

Profile:

Political analysis and public policy (Degree in Political Science)

You have 180 minutes to complete this task.

Read the article (Verme, 2006) and critically analyze it in English. Please write an essay that is logically structured and answers the questions below.

***Please note: you must answer in English**

Verme, Paolo. "Macroeconomic policies and social unrest in Uzbekistan." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 22.3 (2006): 276-288.

Questions:

1. In the article the author connects a series of events surrounding the arrests of businessmen in Andijon and a number of reforms that were pursued by the Uzbek government. Why does the author make this association?
2. The author examines changes in a number of policy domains. In what ways do each of these reforms influence SMEs in the country? What kind of argument is the author advancing through this analysis?
3. In the final section of the article, Verme makes an argument about the position of IFIs in regard to the government's reforms. Why do they take the positions that they do? And what effect does this have on government policy?
4. Finally, do you think that Verme provides a convincing argument that the government policies considered SMEs a threat, or do you believe that further research would be necessary to make that claim?

While preparing the essay you may also find it helpful to comment on the following: What is (are) the public policy problem(s) in scope? Who are the actors interested in solving the described public policy problem, their interests and motivations, their goals? What are the potential solutions, which could be used by the actors?

Evaluation Criteria

Questions/Topics	Criteria	Grade
1. In the article the author connects a series of events surrounding the arrests of businessmen in Andijon and a number of reforms that were pursued by the Uzbek government. Why does the author make this association?	Structure and logic of argument	0 – 10
	Critical thinking & clarity of argument	0 – 10
2. The author examines changes in a number of policy domains. In what ways do each of these reforms influence SMEs in the country? What kind of argument is the author advancing through this analysis?	Structure and logic of argument	0 – 10
	Critical thinking & clarity of argument	0 – 10
3. In the final section of the article, Verme makes an argument about the position of IFIs in regard to the government's reforms. Why do they take the positions that they do? And what effect does this have on government policy?	Structure and logic of argument	0 – 10
	Critical thinking & clarity of argument	0 – 10
4. Finally, do you think that Verme provides a convincing argument that the government policies considered SMEs a threat, or do you believe that further research would be necessary to make that claim?	Structure and logic of argument	0 – 10
	Critical thinking & clarity of argument	0 – 10
5. Understanding the Public Policy context.	Usage of public policy terminology, concepts, theoretical frameworks and models, etc.	0 – 10
	Usage of international Public Policy context	0 – 10
FINAL GRADE		0 – 100