

## Review of: "Soccer fans, stadium attendance, and interpersonal trust in the Mexican population"

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The authors do not make sufficient specifications about the universe of research. They mention a sample of 284 respondents to whom an online questionnaire was administered. However, we should know how these respondents were selected, who they represent, what sampling method was used and to what level the results can be extended.

It is a good thing that established measurement scales used by the World Bank were used. But confidence is not only influenced by football attendance. For example age or social category or occupation are socio-demographic data that can strongly influence confidence. They should therefore be included together with match attendance in a statistical interpretation scheme (factor analysis or multivariate regression). Otherwise the authors will not know whether their results are due to participation or non-participation in football matches; or simply due to other socio-demographic characteristics. So I find the analysis of results unsatisfactory.

I believe that the objectives of this study really stop at understanding the relationship between trust and participation in football matches. In this situation the presentations on social capital were not necessary, they do not seem to be related to the objectives of this study.

The comparison between fans of different football teams needs to be motivated. Team galleries have a history worth mentioning, as they influence the forms of involvement and support of teams, by supporters. In other words, behavioural patterns can be found that are based on history and symbols (mascots, slogans, tradition, etc.). It's a pity that the authors didn't take these aspects into account, but if so, I think it would be good to stop making comparisons between supporters of different teams.

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