

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

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The presented paper investigates a current and important research problem from the point of view of global and regional geopolitics and geostrategy. In review, I have only one, but in my opinion, the fundamental methodological remark.

In the Introduction, the author assumes the key determinants of American geopolitical and geostrategic interests toward Afghanistan. In my opinion, such an approach requires justification of the research methodology. Implicitly, this points to the concept of political realism (e.g., heartland theory). However, the lack of explicit such specificity of the research may suggest its broader aspect.

In this case, other important indicators of American geostrategic inspiration should also be taken into account. It is not possible to ignore the aspect of the other postmodern school of international relations including, e.g., American soft power influence, which is the American liberal messianism of spreading the model of western democracy. From the point of view of methodology, this issue must be clearly resolved in the terminology convention of this paper. It determines the course and outcome of this research.