

Review of: "The Role of Think Tanks in Megatrends Analysis and Future Research"

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This paper needs a lot of work. The title does a better job describing what this paper ought to be about. First, however, papers should avoid terms such as “explore” or “understand.” Try terms such analyze or argue which will make this a stronger paper. It is unclear what this paper is trying convey and as a result it jumps all over the place. What is the point of this paper? The authors do not describe megatrends in any systematic way--what are they? They are highlighted in footnote 2. However, the reader needs to know what they are in the opening paragraph. Van der Wal does an excellent job systematically analyzing global mega trends.

Van der Wal, Z., 2017. *The 21st century public manager*. London: Palgrave.

The link between megatrends and foresight is unclear.

The case study overviews are interesting. However, more details about the methods needs to be provided such as the number of interviewees, their role in the think tanks, were the interviews semi-intervies, length of interview, on Zoom or in person. You should mention ethics protocol--assuming this study was conducted out of a university. How did the authors select their case studies? There are thousands of think tanks out there. It is here that the authors could answer two key questions: a) what motivates some think tanks to address megatreands and b) what are the barriers to megatrend think tank activity. Is there something in the think tank literature than supports the low level involvement in global trends.

Currently the authors present only a superficial overview of the scholarly think tank literature. The authors need to stick to the basics and by doing so they will be able to address a very important think tank issu.

1. Clear research question(s)
2. Literature review that supports the research questions
3. Data and methods
4. Findings from the interviews that supports the research questions
5. Discussion and findings