

Review of: "[Commentary] Explaining Hamas Attack of October 7"

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The author demonstrates knowledge of various models that could help explain the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023. The author starts with the covering law model and concludes that it is not suitable to explain the attack. The question then arises as to why the author uses a model that is not suitable for the object of research!

In chapters 1.2 and 2, the author lists some causes for the terrorist attack, but in my opinion, these are not causes, but certain circumstances that enabled the attack or made it possible in the first place. The real causes lie much deeper. In fact, in chapter 3, the author lists the real causes but is of the opinion that these were not sufficient to carry out the attack. In my opinion, the author should distinguish between the causes of the attack and the circumstances that made it possible (e.g., negligence on the part of Israeli intelligence despite Hamas activities and related warnings from the Gaza-Israel border).

The model presented in Fig. 1 is rather simplified to explain the complexity of the relationship between Israel and Hamas (Palestinians), and the author is aware of this fact.

Chapter 4 (global and regional implications of the Hamas attack and Israel's response), I felt, was something of a digression. It is added to the text but outside the framework of the models presented and used by the author.