

Review of: "The Three-Decade Journey of Nation-State Formation: Examining Strategic Planning Models and Policy Frameworks Tailored for the Sequential Stages of Nation-Building, Emphasizing the Significance of Each Phase in the Overall Development and Sustainability of a Nation-State"

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The author took up a very challenging task of building a theory on nation building. But there is very little, almost none, a detailed study of any particular nation. The few examples given in support of the proposed theory were again chosen in a haphazard manner from a wide variety of nations having different locations, history, and socio-cultural backgrounds, for example, Japan, South Korea, Israel, Italy, and Sweden. The logic behind the selections was not explained.

The paper could be improved by studying two or three nations having similar backgrounds, histories, and cultures. For example, nations from Africa that were under colonial rule and got their independence almost around the same time frame. It is not logical to compare Japan with any other post-colonial Asian country because the former was never under colonial rule. One should compare India with Pakistan or Italy with Germany.

I would suggest the author read a famous book named *Old Societies and New States: The Quest for Modernity in Asia and Africa* by Clifford Geertz, published in 1963, which contains case studies on nation building from Asia and Africa. For a more recent exposition of the challenges of nation building in a particular country (India) and the role of anthropologists, I would suggest the author read *Nation-Building in Indian Anthropology Beyond the Colonial Encounter* (2022) by Abhijit Guha.

I would therefore suggest a thorough reshaping of the paper.