

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

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Introduction

Move the second para starting with Saul B. Cohen....war torn country, to the first para and start the article from this and then move on to describing the Great Game and American Geopolitics.

Abstract- Rephrase the argument.

It discusses Central Asia more than Afghanistan. Although, experts might understand the reference to Central Asia and Great Game in Afghanistan but for the general reader it can lead to confusion.

Significance of Afghanistan

The argument doesn't match to the Abstract.

Author needs to do away with the second para which talks about "some" US officials who call Afghanistan of no importance for the United States. Because it is countering the narrative of the paper.

The Entire section doesn't clearly lay out the reasons for the significance in terms of resources, connectivity, dominance of Soviet, cradle of terrorism.

It mostly gives out what Americans and Soviets did.

Remarks

Overall, the paper is interesting because it has attempted to put all the factors at one place. However, it has proven to be counter-productive due to lack of coherence.

The author may choose some elements out of the paper and elaborate on those.

If its about overall American Interests in the region which includes both Central Asia and Afghanistan then the title should be changed and followed by the entire chain of arguments.

If its about Afghanistan alone and how the Great Game led to devastation of the Afghanistan and its people then Abstract and Significance para must be re-written.

If the author follows a simple line of thought about Causes and Effects of American presence in the region and who were the supporting actors then it will be a comprehensive read.

Finally, when it comes to conclusion then the author can deliberate that since the American pull out has the significance of the region gone down? Has the war on terror come to an end? Who are the new actors in the region?

Some of these questions and answers can make this an interesting read offering fresh perspective.