

Peer Review

Review of: "Why Native Language Secrecy No Longer Works in Modern Warfare: The Case of North Koreans in the Russo-Ukrainian War"

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This is a great and thought-provoking commentary on a topic that was largely unfamiliar to me. I learned a lot from reading it.

The historical comparisons are engaging, though the connection to the North Korean case could be made more explicit. I found some of the factors underpinning the argument more robustly grounded than others, and I would have appreciated more specific examples, particularly regarding how native language might shape warfare in the context of Ukraine.

It also made me wonder whether the particular nature of the Russian war against Ukraine – including Ukraine's use of drones and U.S. satellite intelligence – might account for the reduced relevance of native language in this case. Can you provide specific examples of how native language might influence warfare in Ukraine? A minor question that arose for me was why North Korea's involvement in Ukraine is chosen as a focal point. What reasons could explain the choice of North Korea as a focal point in this study?

Finally, I'm curious whether the North Korean example might offer broader insights into the use of code talking in contemporary warfare. Overall, an original piece!

Declarations

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