



Positive comments on, and some suggestions for the author of, the article 'Demographic Changes in the Southwest Caucasus'

(Second Critical Response to George Bournoutian's "Demographic Changes in the Southwest Caucasus, 1604-1830: The Case of Historical Eastern Armenia")

I have read the short article with great interest. In my opinion the excellent article correctly reflects the demographic developments in Yerevan and Nakchivan. Still, it would be recommendable in future publications to also include or mention the data from the census of Qarabagh so as to get a better, more precise picture of the demographic changes in this province where so many Armenians lived and still do live to this day; this census was published in 1830 of thereabouts.

Furthermore it would be useful to get an idea about when and how many Armenians moved away after the 1905-06 bloodbath and after the Russian Revolution (emigration from Tiflis and Baku to Yerevan). Perhaps this is too much to ask, but I have every confidence that the author of the article has these data in his or her possession, or can have access to these—and can reproduce these in forthcoming and future publications.

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NB: do you have any comments on George Bournoutian's article and/or the Critical Responses? Please send these to info@ethnogeopolitics.org, or through the contact form at www.ethnogeopolitics.org.

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George Bournoutian's article received five reviews. We received a rather negative review from Armenia and a positive one from Republic of Azerbaijan. Another very negative review came from Nigar Gozalvoa, a historian from the Republic of Azerbaijan, which may be useful for academic debate but was not immediately relevant to the subject of this current paper. The first two reviewers asked us to respect their total anonymity. We have published two reviews from prominent scholars in this field. We are thankful to all reviewers for their contributions.

- Babak Rezvani, Editor-in-Chief