Reviewer's report

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The authors have revised their discussion of the implications of their very helpful review in a way that more readily meshes with the realities of political decision-making. While many of the implications do not flow from their review directly, and are the subject of entire papers in their own right, the implications are a helpful spur to debate.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.