Write-up Outline

1. Why is Wagner important to study?
2. Research question and interestingness
3. Lit review
   1. Journal articles
      1. Only one article really covering Wagner in-depth
         1. (Marten, 2019)
            1. Research question: Why is Russia using the Wagner group without “legalizing its existence or role?” (abs)
            2. Case-study research
            3. Main argument: Wagner is often used in the same way that other states use PMCs, “corrupt informal networks tied to the Russian regime have also used it in ways that are not typical of other strong states and that potentially undermine Russian security interests” (abs). Moscow uses Wagner in the way we expect, i.e., for purposes of plausible deniability, but this purpose likely no longer works because of how much Wagner has been in the news. Instead, Marten argues, Putin uses Wagner because their technical illegal status inside of Russia allows him to control the group and impose state sanctions if they do not listen to him.
            4. Mentions constructivism, saying Russia should legalize PMCs and sign the Montreaux document to reinforce its membership in the great power club that uses PMCs legally
            5. Sovereignty implications
   2. Policy articles
4. Major points (from whiteboard)
5. Why is CAR a good case study?