

Review of: "What Does the Future Hold for China's Private Economy? An Analysis of Sense of Insecurity for Chinese Entrepreneurs in the Private Sector"

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First, the topic of this paper is definitely interesting. The sense of insecurity of Chinese entrepreneurs in the private sector is important both for practitioners and scholars. Second, the authors put a lot of effort into explaining the importance of their topic and results. However, I still have several concerns:

1. in the introduction section the authors use the massive outward investment (or asset transfer) as the evidence for the sense of insecurity of entrepreneurs. This is less convincing from my perspective. This is also possibly because the saturated domestic market or lack of investment opportunity or pursuit of international living conditions. The authors may consider citing more related literature to validate this link between outward investment and senses of insecurity.
2. in the following section the authors use the subtitle "Private Ownership in Socialist Countries", which seems inappropriate in this context. Why is this related to socialist countries? I prefer to believe that this phenomenon is more common in economically less developed countries (most socialist countries are economically less developed, however :)) In doing so, the authors can search for related literature within a broader range and generate a more solid academic background section.
3. in the data analysis section the authors cite too many social news or specific cases as support, which is less common in an academic paper.