

Review of: "Rebuilding a 'Greater Russia' and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine"

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The current topic is a very interesting one and requires a very detailed examination of the Russian foreign policy regarding "rebuilding a greater Russia". Few things the author must pay attention.

Research question is clearly given but at the end of the article. It must be in the start.

No adequate literature review is provided, nor any methodology is specified.

Theoretical explanation is absent, which is an essential part of academic paper.

Academic language should be used throughout the paper, and words like coercive, murderous etc show the biasness of the author.

Russian policy of "building greater Russia" is multidimensional, Author must look into this issue deeply and find out whether it is just an aggression or a geostrategic necessity for Russia to adopt an aggressive approach towards its immediate neighbors which were once part of it? Especially against the EU and US objectives in the region.

Secondly, only Russian military inference in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova or Chechnya are not enough to understand the dynamics of this issue. One must look at the economic, social and security interests of Russia.

Third, Russia has not only used its military muscles to attain this objective, it has also tried to integrate the region through economic measures, by creating institutions for economic integration, How much this strategy has been successful will also help in determining the success level of Russia's objective.

I suggest the author to re-evaluate all these points and look at the issue from every aspect to make it a critically analyzed research paper.

Thanks

