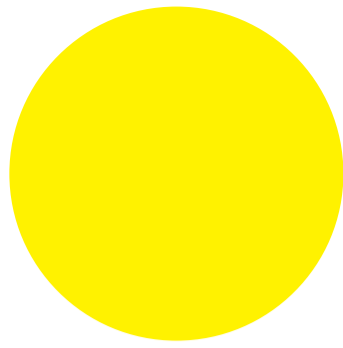


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On lost falsifiability of experts

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Honestly, there are too many political analyses to go around. However, quantity is not my concern, rather it's the quality of some of the said analyses that worry me. The former feeds the latter, though; Since there's a fierce competition to make yourself known and have your voice heard, some political analysts fall in the trap of covering all bases. What is that trap? It's a futile attempt at making sure that your hypotheses and theories stand tall against any and all objections. Why it's futile? Because we're talking about human sciences, where there are innumerable, possibly unforeseeable variables at play for almost all outcomes. We cannot and would not put political figures and political situations in the lab to control unwanted variables from messing with the result. One may rightfully ask what is wrong with covering all bases? After all, most of us were raised thinking that it's the highest standard that any scientific theory can achieve: to never be proven wrong, to have something to say to anything. Why would this be a problem? It's only a problem when it's an ad-hoc explanation to objections, when you find that a base has slipped your mind that must be covered lest you lose credibility. If adopted, this strategy is a disservice to you and your audience as it kills queries just to kill them, not to answer them. [See page 4 >](#)

Trump's gamble on 'Mideast Riviera' plan

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In reality, with this plan, Trump is gambling not only with the fate of millions of Palestinians but also with the future of the Middle East. US President Donald Trump has once again shaken the Middle East and the world with a controversial plan. The plan to forcibly displace the residents of the Gaza Strip and transform the area into a so-called "Riviera of the Middle East" has not only ignited the anger of Palestinians and Arab nations but also raised alarm bells for the future of peace and stability in the region. On the surface, this plan appears to be an ambitious project for the reconstruction of Gaza and its economic and tourism development. However, behind this deceptive facade lie layers of strategic objectives, political calculations, and economic interests that require careful and comprehensive examination. [Page 8 >](#)



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