

Review of: "The Correlation between Poverty and Crime in Pakistan"

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Reviewer Comments and suggestions:

Article: The Correlation between Poverty and Crime in Pakistan

When I look at the title of the article, I was convinced to review, but when I read the manuscript on the correlation between poverty and crime in Pakistan, I was highly disappointed. The article has not been written professionally or academically; therefore, the manuscript is not recommended for publication.

The following are the main comments and suggestions for improvement, revision, and publication in the future.

General comments:

This is a review article, and review articles need solid literature from a number of authentic published sources which provide a base to the argument, and similarly, theoretical discussion on how poverty is linked to crimes. I can't see any such argument and theoretical relation. Only saying that crime and poverty have a relation may not fulfill the requirements for an article. The author stated these just like newspaper headings or maybe like lecture notes. The author did not bother to add at least one or two sentences on methodology. Therefore, an appropriate methodology is needed to establish the link between poverty and crime. The author should use either scholarly published materials or focus on primary data from a specific region in Pakistan.

Abstract: The author added too many factors of crime and poverty, but none of these have been proved in the result section. Similarly, suggestions given by the author, such as 'robust economic and social framework while implementing transparent policies for equitable resource allocation,' but no such framework has been discussed in the overall article.

Introduction: The introduction needs to be revised with proper arguments and baseline data on crimes and poverty. The author mentioned some references, but no evidence has been presented. The introduction is always composed of a discussion on main themes and objectives of the manuscript, facts and figures, and lastly, issues and problems related to society. These all need to be added for improvement of the introduction section. There is no clarity on what types of poverty the author is talking about and what types of crimes are related to what aspects of poverty.

Section: Poverty and Crime in Pakistan

This section seems like a general discussion with no proof and evidence. This should be described with a proper theoretical and literature review that links crime and poverty at the global, regional, and national levels. You can also add theoretical discussion and discuss various theories related to poverty and crimes.

Same comments for the factors section: this should be the main result section, and the author needs to put individual discussions on each factor with proper arguments supported by literature and case studies. What solutions are suggested in different studies for control over crimes and poverty reduction?

Implications and recommendations: when I look at this section, it is totally beyond the findings. There is no such discussion or evidence in the introduction and discussion sections, so how can one claim such big policy implications and put recommendations without realities? Recommendations are always based on what the researcher found in his/her analysis. What theoretical framework is related to such policy and governance aspects?

Similarly, the author may not conclude without strong results and discussion analysis.

Keeping in view the above larger weaknesses in the manuscript, the article is not recommended for publication in this form.