

Peer Review

Review of: "Social Capital and National Innovativeness – The Influence of Trust and Tolerance on the National Capacity to Innovate"

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The theme of the paper "Social Capital and National Innovativeness: The Influence of Trust and Tolerance on National Capacity to Innovate" is highly relevant.

The concepts of social capital, trust, and tolerance have been precisely defined with accurate bibliographical sources.

In Figure 1, forms of tolerance and trust are presented. It is really interesting because this figure synthesizes the literature review of these concepts.

Could forms of social capital be either included in Figure 1 or in another one?

Maybe the author(s) could create a new figure including the concepts and variables of Figure 2 in order to present the forms of social capital, trust, and tolerance?

Could a figure regarding intensity or forms of innovativeness be created?

The concepts of this scientific paper are highly complex. Thus, the proposed figures could somehow be a didactic way to visualize them.

The figures to be created could somehow be a way to clearly visualize the results of the quantitative research.

The results of the statistical research could maybe be presented in similar figures to the literature review, particularly forms of trust, tolerance, and social capital to some countries or group of countries, such as Afric-Islamic, Latin America, Protestant Europe, and so on.

An additional figure for statistical results would be the relations between forms of trust, tolerance, and social capital (maybe only and mainly social capital) with intensity or forms of innovativeness. This figure would synthesize the main results of this paper. Maybe figures could be presented in isolated ways for particular groups of countries.

The theoretical and practical contents of this paper are highly satisfactory; however, a real contribution would be to show the main results in a didactic way.

Declarations

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