

Review of: "Who Belongs to the Middle Class? Identifying Them Using Monthly Family Income"

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I have reviewed the manuscript, and I would like to commend the authors for preparing a well-written and clear paper. Their effort in articulating the subject matter and structuring the document is evident and appreciated.

However, there are some aspects that I believe require further attention to enhance the contribution of their work, especially in the context of its relevance to Bangladesh. My comments aim to strengthen the manuscript and ensure it provides a robust and well-justified rationale that resonates with the Bangladeshi context. Here are my suggestions:

While the rationale for the study is clear, it could be further strengthened by explicitly stating how this research fills a specific gap within the Bangladeshi context. Outlining the unique aspects of the Bangladeshi setting that the study addresses, which are not extensively covered in the existing literature, would be beneficial.

I recommend incorporating some elaboration on the relevance of the research question and objectives to Bangladesh. This might include citing local studies, statistics, or policies highlighting the significance of the study's focus within the country.

Drawing on local examples, case studies, or scenarios that exemplify the issues would be advantageous. This approach would solidify the study's justification and make it more relatable to readers familiar with the Bangladeshi context.

In conclusion, the manuscript is well-crafted and presents an interesting study. The suggested enhancements focus on strengthening the rationale and providing a well-justified argument regarding the Bangladeshi context, and I believe the work has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the literature.