

Neoliberalism and the Retraction of Welfare Law: A Theoretical Critique

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

While the article is comprehensive, sections could benefit from clearer subheadings and a more streamlined structure to enhance readability. Specifically, the transition between theoretical critique and case studies can be made more distinct.

The discussion on neoliberalism's theoretical underpinnings could be expanded to include more recent critiques and defenses of neoliberal thought. This would provide a more balanced view and enrich the theoretical backdrop against which the critique operates.

While the case studies are illustrative, adding more recent examples or expanding the geographical scope could further strengthen the argument. Consider including cases from developing countries to highlight the global impact of neoliberal policies.

The article would benefit from a more detailed exploration of counterarguments to the critique of neoliberalism. Engaging with and refuting these perspectives can strengthen the article's position and provide a more rounded discussion.

The conclusion could be enhanced by offering more specific directions for future research, such as investigating the impact of neoliberal policies on welfare law in other jurisdictions or sectors.

While the article proposes reforms, further elaboration on how these can be practically implemented would be valuable. Specific strategies or policy recommendations could be provided to guide policymakers and practitioners.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Certain sections of the article could benefit from more precise language and definitions, particularly when discussing complex concepts such as "neoliberal communitarian citizenship." Clarifying these terms could enhance the article's accessibility to a broader audience.

Including more recent references, especially from the last couple of years, could provide a more current view of the discourse around neoliberalism and welfare law.

The article proposes several reforms but lacks a detailed discussion on the feasibility and implementation of these recommendations. Expanding on this aspect would provide readers with a clearer understanding of how these reforms could be actualized in practice.

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