

Review of: "American Mission in Afghanistan: Geopolitical Interests, Strategies and Reasons of Failure"

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The article deals with important and interesting topics regarding geopolitical approaches of the world superpowers such as the US and Russia in Afghanistan and Central Asia during the Cold War and post-Cold War era.

The analysis refers to the US and Russian political, military or economic involvements in Central Asia, and the Author highlights different social and security problems such as drug-trafficking, smuggling of weapons and terrorism. The Author also demonstrates geopolitical rivalries between East and West in this region.

The study also focuses on various historical aspects that took place during the Cold War and the post-Cold War era in Central Asia. The historical analysis is also concerned with the Taliban regime in 1990s and Afghan authorities after the collapse of the Taliban following the NATO intervention in Afghanistan in 2001. The historical aspects also refers to the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan in 2021 and social and political situation in Afghanistan during Ashraf Ghani's presidency. In fact, Author's studies on human rights and democracy are very relevant in this regard, because they argue that political and economic approaches played more important role than freedom of local populations.

However, the complex situation in Afghanistan and limitations of the article shall encourage the Author to focus on certain topic. The study on economic aspects in Central Asia and Afghanistan is very promising and it should be expanded. For example, the article consists of interesting analysis of Al-Qaeda's approaches regarding economic pressure in Central Asia that aimed at implementation of jihadist ideas in the region. Besides, the significance of the article is determined by analysis of pipeline system, the US and Russia domination in energy market or exploitation of oil reserves. Indeed, economic approaches enable to perceive the rivalries between the world superpowers and local political actors.