

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

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This is certainly a very interesting and timely paper. The research idea is novel. The study adds to our knowledge on the link between economic factors and radicalization. Unfortunately, there are some major remarks that should be tackled before the manuscript becomes publishable:

- The introduction needs to be direct and related to the essence of this study. This is not the case here as there is almost nothing related to the hypotheses or the analysis in hand. Also, I would have appreciated if some anecdotal evidence linking entrepreneurship and corruption with radicalization in Morocco is provided in the introduction.
- The literature review part contains almost no references related to radicalization.
- The sections on "Moroccan events", "Entrepreneurship in Morocco" and "Starting a business in Morocco" are not needed. How are those sections related to the chosen dependent variable (radicalization)?
- The section "Corruption and clientelism in Morocco" could be better integrated with the introduction section as it gives some motivation to this study. Still, it is not immediately clear how this part is related to understanding radicalization.
- As the authors state, a certain questionnaire was provided to residents of certain cities and towns in Morocco. The questionnaire was not provided in the appendix, and it is impossible to know the contents of the questionnaire. It should have been provided for the readers. Also, more details regarding survey and data collection are needed. Was the questionnaire provided to a random selection of people or did the authors employ a certain order for choosing respondents?
- In page 8, the authors state, "One of the pollsters was wearing a hijab while the other a headscarf". I am not sure how a headscarf differs from a hijab. What about not wearing any religious clothing? More elaboration is needed.
- It would have been tremendously better if a table containing descriptive stats was presented, instead of providing an explanation in words only.
- The findings are somewhat confusing. The study shows that the higher the desire of these youths to become entrepreneurs, the more likely they are to consider armed resistance. How is corruption playing a role in this relationship? Why did the authors assume that this result is instigated by the presence of corruption? This is not clear, and more effort is needed to clarify the theory as well as the empirics behind this relationship.
- Finally, a fully-fledged proper regression model is needed, rather than using many limited models.
- A minor remark: language editing is needed.

This is an interesting work that needs significant improvements at this stage. I hope more efforts are invested to make this manuscript publishable.