



Article Type Guide

A guide on the article types published
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Analyses

Analyses are always written in form of a political analysis. Therefore, neither descriptive writing nor opinion-based writing. The writing “aims to explore, explicate and elucidate”. No summary and no unfounded assertions. It is “rigorous and systematic”.

Goal of a political analysis is to analyze evidence in order to:

- make a careful argument for a position that also deals with counter arguments and evidence
- or to test a claim or hypothesis

Brief Analysis

Approx. 1200-2000 words

Brief analyses shed light on a topic of international relevance in a shorter form than in-depth analyses. They concern a specific topic or aspects of a topic and only focuses on these.

In-Depth Analysis

Approx. 2500-4000 words

“In-depth analyses attempt to expose and explain in detail a certain problem, issue or phenomenon, where this is significantly important to a wide local and/or international audience. They should not contain the personal opinions of the author.”

Both, brief as well as in-depth analyses, aim to provide solutions as well as an outlook to the specific problem that has been analyzed in the text.

Policy Briefings

Typically, a longer piece, depending on the chosen topic. Can be regarded as sort of a research project.

A policy briefing is a typically well-researched piece on a topic of political relevance and seeks to shed light on a political question/problem and find solutions. It should first provide a broad overview and background information on the chosen topic, then analyse the problem from relevant angles. In the end, policy recommendations should be made, and an outlook be given.

Opinion Article

Min. 500 - max. 1500 words

Provides a clear argument and opinion on a certain topic, also counterarguments, if possible. Discusses the most important aspects of a topic and elaborates/sheds light on these. Should end with a clear, and strong opinion/argument/outlook (what if...then) on what should be done/change.

Keep in mind

Sources

For reasons of accountability and transparency, please make sure to state your sources throughout your article (if possible, in form of the Harvard citing method) and provide a list of sources used at the end of your text. You may also use hyperlinks in your text, but make sure you list these links also in your sources at the end of your article.

In case of direct citations, make sure to mark these as such, to avoid any misconceptions.

Language

You are welcome to write in any variant of English (i.e. British, American), as long as you stick to one throughout your text. In general, we encourage you to write in a formal tone and professional manner (avoid abbreviations such as “can’t”, “shouldn’t”, “it’s”, etc.), yet also express yourself in an easily understandable way.

Other Editorial Guidelines

Before submitting your article, please make sure that your work complies with our following standards:

- Where possible, please indicate your sources in-text with hyperlinks, or, in case you are using books, the name of the author, publication year and the page number in brackets. This helps our own fact-checking processes, ensures that our articles meet necessary standards and that the information relies on credible sources. Please also make sure to name all your sources at the end of your article, in form of a bibliography. That saves us crucial time in the editorial process.
- Your submission may include a preferred title, but we reserve the right to change it prior to publication.
- Please ensure that you provide us with an original piece, written by yourself. Also, we ask you only to submit articles that have not been published elsewhere.

We want to point out that we reserve the right to not publish certain articles, in case they contradict our core principles and/or editorial standards.

We also reserve the right to edit your article regarding spelling, grammar and language.