

Review of: "Rebuilding a 'Greater Russia' and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine"

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The text alludes to a pressing and relevant issue. Russian foreign policy towards its near neighbourhood after the fall of the Soviet Union is discussed. The author of this perspective, in my opinion, should elaborate on the significance of frozen wars and Russian policy. In addition, the research question and hypothesis are not well-supported. It is also important to present the results, which has only been done briefly. Furthermore, Putin's scaled conflict, in which dangers were minimised, is very different from Russia's assault against Ukraine in 2014 and a full-scale invasion in 2022. Putin's invasion of Ukraine has made his political system more vulnerable to collapse.

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