

Questions in Politics

A Refereed Internet-Based Journal of Scholarly Papers

Orientation for Referees

Questions in Politics is designed for both the political science specialist as well as the generalist in each of us. Specialized papers that have been presented in full at the latest Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association are welcome for consideration for publication. As well, many of us also teach undergraduate classes that cover a range of topics; we therefore appreciate an opportunity to read interesting articles from a variety of disciplinary subfields to keep abreast of trends in them.

We understand that we must rely on specialists to advise us regarding the quality and relevance of manuscripts submitted to the journal. It is in that context that we ask your assistance in reviewing the attached manuscript. Note that you have been selected as the sole reviewer of this manuscript.

Recommended Adoption Decision

We would like to have a recommendation from you concerning the enclosed manuscript. Our criteria are:

- ✓ *Relevance*: Does the manuscript add to the general body of knowledge in political science?
- ✓ *Timeliness*: Is the manuscript useful in reviewing and then updating contributions in the field?
- ✓ *Originality*: Has the author treated the topic in a creative, clear manner that displays competence in the field?
- ✓ *Readability*: Would a Ph.D. level political scientist understand and enjoy the manuscript?

With these criteria in mind, please advise us about the quality of the manuscript. Please rate the submission in one of the two following categories:

- Reject the manuscript for publication*. It fails to meet one or more of the criteria for publication in *Questions in Politics*. Its problems are fundamental, and its overall quality does not warrant further consideration.
- Invite the author(s) to Revise and Resubmit the manuscript*. There are problems with the manuscript, but they can be mended. There is merit in the submission; it needs reworking in areas that reviewers will identify.

Questions in Politics does not unconditionally accept submitted manuscripts for publication. We require revision for readability and clarity.

The Review Document

Please prepare a narrative of 350 to 500 words that addresses the above criteria and covers the strengths and weaknesses of the manuscript. Suggestions for improving the submission, including stylistic, grammatical, and format corrections, are appreciated.

Review Timetable

Your comments, suggestions, and recommendation should be received by email in the form of a Word attachment (.doc/.docx) approx. 4 weeks from the date of agreement for review. All of us are sensitive when consideration of our own work is delayed, and so we understand the author(s) concern that we expedite review of submissions being considered for publication. Thank you for your participation in the *Questions in Politics* peer review process.

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