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The paper investigates the discussion of ‘the concept’ of food security over time. Its additional contribution to the literature is rather limited. The main shortcomings are the following:

(1) The objective of the work, its theoretical background and its contribution to the literature, etc are unclear. Moreover the work seems to be rather ‘ideological aligned’ as ‘scientifically oriented’, eg a clear research question, a well known theoretical background and some empirical evidence are completely missing.

(2) In this context, the authors simply reports opinions, opinions, opinions – and not ‘good arguments’ as a result of a well-done analysis or literature review. The paper is full of ‘stereotypes’ well known from the gutter press or so, which are not supported by a serious argumentation. Thus the paper is more a sort of note; its far away from being a journal paper.

(3) The authors ignore most of the relevant literature. There is a bulk of papers investigating ie the food crisis around 2007/2008.

To sum up, I cannot see in how far this ‘stock-tacking’ of opinions could contribute to further insights in the very serious problem of global food security.

I suggest to reject the paper.