

Review of: "Government expenditure and economic growth: evidence from the critical sectors in an emerging economy"

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The paper deals with a well-known debate, so any contribution to this debate is very welcome.

I feel the authors can improve the paper in the following way. First, adjust the title. During the paper it is not mention what we must understand by critical sectors. The paper aims at finding out how certain public expenditures affect Nigeria's economic growth, but these expenditures are not neccessarely critical. Also, I feel that a clarification of why these kind of expenditures were selected is needed.

Second, it is unclear if nominal or real variables are being used in the exercise. Table 2 indicates that nominal variables are used, but along the text it is suggested that real ones are employed.

Third, to reflect about the Keynesian approach because this approach the way public expenditure matter for growth is essentially via aggregated demand. However, the authors argue supply side long term effects (like productivity and more educated labour force), which is in contrast with the Keynesian approach. So, there is a conflict among the theoretical framework and the estimation results.