

Review of: "The antithetical relationship of Entrepreneurship and Corruption on Radicalization among the Moroccan Youths: An Empirical study"

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This work represents a significant effort to shed light on the phenomenon of radicalization. This work is of high quality in terms of its formal aspects and provides relevant information on potential factors behind violent behaviours. The main issue that the work faces, from which all others stem, is the lack of a theory to underpin and guide the research. The study makes mention of concepts like frustration, obstacles to access desired goals, aspirations, and expectations, which are indeed relevant variables in strain/anomie theories.

Furthermore, in the introductory part of the work, there is continuous reference to aggregated variables, while the study only incorporates individual-level variables. On the other hand, the study also overlooks the hierarchical nature of the data and misses an opportunity to explore potential differences in results among residents in various types of areas, such as large cities, small towns, urban, or rural settings.

In my view, another primary concern in the paper lies in the absence of a definition for radicalism. In the study, there is a direct assumption that 'armed resistance to respond to social issues' is equivalent to radicalism, which may lead to a potential conflation of radicalism with activism.

Finally, in the statistical analyses, it is always necessary to include control variables to account for potential confounding factors. Relying solely on correlation coefficients may not fully address issues of spuriousness and could limit the depth of the analysis.