development and national security are deeply interconnected and should not be treated as separate domains. With enhanced empirical validation, clearer methodology, and improved academic presentation, it has the potential to make a significant contribution to international relations, economic policy, and security studies.

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