

Review of: "Unraveling Populism: Senator Fraser Anning and the Australian Political Landscape"

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This article deals with a substantial topic: populism, in the example of Senator Anning, within the context of Australian politics. However, although the chapter provides a thorough appreciation of who Senator Anning is, his opinions, and the impact he has created, both in the Australian context and from the viewpoint of precepts of populism, I believe the article is not well organized/structured. There are many unnecessary repetitions. For example, Senator Anning's maiden speech, with a reference to the phrase "final solution," is referred to at least eight occasions, or his views on immigration appear here and there on various occasions. I think this should be avoided. Instead, the author could maybe have structured the paper differently to gather all the relevant information under one title. On the other hand, there are too many titles underneath which are sometimes just one or a couple of paragraphs, and I do not advise titles if underneath a subject matter is not thoroughly developed. In this sense, some titles with short content are better to be united under a more englobing manner. Also, I found it interesting that there are so few and/or not any direct discourses of the Senator. For example, the maiden speech is mentioned various times; however, we do not read the speech. Giving place to the speeches/discourses of the Senator briefly would also enrich the article. Lastly, it would be better to conceptually and theoretically study populism before starting the analysis. Despite these points, I enjoyed and learned from reading this article.